



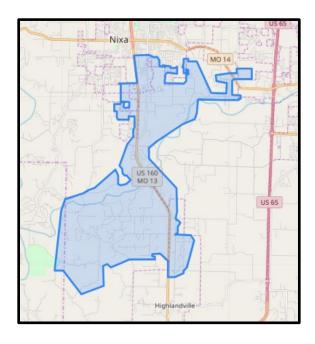
White River Connect News Release

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NEWS RELEASE

White River Connect fiber internet available at Riverdale area in Christian County



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 Riverdale service area. This includes rural parts south of Nixa and north of Highlandville in Christian County.

"We are excited to bring our high-speed fiber internet to the residents of Christian County — marking our first expansion of many into this region," said White River Connect CEO Beau

Jackson. "This is more than just faster internet; it's about unlocking opportunity, driving economic growth, and connecting rural communities to the digital future they deserve. We believe everyone, no matter where they live, should have access to reliable, world-class connectivity."

Construction began on White River Connect in June of 2023 to provide high-speed internet to rural areas of Christian, Douglas, Ozark, Stone, and Taney Counties. In March of 2024, White River Connect began serving its first customers. White River Connect is currently available in the Branson, Bear Creek, Sweden, Rockaway, Gretna, Goodhope, Compton Ridge, Taneyville, Protem, Theodosia, Wasola, Lake, Bluewater, and Stultz areas, with plans to open additional markets before the end of the year. When completed, the project will cover over 4,200 miles of fiber lines.

White River Connect's high-speed fiber network offers symmetrical upload and download speeds, Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) phone services, and more! Residents can visit https://www.whiteriverconnect.com to view service availability maps, express interest, and sign up for service in their area.

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 <u>Touchstone Energy Cooperative</u> 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.