

LinkIDAHO RPT Orientation – Investment Priorities Summary (no detail)

Region 4 Broadband Investment Priority Brainstorm

- Increase access to telemedicine/telehealth, particularly via homes
- Increase capacity for economic development with an emphasis on rural.
- Improve redundancy (or fiber route diversity) for region.
- Enhance smaller farmers' ability to leverage technology for production and compete with larger farms.
- Increase opportunities for international trade.
- Attract datacenters to locate in Idaho. This would require redundancy or fiber route diversity.
- Increase access to education and training opportunities, including workforce training/professional growth opportunities, especially in rural areas.
- Consider subsidizing broadband for low-income people.
- Increase communication assets in Southwest Idaho.
- Leverage videoconferencing resources to support interagency communication and to support communication from clients to service providers.
- Leverage the public/private partnership fiber project of the Jerome Development Corporation and the City of Jerome to benefit the region. (The group highlighted capitalizing on the City of Jerome's project as one of the top priorities.)
- Increase public, organizational and private awareness of what can be done with high speed Internet.
- Find a grant to build out communication platform for disaster preparedness.