

# NWCCOG BROADBAND PROGRAM

## TOWN OF RED CLIFF

### Broadband Access Project



#### THE NUMBERS

- Red Cliff population 267. Households 150. Children 46.
- Wireless service by Forethought,
- Residential Service: 25Mbps down, 5 up for \$75/month
- Commercial Service: up to 100Mbps
- Investment:
- Colorado Broadband Deployment Board, **\$70,103**
- DOLA, Colorado Department of Local Affairs **\$144,100**
- NWCCOG Mini-Grant in 2015, **\$3,500**
- SIPA, State Internet Portal Authority **\$5,000**
- Eagle County Community Grant **\$56,220**
- Town of Red Cliff General fund for project **\$75,500** and Conservation Trust Fund for the land purchase **\$20,000**

#### PARTNERS

- ◆ Forethought
- ◆ DOLA
- ◆ Colorado Broadband Deployment Board
- ◆ United States Forest Service
- ◆ Battle 1 Developers
- ◆ Town of Vail
- ◆ Eagle County
- ◆ Senator Bennet's Office

#### LOCAL POINT PERSON

- ◆ Mayor Anuschka Bales

#### THE PROJECT

One of Western Colorado's first towns, and only 20 minutes from Vail on a good-weather day, Red-Cliff never felt so far from civilization as when cell phones and broadband became standard tools for living and working. Town doggedly pursued broadband to bring the modern era to it's citizens for close to a decade, and didn't get far until NWCCOGs program came along. After nearly 4 years of assistance from NWCCOG and many partners (see sidebar), Red Cliff has bootstrapped its way into broadband and public safety network service! Since December 2017, homes and businesses are adding service daily. Publicly funded infrastructure by the Town, Eagle County, Colorado Department of Local Affairs and the Colorado Broadband Grant program and years of coordination now allow Red Cliff to be served by a private ISP. Broadband service is delivered through fiber and a microwave link at Ski Cooper supplying a tower above town with Broadband service. Getting service to Ski Cooper and a tower above town took a village and many years of coordination. This is truly a game changer for a very proud small town.

#### NWCCOG's ROLE

NWCCOG was an active partner in this project from start to finish, across all phases of the project including technical consulting, project management ,and partner coordination. We estimate well over \$30,000 of the NWCCOG Regional Broadband Coordinator's time was dedicated to this project.

#### HEADLINES

- ◆ "Christmas brings Broadband to Children in Redcliff" (a-public-observer.com)
- ◆ ["Game Changer" for Red Cliff](#) (Vail Daily, 10/8/16)
- ◆ [Red Cliff Broadband Nears](#) (Vail Daily, 11/20/17)
- ◆ [Red Cliff gets high-speed internet](#) (Vail Daily, 12/14/17)
- ◆ (add hyperlink to vail daily fb live stream)
- ◆ [Red Cliff celebrates its broadband after decades of dreaming, years of work](#) (Vail Daily, 1/17/18)

