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## Fiber Installation Update

Hello,

David Shipley, COO of Highline (previously SPT), presented to the Woodside Annual Meeting on April 29th. I was unable to attend, but Renae Braun graciously covered for me and recorded the session. Below is a bulleted summary of updates he provided. Sorry for the wordiness, but there are a lot of details to share.

- [Bill Thompson](#) is our second Project Manager in addition to Scott Matthews.
- [The Burland project will be completed by October](#). (Our project is piggy-backing off the cable they laid along Hwy 285 for Burland.)
- So far, [we have 335 commitments](#) (out of 706 dwellings) from the four neighborhoods. David anticipates approximately 70% of residents will have committed by end of construction.
- [Hold up for starting construction relates to permitting:](#)
  - [Park County](#) – good to go; long term, good relationship
  - [Jefferson County](#) – will be ok. Commissioner Lesley Dahlkemper has been fantastic to work with. She has helped with making contacts, writing letters of support, etc.
  - [CORE](#) needs to permit over 1,500 poles. Permit fee is \$100/pole. CORE field inspections have identified numerous violations on existing poles by Century Link which need to be resolved. (Example of a violation is height clearance). This is main cause of delays. Highline is working with Century Link (CL) and has offered to fix the violations for a fee. CL has not yet agreed.
  - CORE and Highline drove routes together on May 4<sup>th</sup> to identify everything that needs to be fixed.
  - [Permits for any roads](#) that are going to be disturbed will indicate the restoration that will need to be done. (In Elk Falls Ranch most of the fiber is aerial so very little road disturbance is anticipated. However, if you have buried utilities now, your fiber cable will be buried as well.)
  - [Click here to see a high-level map of aerial and buried cable routes](#). This map shows the main distribution system and does not show connectivity to each individual household.
- Good news! – [Jeffco schools is allowing Highline equipment to be placed at Elk Creek Elementary](#). This will save a lot of distance (which equals time and money). Installation will occur in June to not disturb the children during school sessions.
- [Transport circuits have been secured](#). There will be redundant circuits – one in Denver and one in Bailey. If a line is inadvertently cut, this provides a back-up system.
- [A deployment schedule can't be distributed as of yet](#) – It depends on order of when permits are obtained. Once a schedule is firmed up, it will be distributed so you will know when to disconnect service with your current internet provider.
- [Construction will likely start in July and take 18 months](#). (Highline has to complete this project by September 2024 in order to comply with their contract with the State.)
- When it's time to kick-off construction, [you will be notified by a "pardon-us" letter](#) (There will be dust, vehicles and new pot holes.)
- [Residents will be notified in multiple ways when they are ready to be hooked up](#)

(text, e-mail, letter and door knocker). **Please make sure all of your contact information is correct with Highline.**

- Once you call in to sign up, [service will begin in twelve days.](#)
- [Highline will meet with each homeowner that requests](#) to discuss where the point-of-entry into your home will go. An 8X8 plastic box will be placed on the outside of your home. The equipment is small and non-obtrusive. See the attached brochure that describes the equipment to be used during installation in your home. [Brochure Page 1, Brochure Page 2](#)
- [If your utilities are currently buried, the fiber cable will also be buried.](#) Otherwise, most of the cable will be aerial. If you would like your cable buried, you can request this for a fee. The cost to bury facilities varies based terrain and can cost anywhere between \$6-\$10 per foot. An aerial application is exposed to the elements (weather, wind, fire, etc.), while a buried application is protected from such elements, thus a buried application is the most protected application and is aesthetically preferred over an aerial application.
- If you do not commit to service before all the construction equipment leaves, and want to sign up later, [the cost will be, at minimum, around \\$3,000](#) (as all the construction equipment has to be brought back in). Cost depends on how far you are away from the main cable.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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Project Website: <https://elkfallspoa.org/new-page-51>

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