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Well, I should have known better than to “predict what was next” last month when I announced our Flagler Road BackBone Fiber project. It turns out that Flagler Road is also Washington State Highway 116 and falls under the State Highway folks which has added more to what we need to understand about hanging our fiber on the PUD poles on Flagler itself... Delay.

So, as any good sailor knows, once you have gone as far as you can on one tack you swing across the wind onto another tack. And, so we are. We will come back to the Flagler Backbone project but, for now we are refocusing on a brand new FiberHood. The second one on Marrowstone Island. It will cover all residents on Robbins Road and areas south. We are calling it the “Robbins FiberHood.”

Now, this world being a complex affair I must make it clear that this is the plan subject to unknown issues like we ran into on Flagler Road... But, last week meeting with PUD management we arrived on a way to move ahead with Marrowstone Wireless contracting for a connection to the PUD/NoaNet Fiber as a second source of broadband for our growing system. As this new connection will be at the west end of Robbins Road it will be the main feed for the Robbins FiberHood! (As the Flagler Road issues are cleared up this same PUD/NoaNet connection will power the south end of the proposed BackBone Fiber up Flagler.)

The design and building of the equipment to control the Robbins FiberHood is now underway including the equipment to interconnect with the PUD/NoaNet Fiber system. With *luck and following winds* we may be connecting new Fiber To The Home (FTTH) homes around the 4th of July on the west end of Robbins and then start spreading east from there.

Meanwhile, in the Griffith Point FiberHood we continue to build FTTH connections with a current waiting list of about 10-12 home sites. In an effort to have more completed FTTH in less time, Johnny Colden from Nordland has agreed to become a second Fiber installer contractor along with Ken Nelson who is doing all the work at present. This will allow Ken a break for his other work and family activities!

During this past month on-the-job bucket truck training, Johnny and I managed to get the truck stuck down in a wet field/valley. After trying a couple of creative methods to get her out, head scratching and drying weather a set of snow chains proved to be the answer. It is always something...

Peace, David

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