



BEAD PERMITTING RETREAT WYOMING BROADBAND OFFICE

Thursday, October 1

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Wyoming's role in BEAD and permitting
3. Information distribution
4. Permitting roundtable structure, cadence, and expectations
5. Overview of awarded BEAD projects and routes
6. Open discussion on permitting roadblocks and recommendations
7. Communications and next steps

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INTRODUCTIONS

Who is at the table and why

ORGANIZATIONS INVITED



- Office of the Governor
- Bureau of Land Management
- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- U.S. Forest Service
- Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office
- Wyoming Game and Fish Department
- Wyoming Department of Transportation
- Utilities
- Railroads
- One-Call Wyoming

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WYOMING'S ROLE IN BEAD AND PERMITTING

The goal is rigorous, efficient permitting that is effective for all parties and aligns with NTIA's requirements.

NTIA'S PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS

Wyoming's Notice of Award and Section 13D of NTIA's BEAD General Terms and Conditions outline four expanded permitting obligations

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Ensuring broadband-related permit applications are processed quickly and approved or denied within 90 days

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Seeking to minimize permitting costs for broadband deployments

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Establishing permitting roundtables

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Tracking and reporting permitting compliance issues



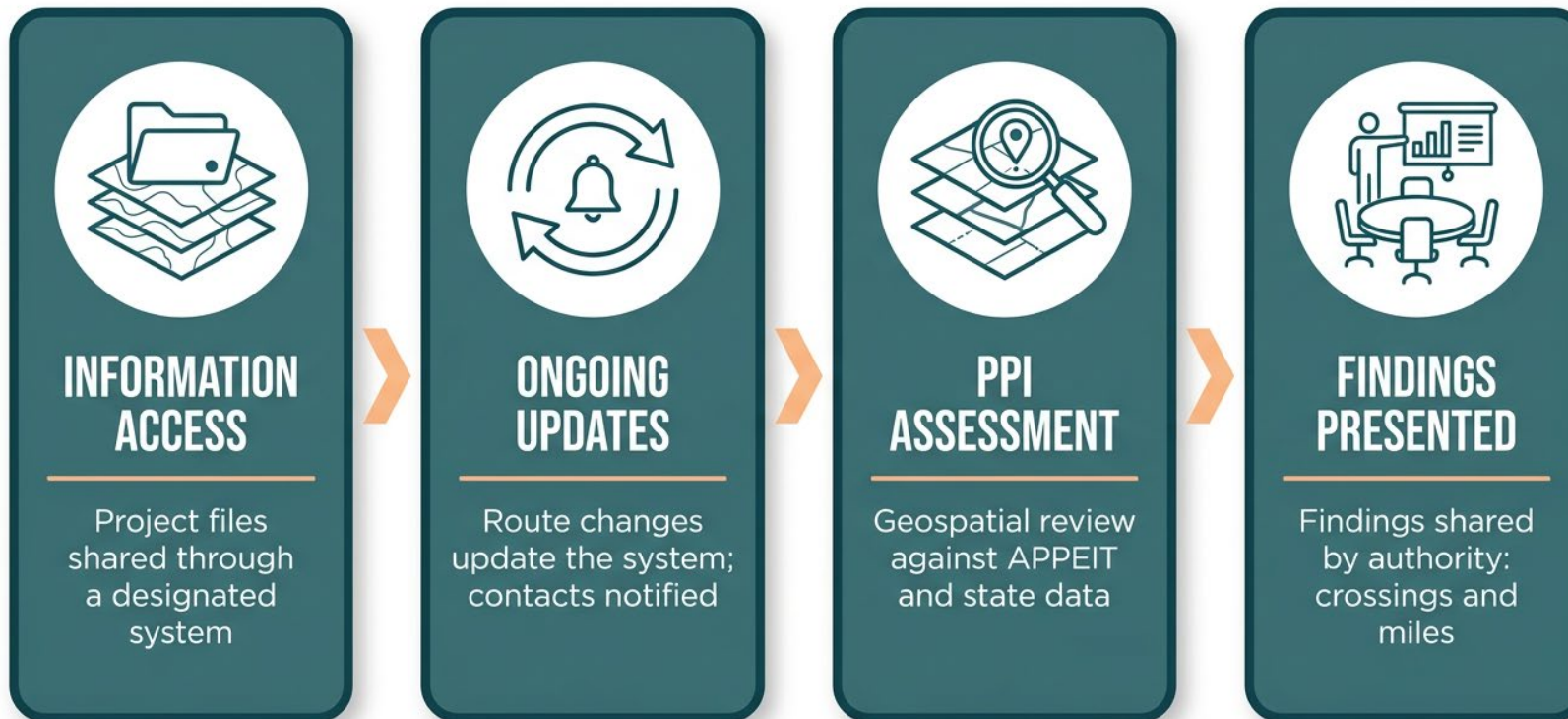
INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION

