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Organization:	Silver Star Telephone Company, Inc.
Project Names:	Expanding Greater Yellowstone Area Broadband Opportunities/ Delivering Opportunities: Investing in Rural Wyoming Broadband
Project Type:	Comprehensive Community Infrastructure
State:	Wyoming and Idaho
Federal Awards:	\$5,608,179 / \$5,063,623

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Silver Star Telephone Company will use BTOP funding to complete key portions of its broadband network. The Expanding Greater Yellowstone Area Broadband Opportunities project proposes to close an 89-mile gap in its existing Wyoming fiber network between the continental divide at Togwotee Pass and Jackson, bringing comprehensive broadband services to 11 counties in the western part of the state. The Delivering Opportunities: Investing in Rural Wyoming Broadband project proposes to close a 38-mile network gap in northwest Wyoming over the Teton Pass to southeast Idaho, bringing broadband to five additional counties.

These projects propose to:

- Provide speeds of 1 Gbps to a significant portion of western Wyoming.
- Connect public safety entities, K-12 schools, the Brigham Young University's Teton, Idaho outreach facility, healthcare facilities, local government entities, the U.S. Forest Service, and the Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks.
- Connect fire, police, and other public safety entities in the region such as Teton County Emergency Management and members of WYOLINK (the Wyoming Homeland Security Communications Initiative) more effectively and efficiently.
- Spur affordable broadband access for local consumers and businesses, including as many as 10,200 households and 1,900 businesses by enabling local Internet service providers to utilize the project's open network.

ORGANIZATION'S HISTORY

Silver Star Telephone Company has provided telecommunications services to Wyoming's Star Valley for over 50 years, and has in recent years expanded into a full-service technology company serving eastern Idaho and northwestern Wyoming. An existing borrower from USDA's Rural Utilities Service, Silver Star has robust experience with federal funding programs.

Data provided in the project description is based on information supplied by the applicant. An executive summary of this application can be found on www.ntia.doc.gov/broadbandusa.

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