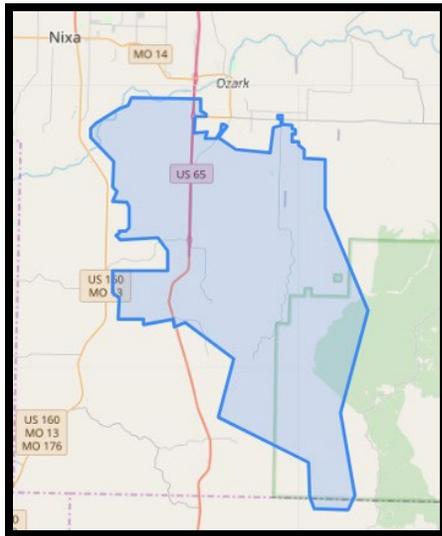**White River Connect**
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NEWS RELEASE

White River Connect fiber internet available in Ozark

Branson, Missouri –White River Connect, a subsidiary of White River Valley Electric Cooperative, announced today that its high-speed internet service is now available for those living in the Selmore service area located in Christian County, Missouri.

"Bringing high-speed fiber internet to our neighbors in Ozark and the rural areas of Christian County is more than an infrastructure project, it is an investment in the people who live and work here," said White River Connect CEO Beau Jackson. "Our fiber team is made up of local people who care deeply about this region. They're proud to build a network that strengthens the communities they call home. We're committed to ensuring every household and business in our footprint has access to fast, reliable connectivity that supports education, economic growth, and everyday life."

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, Stonebridge, Riverdale, Silver Dollar City,

Kimberling City, and Stultz service areas. 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! Businesses and 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 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.