

LinkIDAHO RPT Orientation – Investment Priorities Summary (no detail)

Region 3 Broadband Investment Priority Brainstorm

- Implement strategies to leverage existing bandwidth capacity, such as use of compression technologies and load balancing on networks to guarantee critical services
- Focus on three priorities: 1) enable access, 2) promote efficiencies and increase depth of use, 3) sustain growth of broadband access/networks (through impact fees or other things)
- Improve last mile connectivity to serve healthcare, education, libraries, etc.
- Improve access to education and training; connectivity to libraries and schools is a priority to support distance learning.
- Educate consumers regarding broadband availability--its benefits and cost
- Improve broadband availability in high tourism areas for public safety and to support tourism.
- Increase use of advanced diagnostic and communication tools between Idaho clinics and hospital to promote clinic parity.
- Enable city governments to leverage communication infrastructure to promote rural development and planning.