

Property Owners in the Spider Lake and Lake of the Falls Areas:

In June of 2017 the Gogebic Range Broadband Committee sponsored a grant application through the Wisconsin Public Service Commission (PSC) which would have provided quality internet service to the Spider Lake and Lake of the Falls areas in Iron County. Unfortunately the application did not get funded at that time.

We just learned that the PSC has opened another round of broadband expansion grants which will be will be funded in 2018. As a result we are preparing to revise the last application and submit it to the PSC in the near future. As with the last application this one would bring high speed internet service to the Spider Lake and Lake of the Falls areas.

In order to emphasize the tremendous need for better internet service we are asking you as a property owner in the affected area to submit a letter or e-mail showing support of the grant application. Previous grant applications suggest that property owner support is very important relative to approval of the project. The letter or e-mail does not have to be lengthy, a few sentences is all that is necessary. You will be writing this to the "Wisconsin Public Service Commission".

In addition to general support in your e-mail or letter it would be very important to emphasize your need for better internet service for things like medical services or being able to work from your home in Iron County. If you are not a year around resident you might also state if better service would allow you to stay at your Iron County property for longer periods of time. Also consider mentioning issues relative to your current internet service that is if you even have service available.

Very ImportantBe sure to include your name and your Iron County Property Fire Number on the document and please feel free to pass this information on to any neighbor who might not receive this e-mail due to lack of e-mail service. The more support that we include with the application the better our chances of getting this much needed funding. Letters or Emails of support should be received by **Monday, November 20, 2017** in order to have time attach them to the application.

If you choose to send an e-mail showing support of the application you can send it to:
kelly@ironcountywi.com

OR

If you plan to use the postal service you can mail it to:

Mr. Kelly Klein
Iron County Resource Development Association, Inc.
100 Cary Road
Hurley, WI 54534

Please consider showing support for this very worthwhile project which has the potential to benefit many who have less than adequate internet service available to them. Feel free to contact me if you should have any questions. My contact information is at the bottom of this e-mail.

In advance I thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

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