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The National Broadband Map

The National Broadband Map (Map) has been updated to better reflect locations and service availability on Tribal lands. The pre-production draft released in November of 2022 under-represented locations on Tribal lands, and since that initial release, the Commission's mapping team has been working with Tribal governments and entities to make meaningful improvements. The new Map reflects significant increases in the number of Broadband Serviceable Locations on Tribal lands and displays the fixed and mobile broadband availability data submitted by internet service providers reflecting where they made service available as of December 31, 2022. Importantly, the new Map also reflects resolved challenges to FCC data from Tribal Nations, as well as consumers, states, localities, and others.

Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel released a message about the new Map: <https://www.fcc.gov/national-broadband-map-it-keeps-getting-better>

The Commission will continue to release major updates to the Map twice a year and will continue to accept availability and location challenges on a rolling basis. The challenge [processes](#) are an important tool by which the Commission can ensure that the map is – and remains – as accurate as possible.

Is your Tribal Area still missing locations on the Map?

We encourage you to participate in the location challenge process. You can learn more about how to get a no-cost license to view the list of locations shown on the Map, also called the Broadband Serviceable Location Fabric or [Fabric](#), and how to work with the Fabric by visiting: <https://help.bdc.fcc.gov/hc/en-us/categories/10275178002075-The-Location-Fabric>

[You can learn more about how to file Fabric challenges by visiting:](#)
<https://help.bdc.fcc.gov/hc/en-us/sections/8772050917659-Fabric-Challenges>

We encourage you to submit any Fabric (location) challenges **by September 8, 2023**, to ensure they have the best opportunity for inclusion in the December 2023 Fabric.

If you already have a license, you can expect an email notification from CostQuest by August 1, 2023, inviting you to download revised June 2023 Fabric data files. The updated files include additional Fabric locations that were inadvertently left out of the initial files. The updated Fabric files will not impact any planned or previously submitted Fabric challenges.

Are you a broadband service provider?

The Broadband Data Collection (BDC) filing window for submitting broadband availability, subscription, and supporting data as of June 30, 2023, is now open and the Commission recently extended the filing deadline to September 15, 2023. Facilities-based broadband

service providers should file in the BDC system data that reflects where they made mass-market broadband internet access service available as of June 30, 2023.

Public Notice Opening the Filing Window: [DA-23-580A1.pdf \(fcc.gov\)](#)

Public Notice Extending the Deadline: [DA-23-640.pdf \(fcc.gov\)](#)

Knowledge base articles and tutorial videos describing how to use the BDC system and what availability data and subscription data must be filed are available at:

<https://help.bdc.fcc.gov/hc/en-us/categories/5287727691803-Filers>

Please note that 2.5 GHz license holders that had at least one mass market broadband service end user connection as of June 30, 2023, are also required to file their verified broadband availability data in the BDC by September 15, 2023. Licensees still building out 2.5 GHz networks who did not provide any other mass market broadband services that had at least one end user connection as of June 30, 2023, are not required to file during the current BDC filing window.

The FCC is committed to providing support. Staff are available to set up video calls where they can assist and answer any questions you may have. To request a one-on-one support session, visit: www.fcc.gov/BroadbandData/Help and use the “Get Help” form, or contact Sayuri Rajapakse, Tribal Liaison, Broadband Data Task Force, at sayuri.rajapakse@fcc.gov.

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