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LINCOLN COUNTY RECEIVES 1.5 MIL CARES ACT GRANT FOR COMMUNITY-OWNED BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE FOR UNDERSERVED AREAS OF DIETRICH, RICHFIELD, AND SHOSHONE

**An event to celebrate the installation of the broadband towers
will be held February 23, 2022**

Lincoln County, ID - February 16, 2022 - Lincoln County is excited to announce they have received a \$1.5 Mil grant from Department of Commerce to provide wireless fiber access for underserved homes and businesses within the city limits and rural portions of Lincoln County, including the cities of Dietrich, Richfield, and Shoshone. This project is made possible through CARES Act funding and Coronavirus Financial Advisory Committee (CFAC) and a collaboration between Idaho Department of Commerce, Lincoln County, and Region IV Development Association. Broadband installation provided by ETS Corp, who recently installed the five towers throughout Lincoln County.

Lincoln County has a unique, forward-thinking strategy to accomplish more for rural Idahoans through a collaborative effort between the County and the cities of Dietrich, Richfield, and Shoshone. The county and municipal leaders are utilizing a cooperative, united broadband plan by forming a community-owned broadband infrastructure that is self-sustaining, invites better service through competitive bidding for network management, and allows citizens to access quality internet now and for years to come.

The community is invited to attend the event, with speakers such as Idaho Department of Commerce Director Tom Kealey, Commissioner Rebecca Wood, representatives from ETS Corp and Region IV Development.

**February 23, 2022 10:00 a.m.
115 W A Street Shoshone, Idaho
Community Room**

The CARES ACT funding received by the State of Idaho is funding projects like the one in Lincoln County that create and retain local jobs and result in purposeful outcomes, including distance learning, telehealth, public safety, commerce, and overall well-being. The CFAC Broadband Grant initiative grant program is designed to meet the CARES Act criteria, and help Idaho rebound from the COVID-19 Emergency.

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