

**Editor's note: Tribal Chairman Delores Pigsley wishes everyone a Happy New Year. Her Chairman's Report will resume in a future issue of Siletz News.**



**WHAT IS THE FASTER INTERNET OREGON SPEED TEST CAMPAIGN?**

The Faster Internet Oregon speed test campaign is a statewide broadband mapping effort for Oregonians to report Internet speeds or a lack of connection at home.

The Faster Internet Oregon project will provide decision-makers with data that will:

- Identify Oregon homes that lack high-speed Internet;
- Clarify which households don't have an Internet connection and why;
- Provide cost estimates and assess competitive viability of a variety of technical solutions for areas with identified gaps.

This campaign will help secure infrastructure funding across the state and ensure the funding is equitably allocated so that everyone has access to fast, affordable Internet service.

Please help us identify Oregon's areas with the greatest need for high-speed broadband by using this link: [www.FasterInternetOregon.org](http://www.FasterInternetOregon.org). It takes less than 1 minute!

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**What information are you collecting?**

We are ONLY collecting information on whether you have an Internet connection, the speed of that connection if you do, and your address. We do not ask for your name or contact information.

**What about privacy?**

Privacy is of the utmost importance to the campaign. No personally identifiable information will be stored beyond the address that residents provide. Information will NOT be used for commercial or marketing purposes. Only campaign partners and decision-makers who sign a data use agreement will have access to the household-level data.

**Did you know?** Through the federal Affordable Connectivity Program, eligible households may qualify for a discount on Internet service of up to \$30 per month and up to \$75 per month on Tribal lands. Go to <https://www.fcc.gov/acp>.

**Does the type of Internet service I use matter for the speed test?**

No. Even if you're connected via a mobile hotspot, cable, or satellite Internet like Starlink, please take the speed test. All of this information gives broadband leaders a better understanding of how and where Oregonians connect to the Internet.

**If I don't have an Internet connection, do you still want me to respond?**

Yes! Knowing what locations do not have an Internet connection is just as important.



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**SHARE THE FASTER INTERNET OREGON CAMPAIGN**

Help spread the word to your friends and family. Share the speed test with them in person or online. Please reference the Faster Internet Oregon Campaign or use #FasterInternetOregonCampaign.

The more you help us spread the word, the more data we'll receive. Having more information increases our eligibility for funding. We can then improve broadband access where it's needed most.

**Elders Council Meeting**

The Elders Council will host an in-person/Zoom hybrid meeting on Saturday, Jan. 21, 2023, at 1 p.m. in the Shasta Room at Chinook Winds Casino Resort. If you have questions, please contact the Elders Program at 541-444-8212.

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5:45 PM- BEGINNING CONVERSATION 2

**THURSDAYS, JANUARY 5 -MARCH 2**

5:00 PM-ONGOING CONVERSATION

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**Submission of articles and photos is encouraged.**

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