

Stealth Broadband — Digital Inclusion Plan – Fremont to Omaha Rural

1. Current Broadband Availability in the Project Area

- a. According to nebraskaspeedtest.org, users in the project area are experiencing speeds of less than 20 megabytes per second.
- b. Stealth was able to confirm the findings on nebraskaspeedtest.org with a letter of support from users living in the project area proving that their residents are consistently receiving speeds of less than 20 megabytes per second. (See attachment Midstates-Data- Transport_Fremont-to-Omaha-Rural_M)

2. Plans for Digital Inclusion

- a. Stealth is committed to ensuring that all members of the public will have access to affordable and reliable Internet services.
- b. Our speeds and packages for each town will be as follows:
 - i. 500/500mbps for \$60/mo.
 - ii. 750/750mbps for \$80/mo.
 - iii. 1000/1000mbps for \$100/mo.
- c. All of our plans include the following:
 - iv. Unlimited Data
 - v. No Contract Option
 - vi. 24 Month Contract Option (Reduces Monthly Rate by \$5)
- d. Low Income Availability - Stealth understands the challenges that low-income families face. We know that quality Internet service is critically important to most families for parents to work and for children to learn. With this in mind, Stealth will be launching a reduced-price plan for low-income families with speeds of 100/100mbps for \$45/mo. This package will be offered to customers that meet the criteria of a low-income household.
- e. Stealth offers the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program (EBBP) and Lifeline Program to all eligible participants interested in participating.
 - vii. This is advertised on our website at www.stealthbroadband.com/ebbp
It is also advertised on every town sign up page on our website.
- f. Stealth also offers the USAC Lifeline program to all eligible consumers.
 - viii. This is advertised on our website at www.stealthbroadband.com/lifeline
- g. Stealth provides flexible payment plans to all customers.
 - ix. As long as a consumer is making regular efforts to pay on their account, we do not turn off their Internet services.
 - x. Stealth also does not charge re-activation fees for customers who have had their Internet shut off due to no payment.

3. How Digital Inclusion Will Help the Project Area

- a. As COVID-19 showed us, broadband availability is extremely important for every household to have access to. Students were forced to school from home, and some were unable to do schoolwork at home because of no (or little) access to broadband services. Our company worked diligently to provide internet to people unable to gain access by making sure we tried everything possible to get people access to high-speed internet. We were successful in most cases, but it further showed us how important access to good quality broadband is for educating our future generations.
- b. By providing Internet service in the unserved / underserved areas we have identified, we can help bring people back to their small communities and help spark economic growth. After the COVID-19 pandemic, a lot of professionals are working from home. We have had consumers calling in to tell us they are considering moving back to their small town after their job went from in-person to remote. Their only downfall was the lack of good quality, and affordable, broadband access. Again, in some cases we were able to serve the consumers, but in others we realized that we needed to increase our digital footprint in order to help these people.
- c. If we do not take action in the proposed communities to provide good quality, high speed Internet at an affordable rate, we are at risk of further extending the digital divide in Nebraska and losing our small communities that thrive solely on the people that live in the community.

4. Stealth's Mission

- a. Our mission has always been to provide exceptional, affordable, and reliable high-speed Internet in unserved and underserved areas of Nebraska. Stealth has proved this by building our network, with our own funding, from 1 to 26 service areas in less than 6 years. We have made it our goal to close the digital divide in Nebraska and help to ensure that future generations do not have to worry about whether their small community will thrive in years to come. We want future generations ensured that they would have the same opportunities larger communities have regarding access to broadband.