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**June 11, 2020**

**Chat comments and questions from our meeting with:**

**Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers
Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, Ajit Pai**

**General Comments and Welcome:**

Monica Babine (WSU Extension):
Welcome all. Thank you for joining the Stevens County/Spokane Tribe Broadband Action Team (BAT) meeting.

Debra Hansen (SC/ST BAT):
Here is the BAT website for more information: <https://extension.wsu.edu/stevens/broadband-action-team/>

Glynda Becker-Fenter (WSU) :
Thanks to the team that worked hard on the Drive-in WiFi hotspot program. This provided an opportunity not only for us to educate our students online, but provided a venue for our communities to utilize this technology to connect with each other, their health care providers and continue learning. Go Cougs! Click here for more information: <https://www.commerce.wa.gov/building-infrastructure/washington-state-drive-in-wifi-hotspots-location-finder/>

Sasi Pillay (WSU):
Also this access through Drive-in WiFi hotspot program serves not only WSU students, but also students from other institutions as well as local citizens. Truly a community service!

Monica Babine: Great public, private and nonprofit partnerships in our state both on the Drive-In WiFi Hotspots and the WSUE Broadband Action Team (BAT) model. Stevens County/Spokane Tribe BAT is another collaboration - nationally recognized and as Russ said, we want to expand across the state and beyond.

 **FCC meeting comments and questions to follow up on:**

Bert and Dave Klimas (SC/ST BAT):
How can we see what is claimed in the USAC HUBB?

John Flanagan (WA Governor’s Office):
Correct me if I am wrong, but the FCC does not plan to use that more granular data collection method in Phase 1 of RDOF, correct?

Bert and Dave Klimas:
How can we be part of DODC or compatible with what they need to know?

Russ Elliott (WA Broadband Office):
ViaSat received over 60% of the CAF2 sites here in WA.

Todd Brandenburg (PocketiNet Comm):
Incredible.. as ViaSat is not invested in our local communities... IMO

Glenn Fishbine (GEO Partners):
None of the population areas of the Spokane reservation are eligible for RDOF

Todd Brandenburg:
Question to Chairman Pai - Is it possible for RDOF applications to be public-private partnerships with local agencies and governments? Or just private carriers? Good to see you again!

Bert and Dave Klimas:
Is there any consideration to raising the 25/3 to something higher…especially the upload now that videoconferencing is in higher use?

**BAT meeting (directly following FCC presentation) notes and questions:**

Glynda Becker-Fenter:
We should also work through the Congresswoman’s office as she brought him to the group!

Monica Babine:
I'm hearing coordinating efforts from BAT and our state for follow up with the FCC and in general related to federal and state funding. We got it

Monica Babine:
Public Works Board has two meetings next week - stakeholders and construction. Contact Shelley for more details shelley.westall@commerce.wa.gov