



Oregon ReConnect Broadband Workshop

Sharing Best Practices on Delivering Broadband to
Rural Communities

Wednesday, August 28, 2019

8:30 am — 3:30 pm

Independence Event Center

555 S Main Street, Independence, OR 97351

Agenda

8:30 – 9:00 am

Coffee & Registration

9:00 – 9:20 am

Welcome & Opening Remarks

John Huffman, State Director, USDA Rural Development

Chris Tamarin, Telecommunications Strategist, Business Oregon

9:20 – 10:10 am

Broadband Applications that Drive Rural Prosperity

*Moderator: Monica Babine, Senior Associate, Washington State University
Extension*

- *Shawn Irvine, Building Smart Rural Communities, Economic Development Director, City of Independence*
- *Carla Wade, Rural K-12 Need for Broadband, Operations and Grants Management, Oregon Department of Education*
- *Miles Ellenby, M.D., Medical Director, Oregon Health and Science University Telemedicine*
- *Brett Tyler, Data Science for Rural Communities, Oregon State University*

10:10 – 10:30 am

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Broadband Partnerships; Community Solutions

Moderator: Steve Corbato, Executive Director, Link Oregon

- *Marilyn Morton, Office Administrator at MINET, Member of Willamette Valley Fiber, City of Independence Councilor*
- *Rick Peterson, President & Chief Executive Office of PEAK Internet, Member of Oregon Broadband Advisory Council*
- *Todd Way, CEO, Douglas FastNet*

11:20 – 11:45 am

USDA ReConnect and Other Telecommunications Funding

Timothy O’Connell, West Region Coordinator, USDA Rural Development

11:45 am – 12:15 pm

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12:15 – 1:05 pm

Creating a Broadband Action Team: Community Priorities

Working Session

Monica Babine, Senior Associate, Washington State University Extension

1:05 – 2:15 pm

Broadband Data Overview: Exploring Your Community Data

Working Session

Karen Archer Perry, Senior Policy Analyst, NTIA BroadbandUSA

Robert Ballance, The Center for Internet as Infrastructure, LLC

2:15 – 2:30 pm

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Action Planning & Additional Resources

Working Session

Karen Archer Perry, Senior Policy Analyst, NTIA BroadbandUSA

3:15 – 3:30 pm

Wrap Up

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