

## **Telcom Hut Location Well #5**

One of the take aways from the meeting Friday with Jim Binder from IRON was a request to identify locations in the Cities and the County that would serve as POP locations. Think exit ramps from the middle mile circuit. These would consist of the placement of ~12x20 huts with heating and cooling, backup generators etc. that would be fiber connection meet points. I shared the existing ones in McCall and expected location in Lake Fork at the recycling yard but they are looking to identify Donnelly, Cascade and ideally Smiths Ferry. Additionally, also looking for New Meadows. In each of your communities, is there a small area that could become a location for these Telcom huts? Could be the corner of a parking lot or unused lot. Would need access to power at a minimum and close to 55 would be best. This connection point will give each community access to providers at both end of the middle mile as well as connectivity to the head end in McCall for management purposes. It is an important step forward in our project. For budgetary purposes expect a cost around \$125k but we anticipate including that cost in our BEAD request this summer. Please reach out with any questions. IRON is hoping to identify these locations ASAP.