



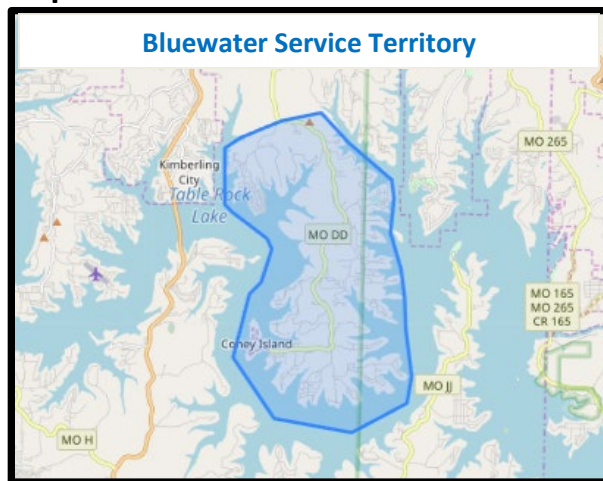
White River Connect News Release

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NEWS RELEASE

White River Connect expands fiber network to Bluewater Service Area



Branson, Missouri –White River Connect, a subsidiary of White River Valley Electric Cooperative, announced today that it is now taking orders for customers living in the Bluewater service area. This includes parts of Reeds Spring and Branson West.

“Bringing our fiber network to Reeds Spring is a major step forward in our mission to deliver fast and reliable internet to the residents of Stone County,” said Beau Jackson, CEO of White River Connect. “We’re excited to invest in Reeds Spring’s digital future and provide the speed, stability, and local support that the area residents and businesses need to thrive in a connected world.”

Construction began on White River Connect’s fiber network in June of 2023 with its first customer receiving internet service at their home in April 2024. The project, which will provide internet to rural areas of Christian, Douglas, Ozark, Stone, and Taney Counties was estimated to take four

years to complete and will cover over 4,200 miles of fiber. White River Connect's high-speed internet is currently available in the areas of Branson, Bear Creek, Sweden, Rockaway, Gretna, and Goodhope, Compton Ridge, Taneyville, Protem, Theodosia, Wasola, and more with plans to open more markets in 2025.

Residents can visit <https://www.whiteriverconnect.com> to view the map of service availability and sign up for service in those areas. People can also pre-register for areas coming soon.

For more information about White River Valley Electric Cooperative's fiber-to-the-home project, White River Connect, visit <https://www.whiteriverconnect.com>.

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About White River Connect

White River Connect, the fiber subsidiary of [White River Valley Electric Cooperative](#), is dedicated to bringing high-speed internet to rural Missouri counties including Ozark, Taney, Stone, Christian and Douglas

About WRVEC

[White River Valley Electric Cooperative](#) is a [Touchstone Energy Cooperative](#) dedicated to ensuring our members receive safe and reliable service in their homes and businesses across five southwest Missouri counties including Ozark, Taney, Stone, Christian and Douglas.