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Ms. Beck,

The current times have pointed out to our community the need to diversify the economy and not to rely on Tourism solely. Grand County is focusing on attracting remote workers and businesses that will employ workers. Having a reliable internet provider in our community is paramount. Counties of Emery and Carbon will have fiber to all of their residents very soon, and San Juan County is working to provide the same to their community.

With the COVID-19 pandemic, the situation has shown that connectivity is essential for Grand County. A reliable connection for all residents, businesses, and future business opportunities will make a massive difference for Grand County. Frontier is currently our Carrier of Last Resort, and Emery also provides some service. Providing high-speed internet to Grand County will take time to plan, approve and implement that is why it is critical we address this request soon.

Again, for business expansion and business recruitment, a key element is providing high-speed internet to all.

We appreciate your consideration and the Public Service Commission to review our request for stable, reliable high-speed internet in our rural area of Grand County.

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Regards,

Mary McGann