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### **New Broadband Services Could Be Available Soon in Red Rock / Rancho Haven**

**February 23, 2016** – A crowd of about 40 residents filled the Red Rock Fire Hall Tuesday night to learn when broadband Internet services would reach Red Rock and Rancho Haven.

Corby Erwin, PSREC Member Services Director, said construction could begin as early as this spring with enough interest.

After a brief history of Plumas-Sierra Telecommunications' original mid-mile fiber optic construction project, Erwin said the majority of the network expansion now is via advanced wireless technologies backed by PST's fiber optic network.

"Construction is expensive," said Erwin. "We need at least 40 households to justify the buildout in this area. It's a matter of economics."

When asked how the company planned on getting the service to area residents, Bob Marshall, PSREC/PST General Manager said they were exploring several possible broadcast points.

Rich Green, PST Internet Technician, presented area maps from Google Earth which he overlaid to demonstrate coverage from different potential broadcast points in the area. He also answered more technical questions regarding the various advanced wireless technologies PST uses. Following the text of this write up is an illustration to show the basics of how the advanced wireless technology connects to the PST fiber line and broadcasts signal out to homes.

When asked about the quality of PST's advanced wireless service, Marshall noted that he has it at his home on Grizzly Road in Portola, and sees no degradation in signal quality or speed, even when his "twenty-somethings and their significant others" are all home using their devices at the same time.

Marshall urged those interested in receiving services to contact PST as soon as possible. Several who attended the meeting signed interest forms that evening, and will be contacted as soon as service is available.

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