



## Public Notice No. 002

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### Public Notice of Copper Retirements Under Rule 51.333

Blackfoot internet address: <https://blackfootcommunications.com/networkupgrades>.

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

**First Implementation Date: August 19, 2024**

**First Posting Date: August 19, 2024**

***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	Plains PLNSMTXCRS1	11-16-24 - Phase 1 - Plains town  3-1-25 - Phase 2 - Plains	Various	BTC2024044,  BTC2022474- 06 Both phases	Growth in the area requires Blackfoot to install fiber-based access to its customers. The copper loops will be replaced by fiber loops

		Riverside is located south of the Clark Fork River including Plains, Paradise, Eddy, Weeksville, Knowles, Quinns and a valley extending up near Paradise.			as customers migrate to fiber-based services.  This is a Fiber-To-The-Home (FTTH) overlay.
MT	Philipsburg PHBGMTXCRS1	<p>12-16-24 - Phase 1 - Philipsburg Valley is located south of Maxville following Pintler Veteran's Memorial Scenic Highway through Philipsburg ending near Georgetown Lake,</p> <p>3-1-25 - Phase 2 - Philipsburg Rock Creek I located south of Maxville and west of the Pintler Veteran's Memorial Scenic Highway and Philipsburg.</p>	Various	<p>BTC2021168-03,</p> <p>BTC2022529-05</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>This is a Fiber-To-The-Home (FTTH) overlay.</p>

MT	Drummond DRMDMTXCRS1	8-1-25 – Drummond is located east of Bearmouth following I90 to Gold Creek. Its most Northern point is located near Helmville and then goes South following MT Hwy 1 through Maxville.	Various	BTC2022261-03	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	Alta ALTAMTXCRS1	8-1-25 – Alta is located South West of Conner.	Various	BTC2023046-05	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	Potomac PTMCMTXCRS1	11-1-25 – Phase 1 Potomac Valley includes portions of the Bonner and Potomac communities starting near Johnsrud River Access and following MT Hwy 200 east through Potomac with the most southern tip extending	Various	BTC2023047-03,	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.



		towards Clinton.  11-1-25 – Phase 2 Potomac Blackfoot River includes portions of Bonner, Potomac, Greenough and Clearwater along the Blackfoot River corridor from East Missoula to Potomac.		BTC2023048-03	
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***Additional information:***

If you need additional information regarding this public notice you can contact:

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