



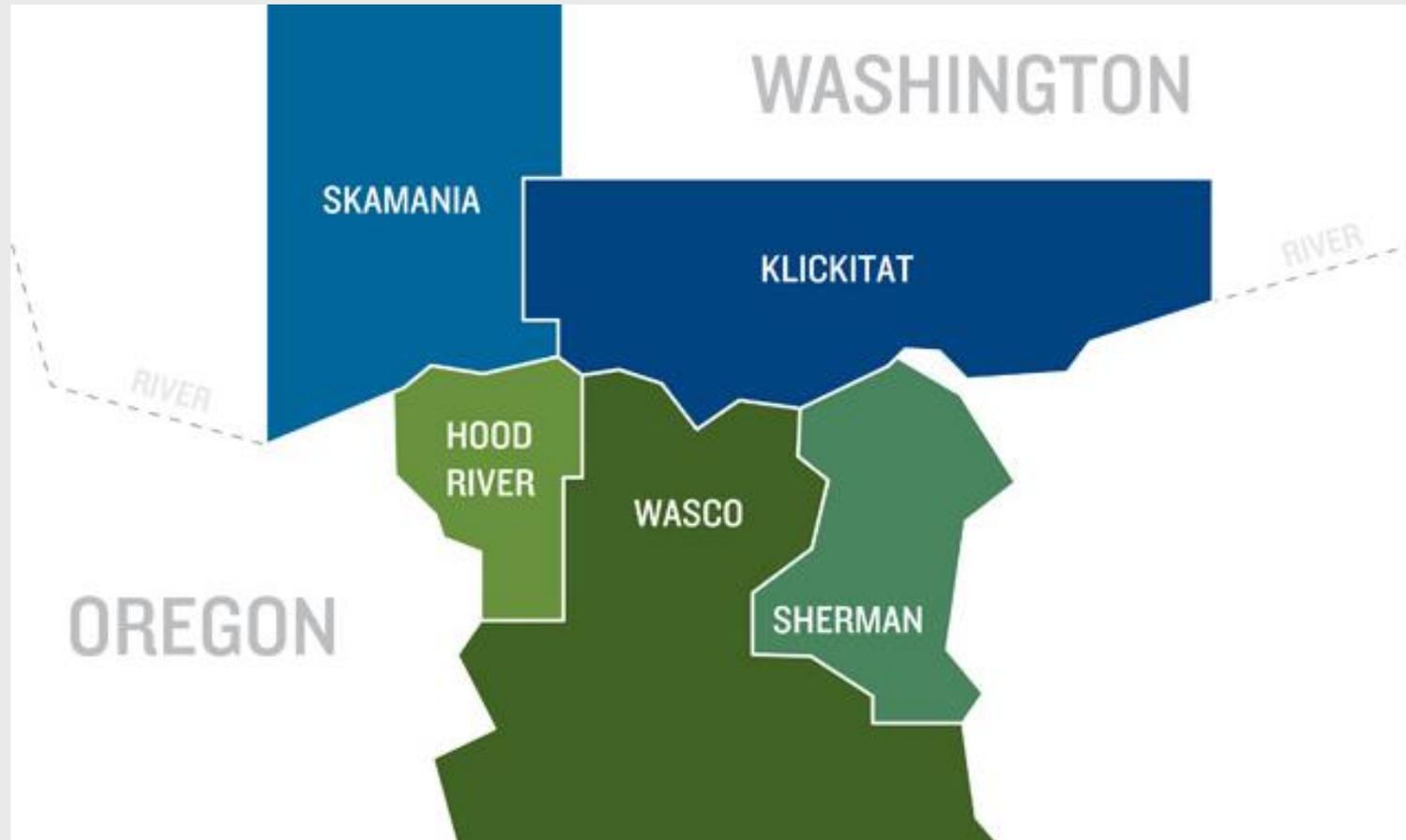
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# Mid-Columbia Region



# Challenges



# Opportunities



# Regional Planning Efforts



- 2004 study on available service, industry cluster needs through Gorge Teleconsortium
- CEDS incorporation

# Recent Planning Efforts

Washington State Broadband  
Office Local Technology  
Planning Team Grant Program  
Investment (2012-2014)

Oregon Broadband Planning  
Process –Q-Life & Wasco  
County (2012)

Google Community Grant  
(2014-2015)

- Gaps in service clearly identified
- Over 100 broadband adoption training attendees
- Templates created for other communities to research demand, assets
- Gorgebroadband.org
- Gorge Broadband Consortium established

# Community Engagement Model



- Form community work group
- Identify community partners
- Aggregate community demand
- Explore assets, creative partnerships, funding opp.
- Work with local ISPs to support investment



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### Public Broadband Access

Want to connect to broadband when you're not at home? The Mid-Columbia is home to over 80 public hotspots that will keep you connected when you're out



### Connect

Are you looking for internet service provider that can connect your home or business to the web? Find a service provider that meets your needs in your



### Training

Learn how to get the most out of your internet connection by attending local training sessions in your community or accessing a wealth of information online.

# Regional Coordination



# Key Take Aways for Communities

1. Incorporate broadband into regional and local strategies for community and economic development
2. Think creatively—and broadly—about partnerships.
3. Be ready to take advantage of resources when they are available
4. Continue the regional conversation!

# Thank you!

## Questions?

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