

Oregon Tribal Broadband Summit

December 9, 2021 | 8:30-11:00am PST

Virtual via Zoom

Hosted by Link Oregon

Objectives:

1. Help ensure that Oregon Tribes are well positioned for upcoming federal broadband funding opportunities
2. Identify current gaps or roadblocks to proposal development (e.g., technical planning, grant writing)
3. Build connections between Tribal and State broadband efforts
4. Identify places where Link Oregon and its members may be of assistance

Speakers/Contributors:

- **Andrea Ballinger**, Vice Provost for Information and Technology, Oregon State University
- **Geoffrey Blackwell**, Chief Strategy Officer & General Counsel
- **Vint Cerf**, Vice President & Chief Internet Evangelist, Google
- **Steve Corbató**, Executive Director, Link Oregon
- **John Holman**, General Field Representative, Rural Utilities Service –Telecommunications Programs, USDA
- **Steve Huter**, Director, Network Startup Resource Center
- **Sharaya Lane**, Program Manager, Philanthropy Northwest
- **Representative Pam Marsh**, Oregon State Legislature
- **Galen McGill**, System Operations & Intelligent Transportation Systems Manager, ODOT
- **Tim O'Connell**, West Region Coordinator, Rural Development Innovation Center, USDA
- **Matthew R. Rantanen**, Director of Technology, Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association / Tribal Digital Village
- **Mark Thompson**, Commissioner, Public Utility Commission of Oregon
- **Rachel Wente-Chaney**, Chief Information Officer, High Desert Education Service District
- **Danae Wilson**, Manager, Nez Perce Tribe Department of Technology Services
- **Jason Younker**, Chief, Coquille Indian Tribe, and Assistant Vice President and Advisor to the President on Sovereignty and Government-to-Government Relations, University of Oregon

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- Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians Economic Development Corporation
- Burns Paiute Tribe
- Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians
- Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR)
- Klamath Tribes
- Link Oregon
- Network Start Up Resource Center (NSRC)
- Oregon State University, Division of Extension and Engagement
- Oregon State University, University Information & Technology
- University of Oregon, Office of the President

Agenda:

8:30-8:40am: Welcome, Opening Prayer and Land Recognition; Opening Remarks

1. Chief Jason Younker, Chief Coquille Indian Tribe; Assistant Vice President and Advisor to the President on Sovereignty and Government-to-Government Relations, University of Oregon
2. Andrea Ballinger, Link Oregon Board Chair and Vice Provost for Information and Technology, Oregon State University

8:40-8:50am: Introductory logistics and groundwork (Chat introductions)

8:50-9:20am: Tribal broadband status and needs:

1. Overview of the preparation survey responses
2. Tribal projects and proposals: progress to date, successes, and lessons learned
 1. Bruce Zimmerman, CTUIR
 2. Joseph Allen Jr., The Klamath Tribes

9:20-10:00am: Funding landscape and proposal process:

1. [Overview](#)
2. NTIA
3. USDA Rural Development
4. Oregon State Government
5. Role of Philanthropy

10:00-10:05am: Break

10:05-11:00am: Proposal Development

1. Needs assessment
 1. Broadband mapping
 2. Network design
2. Infrastructure outbuild timelines and process
 1. Permitting issues and other factors impacting meeting deadlines
 2. Overall implications of owned versus leased/third-party infrastructure
 3. Potential in-state assets
 1. Network Startup Resource Center (NSRC)
 2. Link Oregon
 3. Other partners
3. Emergency Broadband Benefit program – education and awareness
4. Collaboration opportunities
 1. Shared proposal efforts; shared technical/engineering expertise
 2. Planning grant proposals
5. Influencing future solicitations
 1. What input should we provide to federal and state grant rulemaking efforts to meets the needs of the Tribes in Oregon?
6. Follow-on activities (e.g., site visits) & next steps in planning