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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

Ayukii (Hello) Assistant Secretary Strickling,

The Karuk Tribe supports the implementation of improved broadband to provide access, education, job creation, and other benefits to our Tribal Members and community members living within the Karuk tribal aboriginal territory.

The Karuk Tribe highly recommends that Redwood Telephone, LLC's CCI application, the Northern California Open Community Fiber Network, be funded. This application will provide broadband infrastructure where none currently exists on tribal land to tribal anchor institutions and residents. Their Easygrants ID is 7299.

If the Redwood Telephone application above ID 7299 is not funded, the Karuk Tribe recommends that Access Humboldt's CCI application, the Humboldt Community Access Network, be funded. This application shares some of the service area with the application above, and will provide broadband to anchor institutions and residents in un-served communities on tribal lands. Their Easygrants ID is 6362.

The Karuk Tribe highly recommends that the County of Siskiyou's CCI application, the Broadband Middle Mile Project, be funded. This application will improve access to tribal anchor institutions, businesses and residents in under-served areas of tribal lands. Their Easygrants ID is 5775.

The Karuk Tribe highly recommends that the California Emerging Technology Fund's PCC application, Digital Literacy for All, be funded. This application will directly enhance the services that the existing tribal computers centers provide to Tribal Members and other people living in the community. Their Easygrants ID is 5046.

The Karuk Tribe highly recommends that the University of California, Davis's SBA application, the California Telehealth Network eHealth Broadband Adoption, be funded. The Karuk Tribe Health and Human Services Program will directly benefit from the education and training this application will provide, allowing the Karuk Tribe to improve the quality of the healthcare provided to both tribal and non-tribal patients. Their Easygrants ID is 4871.

If you would like further information or need clarification on our comments please contact our IT Director, Eric Cutright at (530) 493-1600 ext. 2049.

Yootva (Thank you),

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arch Super". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter "A" being particularly large and stylized.

Arch Super, Chairman
Karuk Tribe

Cc; Eric Cutright, IT Director