What information flows to permitting authorities, from permitting authorities, to the public, and to NTIA

BEAD PERMITTING IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS

INCLUDES POTENTIAL PERMITTING IMPACTS (PPI)

FROM PROJECT FILES TO FINDINGS IN FOUR STEPS



WHAT WBO NEEDS FROM PERMITTING AUTHORITIES

WBO requests the following information from your organization:



Contact information for all designated points of contact — identification of applicable permitting authorities not currently identified by the Wyoming Broadband Office (WBO)



GIS files of official data layers for the PPI analysis — direct file submission or links for file download



Communication of concerns or issues with BEAD subgrantee projects



Resource documentation to share with subgrantees



WYBEAD@ctcnet.us
Wyoming BEAD permitting
partners: Fill out this form

PERMITTING EXPEDIENCY AND COST

At NTIA's direction, WBO will collaborate with permitting authorities to:



Establish clear documentation — including workflows, checklists, and points of contact — to help ensure that broadband-related permit applications and requests are approved or denied within the required 90-day window



Monitor and encourage fair and reasonable permitting costs



DISCUSSION: Is the 90-day window reasonable for your agency?



DISCUSSION: What drives permitting costs?

PERMIT TRACKING AND REPORTING

WBO will collaborate with permitting authorities to:



Convene a kickoff meeting with subgrantees to review each award, identify permitting requirements, share points of contact, and communicate anticipated timelines with permitting organizations to support this program requirement



Track and address relevant permitting issues, roundtable topics, and subgrantee compliance issues; streamline resolution



Report semi-annually on permitting status and post data in a static report updated at least semi-annually on the WBO website

