

# EXHIBIT A

## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Gallatin County Commission (the "County") will hold an open public hearing on December 10, 2024, during its regular meeting at 9:00 a.m., at the Courthouse Community Room, 311 W. Main Street, Bozeman, Montana, for the purpose of considering a proposed plan of finance, including, the proposed issuance, in one or more debt obligations, the interest payable on such debt obligations being either federally taxable or tax-exempt, of conduit industrial development revenue bonds pursuant to Title 90, Chapter 5, Part 1, Montana Code Annotated, as amended (the "Bonds").

The proposed plan of finance, including the issuance of the Bonds, will consist of financing the costs of acquiring, constructing, installing, equipping, and repairing an expansion of a fiber optic cable network, including, acquiring land and interests in land, as necessary, to provide for the fiber optic cable network, together with financing interest on the Bonds during the construction period (the "Project"). The Project is expected to initially be owned by Bozeman Fiber, Inc., a Montana non-profit corporation and an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, d/b/a Yellowstone Fiber (the "Bozeman Fiber") and operated by the Utah Telecommunication Open Infrastructure Agency, an interlocal cooperative and separate legal entity, body politic and corporate and a political subdivision of the State of Utah. The Bond proceeds will be spent and the Project will be located at the discretion of Bozeman Fiber within the geographic boundaries of the County, including, primarily, the geographic boundaries of the City of Bozeman, Montana. It is expected that Project costs financed with proceeds of the Bonds will primarily be located in the northern geographic area of the City of Bozeman spanning geographic areas on both the north and south side of Interstate 90 where the fiber optic network is not currently located.

The Bonds are expected to be issued in a maximum principal amount of \$50,000,000. The Bonds will be issued on behalf of Bozeman Fiber and Bozeman Fiber will assume all payment obligations, duties, and liabilities with respect to the Bonds. Bozeman Fiber will pay all costs of issuing the Bonds and will in addition pay the County a reasonable fee for the issuance of the Bonds. The Bonds will not constitute or give rise to (i) a pecuniary liability of the County or (ii) a charge against its full faith and credit or taxing powers. Testimony will be heard from all interested members of the public attending the hearing. Written questions and comments on the proposed plan of finance, the proposed issuance of the Bonds, and proposed Project, including location of the Project, may be addressed to the Gallatin County Commission, 311 West Main Street, Room 306, Bozeman, Montana 59715.

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November 23, 30, 2024

December 7, 2024