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I have been licensed since 1958 as a Novice, General, Advanced and finally Extra class license since 1970. During this time, it was a matter of pride to work toward improving knowledge and skills with the goal access to the special frequency allocations.

I'm active on cw, ssb and occasionally some of the digital modes. The recent digital modes are very narrow band and hundreds of stations can occupy a few KHz of spectrum. The recent increase in spectrum seems to be an attempt to grab as much spectrum as possible for special interests groups which want to use these frequencies for internet access and selling hardware for proprietary modulation schemes.

The current frequency allocations seem more than enough for the digital modes. Using amateur frequencies for internet access is ridiculous when there are many commercial access points already in existence.. Squeezing a very busy part of the Extra bands will cause much chaos on those frequency allocations.

I urge the FCC to leave the current assignments alone and not give in to commercial groups who want to exploit the amateur bands even further for selling hardware needed with proprietary modes.

Respectfully,

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