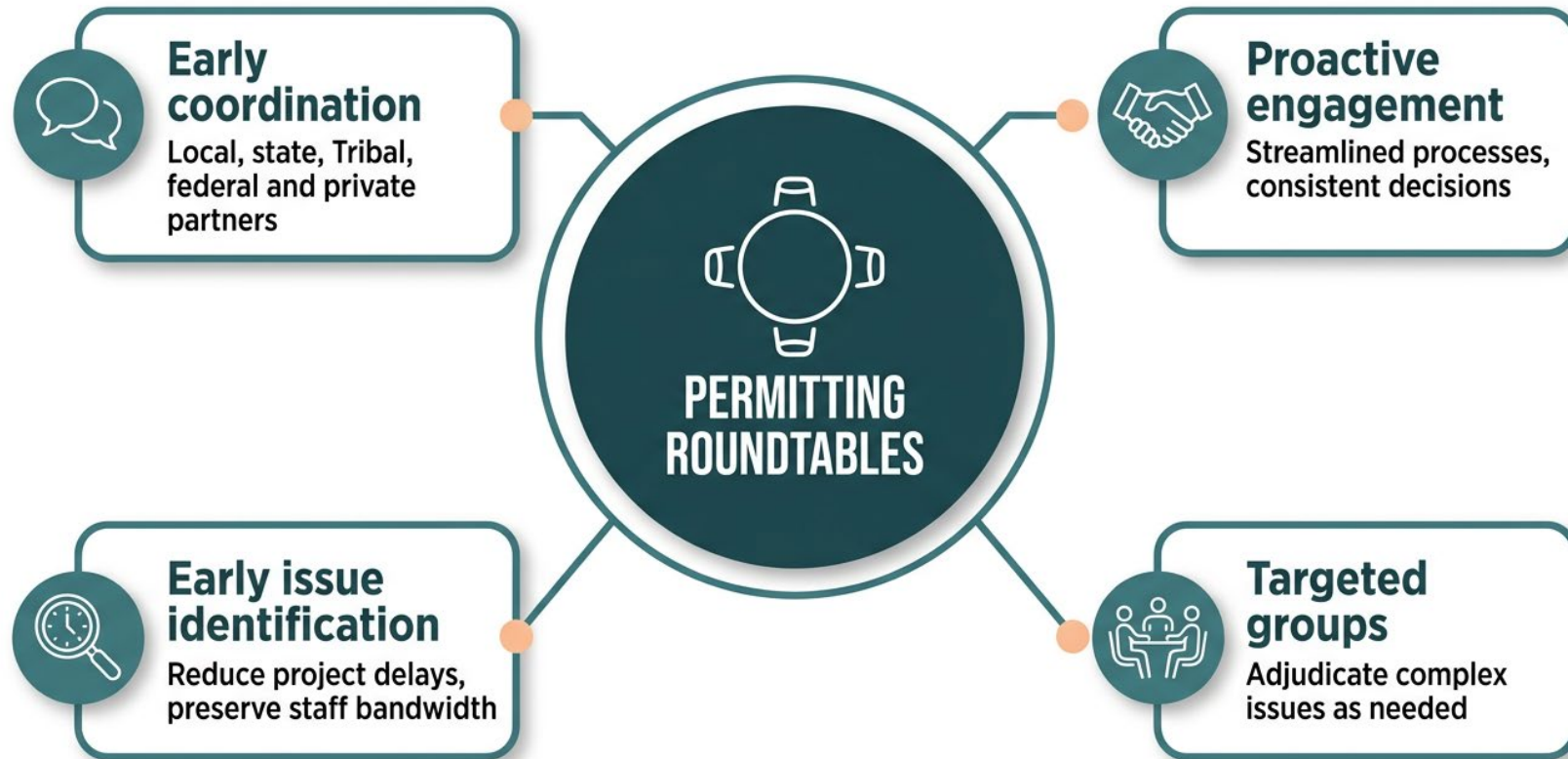


PERMITTING ROUNDTABLES

Purpose, format, and schedule

ROUNDTABLE PURPOSE

WHY WBO IS CONVENING PERMITTING ROUNDTABLES



ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE AND FORMAT



Quarterly permitting roundtables

Attendees: Agency directors or designated representatives, WBO team, relevant SMEs, NTIA representatives as needed

Format: Closed to the public; meeting minutes made public following each quarterly roundtable

Schedule: November, January, April, July



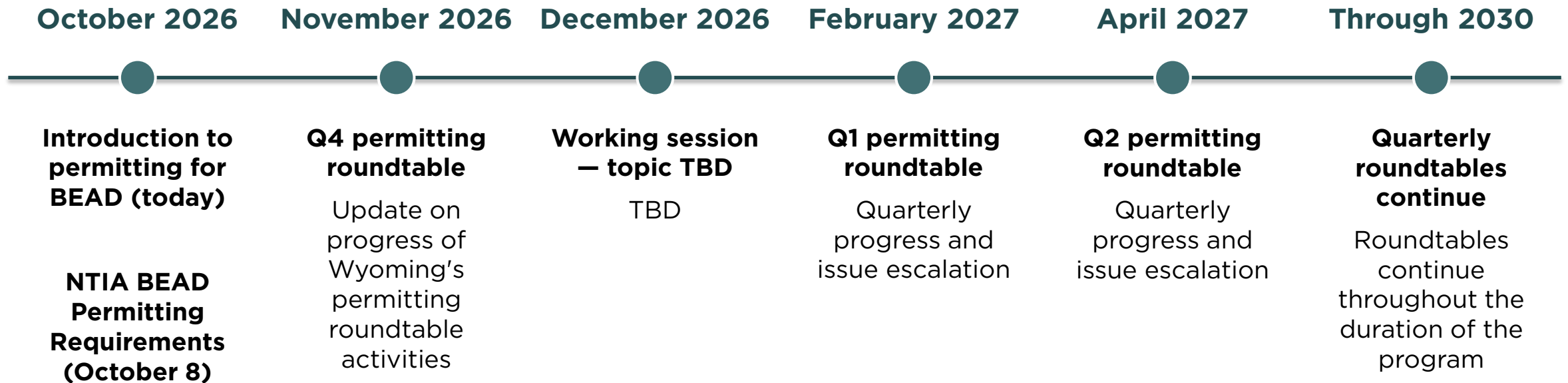
Permitting working sessions

Attendees: Staff-level authority representatives, WBO team, relevant SMEs, subgrantees

