



Visionary Broadband Celebrates Expansion Into Montana
Governor Gianforte and Whitehall Mayor attend ribbon cutting ceremony



Visionary Broadband CEO Brian Worthen (center left) and Montana Governor Greg Gianforte (center right) cut the ribbon at a celebration marking Visionary's expansion into Montana. They are joined by Visionary Broadband staff and community leaders.

(L to R) Devon Andrews (Visionary, Vice President of Carrier Sales), John Keeley (Visionary, Field Technician), Whitehall Mayor Mary Hensleig, Brian Worthen (Visionary, CEO), Montana Governor Greg Gianforte, Leah Corcoran (Visionary, Senior Service Delivery Coordinator), Marta Bertoglio (Director, Montana Dept. of Commerce), Brian Murphy (Visionary, Director, Enterprise Solutions)

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WHITEHALL, Mont. (July 16, 2025) — Montana Governor Greg Gianforte, Whitehall Mayor Mary Hensleigh and Visionary Broadband CEO Brian Worthen gathered today for a ribbon cutting in front of Whitehall's downtown mural, marking Visionary Broadband's investment in Montana.

The event celebrated the completion of a fiber broadband project in Hardin and ongoing construction in Butte and Whitehall — projects supported by the state’s ConnectMT program and funded in part through the federal Capital Projects Fund. These efforts improve broadband access in rural areas where infrastructure has historically lagged.

“Expanding reliable, high-speed connections and bridging the digital divide has been a top priority in Montana,” Gianforte said. “By working with partners like Visionary Broadband and supporting projects like this, we’re ensuring reliable connection for our rural communities and creating greater access to good-paying jobs, high-quality education, and affordable health care.”

The state’s broadband grant program, ConnectMT, utilizes \$119.9 million provided by the federal government through the Capital Projects Fund program under the American Rescue Plan Act in 2021.

Visionary had a small presence in Butte and Red Lodge prior to this year’s expansion in Montana through grant-funded fiber projects. The company later acquired local provider MTWeb to expand its reach. The acquisition enhances service in Whitehall and extends coverage to Cardwell, Piedmont, Pipestone, Twin Bridges and Waterloo.

“Homes have a need for reliable broadband. Businesses have a need for reliable broadband. Visionary saw this need in Butte, Hardin and Whitehall, and we stepped up, matching funds for the projects,” said Brian Worthen, CEO of Visionary Broadband. “I hope to continue our efforts to create an even playing field for communities through newly built broadband.”

Visionary’s dual-route fiber design helps protect against outages and ensures reliable service for homes, businesses and emergency services.

“For years, our residents and small businesses have needed better internet,” Hensleigh said. “This project gives Whitehall the infrastructure to support growth and stay connected.”

Construction in Whitehall continues this summer, with further expansion planned along the Interstate 90.

To learn more about Visionary Broadband, visit vcn.com.

About Visionary Broadband

Visionary Broadband was founded in 1994 in a rural community in Wyoming. It is a homegrown company that has developed technical abilities with a focus on reliability. Today, the rural internet provider serves five states and has a proven track record of

connecting the most rural communities, bringing a commitment of efficiency, reliability and affordability to its customers. To learn more visit, vcn.com.

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