



The Baca Connection

Baca Valley Telephone Co., Inc. ♦ Sierra Communications, Inc.

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High Speed DSL

Voice Mail

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USDA State Director visits Baca Valley Telephone....



On June 10th, New Mexico USDA Rural Development State Director Terry Brunner visited the office of Baca Valley Telephone Company in Des Moines. There, amidst a crowd of dignitaries and Baca Valley employees, Mr. Brunner presented General Manager Paul Briesch a USDA funding certificate. Baca Valley was recently awarded federal funds to upgrade telephone and broadband Internet service in parts of Union and Colfax counties.

According to Mr. Briesch these funds "...open a new world of possibilities to the customers served by Baca Valley." Mr. Brunner added, "Bringing broadband to rural America is the right thing to do. By paving the way for our citizens who live in small communities, we open the doors for them to compete in a global 21st-century economy. This connectivity will provide new opportunities not only for homes and businesses, but for other community institutions such as health facilities, libraries, public buildings and community centers."

The funding will be used to replace outdated, deteriorating copper wire and low bandwidth microwave systems in some areas, while providing new connectivity in others. The project will enable advanced, high-speed DSL service throughout BVT's service area.

The project will take several months to complete and General Manager Briesch plans to have services available to the customers by the end of the year. (cont...)

A New Format...and other changes to your bill

We've updated the look of our bills. The new format will make your bill easier to understand. If you have any questions about your bill please give us a call.

State Tax Increase

On July 1st the state gross receipts tax increased one-eighth of a percent. The rate in Des Moines is now 7.5%. Maxwell's rate increased to 5.875%. This mandatory tax is collected by BVT and submitted to the state.

Federal Universal Service Charge

Federal Universal Service is a program designed to assist high cost companies serving rural areas, low-income consumers, rural health care providers, and schools and libraries. The Universal Service Fund helps provide affordable telecommunications services to communities across the country. On July 1st the (FUSC) Federal Universal Service Charge (FUSC) decreased from 15.3% to 13.6%

Password Update...

Our tech support team is still working with Internet customers making sure all passwords meet the new criteria. If your passwords have not been updated please call for assistance.

New Password Criteria
at least 6 characters with 3 of the following:

- * numbers
- * uppercase letters
- * lowercase letters
- * and special characters such as !, @, #, \$, *, ., (,)

New and Updated Directory Listings

Des Moines

Baca Valley Telephone	278-2101
Cruz, Brent and Canda	278-2311
Doherty, Jim & Karen	278-2634
McBride, Justin & Reon	278-2678
McDonald, Mark	278-2322
Moore, Cooper	278-2045
Morrow, Shari Bannon	278-2248

Maxwell

Baca Valley Telephone	375-2101
Antonucci, Onorio Jr.	375-2174
Mitchell, Dolores	375-2354

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Statement of Non-Discrimination

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USDA Visit continued...

"The engineering and design work has begun," he said. "When the project is complete some of our customers located in very remote areas will have fiber to their homes."

High speed Internet access is an important component in rural economic development. Small communities can greatly benefit from enhanced educational resources and expanded job opportunities.

Baca Valley was one of only 11 applicants nationwide selected for the funding that has been authorized for loans and grants that will expand broadband access in rural America.



Motorola Radios

Baca Valley Telephone is now a dealer for Motorola Radios.

Call for more details...



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