



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Colorado Broadband Office
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RE: Providing Service to Residents in Southwest Colorado

To Whom it Concerns:

Archuleta County is in support of a regional collaboration to apply the CBO's middle mile broadband and infrastructure program and capital projects fund to help provide safety and redundancy routes for the State, Region 9 and the County; provide rural community members access to commerce, education, health care and behavioral health services sometimes not available to rural residents.

The following priorities have been identified in Archuleta County:

- Priority One Red: Northern Ring Loop on Piedra from Cloman Blvd up and around Hatcher to North Pagosa and back down to the PAWSD headquarters.
- Priority Two Orange: Essentially overlay that starts at the Hwy 84/160 intersection and goes to Aspen Springs. This is a corridor that will overlay subpar fiber.
- Priority Three Brown: Hwy 84 at 160 in Pagosa down to NM border and building off to the residences that branch off this path.

We look forward to a regional collaboration that will provide service to currently unserved and underserved residents and businesses, enhance economic development and increase access to critical services.

Sincerely,

Alvin Schaaf, Chairman