Format: Closed to the public; relevant resources made available on the designated platform

Schedule: Between scheduled quarterly roundtables, beginning December 2026

PERMITTING ROUNDTABLE SCHEDULE



OPTIONAL SESSIONS



Federal land and right-of-way permitting — Coordination with federal land management agencies (BLM, USFS, and others) regarding broadband projects traversing federal lands, including timelines, application requirements, and points of contact



Railroads and pole attachments — BEAD-funded projects impacted by rail corridor-related permits, with discussion of relevant permitting challenges and considerations

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WYOMING BEAD PROJECTS

Where the program stands and what it means for permitting

WHERE BEAD IS TODAY

Metric	Value
Projects selected	61
Awards signed	49
Awards with a contract extension	12
Awardees	10
Total award amount	\$182.2M
Total matching funds	\$61.6M
Broadband serviceable locations (BSL)	32,361

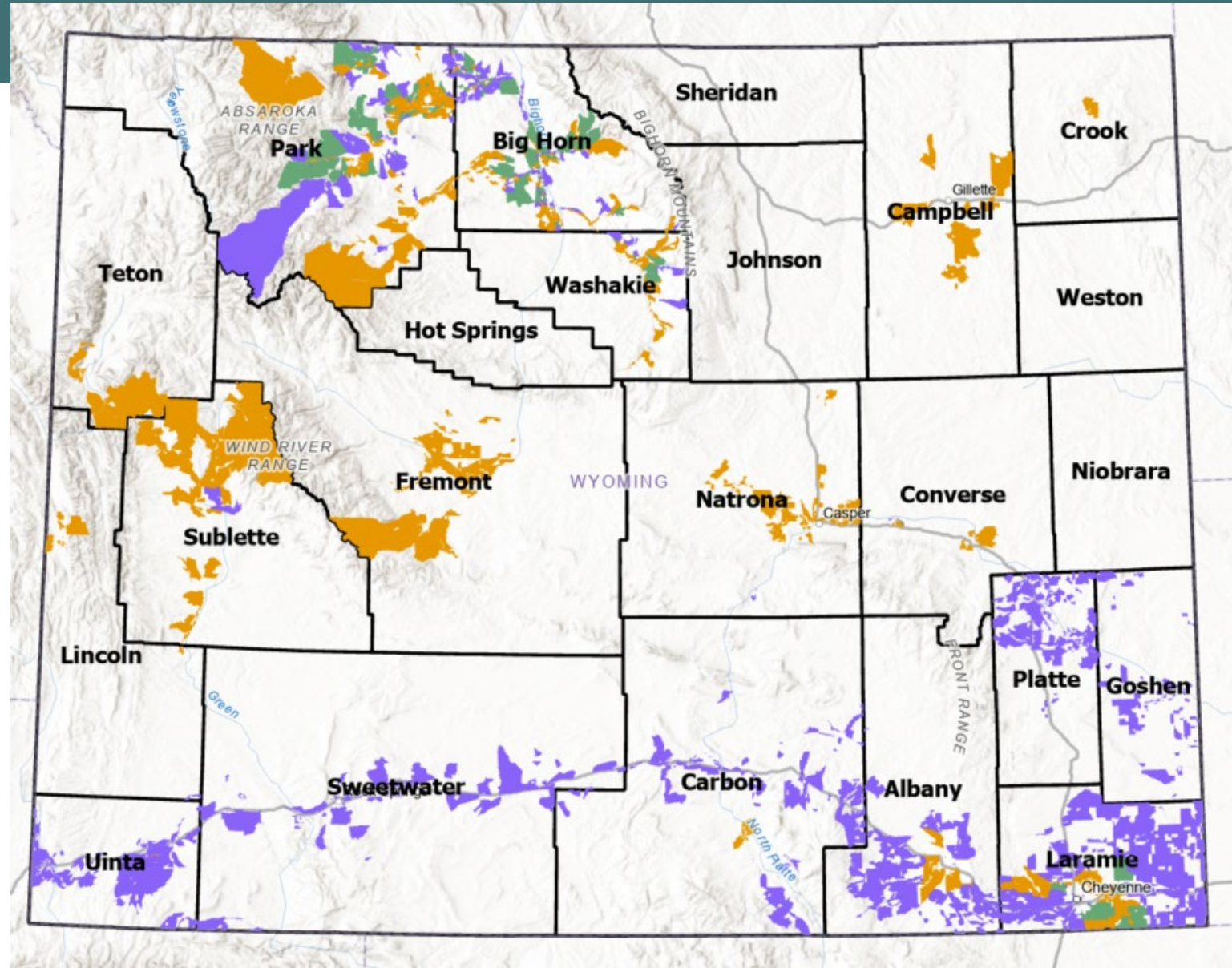
PROJECT TYPE AND LOCATION OVERVIEW

Project type	Number of projects	Aerial miles	Underground miles
Fiber	19	9	3,544
Fiber and fixed wireless	5	-	712
Fixed wireless	24	-	53
LEO satellite	13	-	-
Total	61	9	4,309

PROJECT TYPE AND LOCATION OVERVIEW

Technology

- Fiber
- Fiber and Fixed Wireless
- Fixed Wireless



POTENTIAL PERMITTING IMPACTS

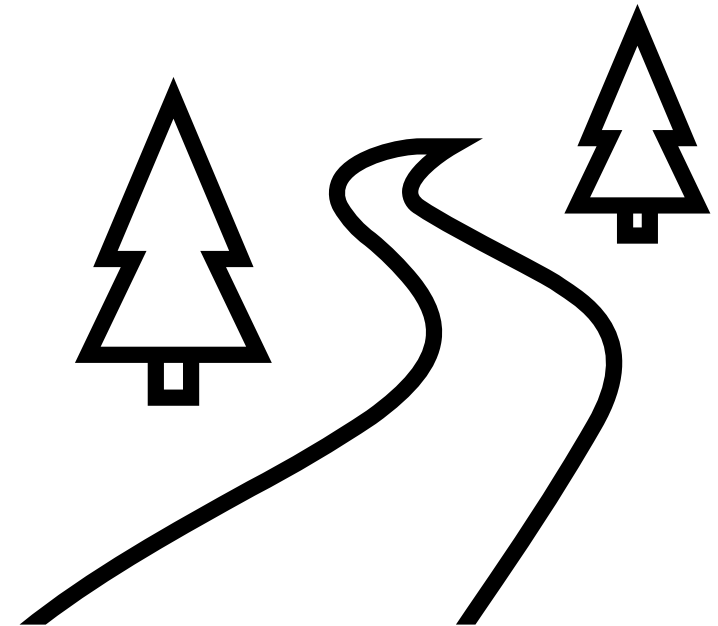


Permitting authority	PPIs	Miles
County rights-of-way	9,975	1,777.29
Wyoming Department of Transportation	2,102	676.05
US Bureau of Land Management	258	133.26
