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Broadband Technology Opportunities Program  
National Telecommunications and Information Administration  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Avenue, NW, HCHB, Room 4812  
Washington, DC 20230

RE: Comments on Round 2 BTOP Applications

Dear Secretary Stricking:

The Hoopa Valley Tribe supports implementation of the proposed state-of-the art broadband technology plans to provide improved access for emergency infrastructures, job creation, education, and many other benefits to our Tribal members and community living on the Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation and surrounding communities.

We highly favor and recommend the Redwood Telephone, LLC’s CCI BTOP applications as our first choice to provide improved access for our anchor institutions, and if not funded we would choose the Northern California Open Community Fiber Network. These applications share some of the identified service areas including the unserved and underserved areas on tribal lands.

If you require further clarification on our comments please contact Wallis Weaver at 707 601 4134 or Norma McAdams at 707 407 5254 cell, the Hoopa Broadband Project grant writing team.

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