

Good Afternoon,

The NTIA has granted the Montana Broadband Office (MBO) the opportunity to conduct a final validation of the served locations in the state. Any provider who has reported BEAD eligible locations with qualifying service on v6 of the BDC fabric has the opportunity to provide updated evidence to allow MBO to potentially move those locations to the No BEAD list, thus reducing overbuild and maximizing investment in the most critical areas.

This data collection process will remain open for seven calendar days, closing at 5 p.m. MT, on Wednesday, October 8, 2025. After closing, MBO will review all data and evidence submitted and will integrate the results into the State's Final submission to the NTIA.

### Instructions

This process is only for locations with qualifying broadband service in the current National Broadband Map (V6) that you reported. If you did not submit these locations via your BDC filing before the deadline for FCC Fabric V6 (December 31, 2024), or you have not submitted updates post the V6 deadline that are currently reflected in the latest FCC BDC filing of July 22, 2025, we cannot accept your evidence.

To complete the submission, download the spreadsheet titled "*MT BEAD Reason Code 5 Locations Evidence Template*", and fill out the template using the directions indicated on the Instructions Tab.

Additionally, evidence must be submitted to support any locations indicated as served within the submission. The evidence must unequivocally demonstrate that the location is already served with qualifying broadband (i.e., is currently connected or can be connected within 10 business days of a request with a standard installation fee). Acceptable evidence includes any of the following:

- **Photographic evidence:** Photographic evidence must be a JPEG file, timestamped and geocoded with two decimal digits resolution for the second part of longitude and latitude. The photo should show a terrestrial (street-level) view. Only if the Eligible Entity is restricted from accessing the location, it may rely on aerial or satellite images, but needs to justify why terrestrial photographic evidence could not be collected. All photographic evidence must be zipped as one file and attached to the email to MBO.
- **Evidence of subscription (service record):** You may provide a subscription record for each location ID. Evidence of subscription must be provided as a PDF file and must contain a date. Any personally identifiable information must be redacted. The evidence of subscription must indicate the service address, service provider, technology type, and speed tier. Individual PDF files must be named using the following format, replacing only "locationID" with the proper information:

locationID\_5\_ineligible.pdf. All PDF files must be zipped as one file and attached to the email to MBO.

- **Network diagram:** You may provide a network diagram (including all locations) that shows adequate interconnection points and capacity to serve those locations. The network diagram must be clearly labeled and include a key for components. The network diagram must be accompanied by an attestation from an officer of the company on company letterhead, using the Network Diagram Officer Attestation Template found in the application portal, certifying the accuracy of the network diagram and that your organization will not accept BEAD funding to serve the location(s). All network diagram shapefiles or KMZs and the officer attestation PDF must be zipped as one file and attached in the email to MBO.
- **Network speed test:** The speed test results can be recorded in a PDF or CSV file. All network speed tests must be zipped as one file and attached in the email to MBO.

The “*MT BEAD Reason Code 5 Locations Evidence Template*” must be used for the data submission. No other template or spreadsheet will be accepted. Each location selected for non-BSL status must be filled out completely, and supporting evidence must be submitted. Evidence must clearly identify the location submitted and be marked with the location\_id. There is no data curing period. The No BEAD Location Reason Code 5 Template and accompanying evidence must be submitted via email to connectmt@mt.gov.

If you experience any issues with email delivery due to file size, please email [connectmt@mt.gov](mailto:connectmt@mt.gov) and let us know. We can provide further instructions regarding file transfer to obtain your supporting evidence.

**The submission period will end at 5 p.m. MT on Wednesday, October 8, 2025. There will be no extensions.**

If you have questions, please contact MBO at [connectmt@mt.gov](mailto:connectmt@mt.gov).

Thank you,

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