

May 3, 2020 - Fiber Break, Lucky Break?

Wednesday, April 22 as I was coming onto the Island to work on the new Meade Hill Fiber connection I noticed a special fiber splicing contractor van was situated right at the pole where our main fiber is connected to the PUD/NoaNet fiber that feeds more than half of our clients (you folks!).

I continued on to Meade Road and setup to test the new fiber connection near the corner of Flagler and Meade. The testing was going very well until I checked to see the connectivity to the Internet at the Weston Building in Seattle (this is the “Northwest Nexus for the World Wide Internet”) where we are connected. Nada, nothing, zilch!



Just then my cell phone rang. One of you on Griffith Point wanted to know if the Internet was down. Then a call from Beach Drive and one from Nordland with the same question. Hmmm, sounds like our main fiber connection is down. I recalled seeing the big van at the pole earlier and did not hesitate.

When I got to the corner the van was still there and a PUD pickup as well. A short conversation with David Elias from the PUD and his conversation with the contractor confirmed that our fiber connection had accidentally been broken. They immediately set about repairing the break and completed it in less than an hour!

If I had not noticed the van that morning or if the van had already left the site I would have spent possibly hours troubleshooting and mobilizing a repair team... All I can say is, what a lucky break!

Peace, David

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