



United States Department of Agriculture
Rural Development

Community Connect Awards – Oregon

2002 Grant Awards:

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon

Warm Springs Reservation, Oregon

Grant Amount: \$695,832 Grant

Contact: Lloyd Phillips, (541) 553-3275

County: Wasco and Jefferson

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon will use RUS grant funds to provide a telecommunications center with broadband Internet service. The project will involve a mix of wireless and fiber optic technologies to provide high speed connectivity. The center will cover 1,280 square feet and will connect to the existing community wellness center. It will be equipped with 24 computers, a scanner, laserjet printer and 6 shared printers for 2,431 residents within the service area. A microwave system will be installed between the reservation and NoaNet to provide broadband access to the community; a fiber optic network will be installed that will connect critical community facilities to one another and the outside world; and a fixed wireless system will be installed on the reservation to provide broadband access for residents and businesses. The installation of this system on the reservation should attract new industries or enterprises to the reservation. The existing small business enterprises will be able to sell through a web-based site. The current classes offered through the library and the education/cultural department can be increased by 25% via teleconferencing and distance learning. Residents will now be able to complete their GEDs and achieve an Associate Degree.

Sawtooth Technologies, LLC.

Moro, Oregon

Grant Amount: \$349,424

Contact: Brian Adams, 509-427-4865

County: Sherman

Sawtooth Technologies, Inc., through the use of RUS Grant funds will install a wireless backbone from the Slatt NoaNet fiber optic Point-of-Presence near Arlington, Oregon to the Moro Grain Elevators (approximately 18 miles). Providing this broadband access to the primary public services and to the residents in Moro will improve the quality of life and significantly broaden Moro resident's economic opportunities. This network will provide reliable, redundant broadband service to the government, schools, the clinic and the emergency services and the residents of Moro without discrimination.