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NMDoT Denies East Mountain and South Santa Fe Broadband Projects further Hindering Broadband Expansion

The New Mexico Department of Transportation, an agency that manages State rights-of-way has denied NMSurf's application to provide two small wireless broadband facilities that would have provided 100Mbps service to areas in the East Mountains and also areas south of Santa Fe where there is little or no Broadband.

In a time where Governor Michelle Grisham has stated that Broadband is a top priority, her own agencies are denying companies the ability to provide broadband where there is little or none. "It is unfortunate that this is happening". Stated Mr. Albert Catanach, NMSurf's President. "We are living through a pandemic and State agencies such as NMDoT should be easing and relaxing regulations and restrictions which would allow us to deploy broadband as fast as possible, but instead they are stopping it. People in New Mexico need a way to communicate with the outside world; however, slow or little broadband hinders their ability to effectively communicate. What really bothers me is that New Mexico is ranked number 49 in broadband availability and speeds, and here we have an agency that is denying applications. These application denials will hurt the East Mountain and Santa Fe people who really need better broadband!" as stated by Mr. Catanach.

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