



Methownet, LLC – Connecting the Methow Valley since 1995

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Fiber Project Status

Questions? Our website, www.Methownet.com has answers!

❖ **ARPA** grant - Winthrop to Mazama: Estimated complete by 2026. Utility One crews are in the area. Need Install Agreements completed ASAP!

❖ **PWB** - East Chewuch: Estimated complete by 2026. Design process underway!

❖ **BEAD** - Winthrop to Twisp, TBD: Recent changes to the program were announced by the new federal administration. We were requested to resubmit our application with changes. When we hear more, we will let you know!

❖ **Check out our website for news, maps, and FAQs**

Everybody Wins!

The ARPA grant covers the replacement costs of 134 power poles to support the new fiber line, benefitting every OCEC member on the electric network. Crews are about midway through replacing the aging, shorter poles that were in dire need of an upgrade.

Federal Funding – What's the Plan?

If you are watching the national news, you may have concerns about federally funded projects.

We've received assurance that the ARPA and PWB funded areas should keep moving forward as planned. We're working with Utility One crews to quickly build the fiber network. Call us, we love to talk fiber! 509-996-2022

For areas not yet funded, we are working with the Washington State Broadband Office and Okanogan PUD to advance a grant application through the BEAD program. We'll keep you updated on the status when we know more. Based on your interest, we planned a strategic build to connect community members. Regardless of funding levels, we have a plan to connect you. Where there's a will, there's a way – this community has proven that mantra time and again.



The End of One Chapter, the Beginning of Another

Methownet co-founder Maria Converse has left the office and embarked on retirement - a well-deserved milestone of achievement in a long list of life adventures.

As always, we are here to help. Call anytime. We appreciate you! Methownet, LLC 509-996-2022