US Forest Service	389	184.56
Tribal lands	1,347	160.40
Municipal rights-of-way	1,409	97.92
US Army Corps of Engineers	31	4.77
Railroads	325	86.56
US National Park Service/ National Register of Historic Places	255	40.12
US Fish and Wildlife Service	4,330	119.03
US Department of Defense	3	0.58
US Bureau of Reclamation	1,288	207.32

OTHER POTENTIAL PERMITTING IMPACTS

MAY CONNECT TO MULTIPLE ORGANIZATIONS

- Historic places
- Floodplains and wetlands
- Critical habitat
- Sage-grouse
- Big Game Migration Corridors





OPEN DISCUSSION

Roadblocks, recommendations, and how we work together

PERMITTING ROADBLOCKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS



What roadblocks or challenges has your organization seen with broadband projects in the past?



Given these broadband permitting challenges, how could WBO mitigate or streamline its process for BEAD?



What seasonal or weather constraints limit your organization's review timelines and field work windows?



Have you seen inconsistencies between counties or districts that additional communications or partnership could help address?

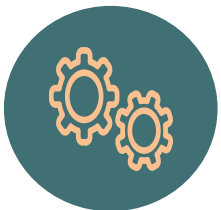
HOW DO WE WORK TOGETHER?



WBO will send notifications directly to the contacts of record. Please start thinking about who from your organization should attend staff-level working sessions.



Does your organization have a permit portal?



How does your organization process and review permits?



COMMUNICATIONS AND NEXT STEPS



QUESTIONS?

Thank you from the Wyoming Broadband Office

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