



## Public Notice No. 001

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Public Notice of Copper Retirements Under Rule 51.333

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### Fiber- to-the-Home Copper Retirements in Montana and Idaho.

**First Implementation Date: December 22, 2021**

**First Posting Date: December 22, 2021**

**Summary:**

Copper retirements are necessary to respond to various factors in outside plant, including road construction, maintenance problems, customer demand and growth accommodation. Replacement cables will be fiber. Specific information will be provided with each disclosure.

**Description of changes in rates, terms or conditions will accompany the planned change(s):**

As a general matter, the retirement of copper facilities will not result in changes to rates, terms and conditions in cases where the affected service can be converted to a like-for-like service that is available on the replacement fiber facilities. In cases where interconnecting entities elect to replace the affected service with an alternative service offered on fiber the terms, conditions and rates associated with the replacement service will apply. Blackfoot will provide further information regarding service migration options to affected entities separately from this notice.

**Copper retirement details:**

STATE	WIRECENTER	PLANNED COMPLETION OR RETIREMENT DATE	DA(s)	JOB #	REPLACING
MT	St. Ignatius STIGMTXCRS1	3/31/2023	Various	BTC-STIGN	Growth in the area requires Blackfoot to install fiber based access to its customers. The copper loops will be replaced by fiber loops as



					customers migrate to fiber based services.  This is a Fiber-To-The-Home (FTTH) overlay.
MT	Thompson Falls THFLMTXCRS1	6/30/2023	Various	BTC-THFL	Growth in the area requires Blackfoot to install fiber based access to its customers. The copper loops will be replaced by fiber loops as customers migrate to fiber based services.  This is a Fiber-To-The-Home (FTTH) overlay.
ID	Island Park STATIDMADS2	3/31/2023	Various	Phase 1 Project #: FMT-20-0329	Growth in the area requires Blackfoot to install fiber based access to its customers. The copper loops will be replaced by fiber loops as customers migrate to fiber based services.  This is a Fiber-To-The-Home (FTTH) overlay.
ID	Island Park STATIDMADS2	3/31/2025	Various	Phase 2 Project #: FMT-2021-082	Growth in the area requires Blackfoot to install fiber based access to its customers. The copper loops will be replaced by fiber loops as customers migrate to fiber based services.  This is a Fiber-To-The-Home (FTTH) overlay.

**Additional information:**

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