

Memo:

To: Clint Schleicher – General Manager ALLO Fiber

From: Gary Shoemaker – Park Superintendent

Wildcat Hills State Recreation Area - Nebraska Game & Parks

RE: Letter of Support for Nebraska Capital Projects Fund Request

To Whom It May Concern:

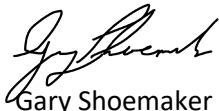
As the Park Superintendent for the Wildcat Hills State Recreation Area located about 10 mile South of Gering, Nebraska I am in support of this project request.

Currently our park internet service is not on a fiber- optic network and does not have the capability of high-speed 100/100 MBS. To increase the speed via satellite would jump our monthly bill over \$1000 per month. This is also true at my residence as well. I live and additional 2 miles to the South of the main park. Due to a lack of broadband access on the Southern side of the Wildcat Hills Range the only options I have are Satellite and Cellphone internet service. This also is not ideal as due to weather interference disruptions many times per month we do not have service.

Many of our park educational programs would benefit with greater internet speed. From power point presentations to video communications. With recent changes in technologies our Wildlife game and trail cameras are not compatible with our current system and do not work. We are sitting on over \$13,000.00 of hardware purchased in 2017 that is idle as our internet speed is not up to the level needed.

I am also sure that the neighboring private homes would benefit from the installation of fiber systems in our area. The many homes in the Wildcat Hills Estates would also most likely benefit.

Please count us in on being in support of this project request



Gary Shoemaker

Park Superintendent

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