

To: Hidden Village Owners

Re: Hidden Village Internet Progress Update

Date: March 29, 2020

We hope you and your loved ones are staying well!

By now most of you are aware that Force Broadband, a firm based in Monument, Colorado obtained grant money from the State of Colorado to assist with the construction of a fiber optic communications network in Hidden Village. The HV Internet Committee helped Force Broadband prepare their grant request and continues to track progress as the project proceeds.

Here's a progress chronology:

- * December 4, 2020, DORA Broadband Board approved Force Broadband's appeal grant application. Although some Hidden Village addresses did not qualify based on the state broadband map, Geoff Cannon, Force Broadband business development manager and owner, said their plan is to include all addresses.

- * January, State contract details worked out between DORA and Force Broadband attorneys.

- * February, Initial state funds are received and Force begins material acquisitions.

Geoff Cannon reports fiber, conduit backbone cable, buried optical equipment materials have been received and are in storage.

Geoff noted that there was the challenge acquiring some of the smaller parts, previously ordered from China.

- * March, Engineer's plan is being modified to optimize and expedite implementation.

Geoff and Berry Long, HV investment group's engineer, participated in a video conference on 3/23. George Stoll joined us in the conference.

Layout-design modifications were discussed. After some preliminary work with the county, Force Broadband is looking at optional ways of installing underground fiber feed cables in areas that would save time.

- * Looking forward.

The installation schedule is not firm. While waiting for the next installment of funds from the state, Geoff said that he is currently updating the engineering drawings originally prepared (funded by the HV investment group of ten owners). Other unknowns include the length of time needed to obtain County permits for crossing under roads, the weather, and delivery times for the remaining materials. You will receive more information as we receive more details and estimated timeline.

Thanks to Geoff and George for contributing to this update!

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