



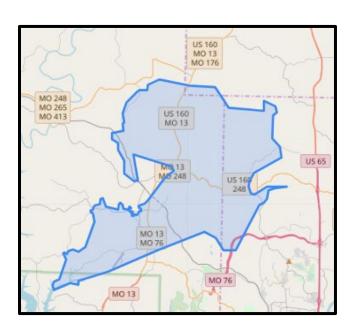
# White River Connect News Release

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### **NEWS RELEASE**

## White River Connect fiber internet now available in Stultz 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 Stultz service area. This includes parts of Stone County and Taney County near US Highway 160.

"We're proud to officially open the Stutz service area and bring fast, reliable internet to the area," said Beau Jackson, CEO of White River Connect. "We're working ahead of schedule and under

budget. With every market we open, it reflects our commitment to closing the digital divide and delivering the connectivity everyone deserves.."

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, Lake, Bluewater, and more with plans to open additional markets before the end of the year.

Residents can visit <a href="https://www.whiteriverconnect.com">https://www.whiteriverconnect.com</a> 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 <a href="https://www.whiteriverconnect.com">https://www.whiteriverconnect.com</a>.

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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.