

WyoLink Support Manager Report to the PSCC

June 8, 2010

WyoLink has 47 of the 55 identified core sites functional. Two additional WyoLink sites are under construction, and are expected to be completed during the summer of 2010. This will bring the count of operational WyoLink sites to 49, over 89% of the WyoLink core sites that have been identified so far.

Assistant Secretary Gregory Schaffer from the US Department of Homeland Security visited Wyoming to commemorate the cooperation between the Department of Homeland Security and the State of Wyoming on the WyoLink Project, and to witness the ceremonial activation of WyoLink. As part of this visit, he attended a tour of the WyoLink Master Site, the Wyoming Highway Patrol Dispatch Center and Traffic Management Center in Cheyenne.

We are waiting for US Forest Service approval of Special Use Permits for four more sites. These sites are Hell Hole Ridge, Angles Trailhead, Duncan Lake and Pow Wow. We expect to have three of the five pending sites on Forest Service Land operational by the end of 2010; Salt Pass (We have the permit for this site, but are waiting for final approval to begin construction), Hell Hole Ridge (we are waiting the permit to be finalized), and Duncan Lake (this permit is anticipated to be granted around the first part of July). The Pow Wow Point site may not be operational until 2011, as the Forest Service does not anticipate this permit to be approved in time to complete construction in 2010. The permit for the site near Elk Mountain at Halleck Ridge is in process with the BLM, and seems to be on track for construction this summer.

I am working with the PSCC and the Wyoming Office of Homeland Security on Portable Coverage Enhancement Sites, and am working to provide analysis and information on these sites as required.

About 71 Federal, State and Local Agencies are now registered to use WyoLink, with approximately 5700 radios on the system. At least 10 agencies, including Fremont County, are currently using WyoLink for their daily operations. SALECS cut over to WyoLink on March 22nd, and after a short period of adjustment, are operating with few problems. WyoLink continues to work with agencies wishing to move their operations to WyoLink to create codeplugs for them to insert into their radios. To date this year, some 2,620 codeplugs have been created by the WyoLink Office, with some 83 on the schedule for WyoLink to complete (750 are on the schedule for WAC to complete for Albany County). WyoLink has obtained permission to utilize retired WyoLink employee Kent Drummond for codeplugs or other vitally important surge work through November, 2010. Mr. Drummond just completed two weeks of field work at WyoLink sites, connecting site monitoring equipment.

WYDOT and WHP in WYDOT Districts 1 through 5 (with the exception of District 3 north of Cokeville) are using WyoLink for their daily operations. We have had some issues and growing pains, but these have been solved as they arise, and operations seem to be generally smooth.

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Relm Wireless successfully tested their radios on the WyoLink system, and will be stopping by the WyoLink Office on Friday, June 4th with loaner radios for us to try on our system.

To date in 2010 (January 1st through May 31st), the WyoLink system handled 2,450,234 radio calls for a total time on the air of 7,878 hours (328 days). The chart attached to this report shows WyoLink usage visually. WyoLink usage has increased 160% from February, 2010 to May, 2010. Busy indications remain at an insignificant 0.063%.

