



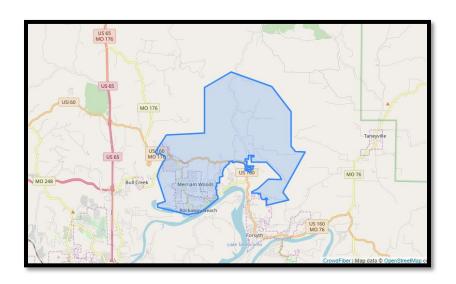
## White River Connect News Release

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### **NEWS RELEASE**

# White River Connect now signing up customers in Rockaway for reliable internet



*Branson, Missouri* –White River Connect, a subsidiary of White River Valley Electric Cooperative, is now signing up customers in parts of Rockaway Beach and Merriam Woods for its high-speed fiber internet service.

"Reliable internet is no longer a luxury but a necessity in today's world. For far too long rural communities have been without dependable internet," said White River Connect CEO Beau Jackson. "I am excited to see the economic opportunities that will come from our rural communities being able to have access to White River Connect's high-speed fiber internet."

Construction began on White River Connect in June of 2023. The project, which will provide internet to rural areas of Christian, Douglas, Ozark, Stone, and Taney Counties. It is expected to take four years to complete and will cover over 4,200 miles of fiber.

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.