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Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Connect America Fund* – WC Docket No. 10-90  
Carrizozo, NM

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Tularosa Basin Telephone Company (“TBTC”), by counsel, hereby responds to the Expression of Interest filed by TDS Telecommunications Corp. (“TDS”) in the above-referenced proceeding on March 4, 2014. Specifically, TDS seeks funding to provide broadband service in the rural areas of Carrizozo, New Mexico, on the mistaken belief that the “rural area lacks high-speed broadband service.” To the contrary, TBTC provides high-speed broadband service not only to Carrizozo, New Mexico via ADSL2+ lines and fiber to the home (“FTTH”), but also to an additional 964 square miles of surrounding countryside with zero current held orders.

A map demonstrating where TBTC provides high speed Internet service is attached, while Internet links to the New Mexico Broadband Map and the National Broadband Map are listed below. TBTC began providing broadband service to the Carrizozo area in 2002, and with these current technologies, subscribers on copper lines residing in Carrizozo can access the Internet at speeds up to 24 Mb/s for downloads and 3.5 Mb/s for uploads. FTTH connections in Carrizozo are capable of a full Gb/s in both directions.

The only part of Carrizozo where TBTC does not currently offer service is the remote Windmill Ranches housing development in the far northern part of the area. TBTC has applied for funding to extend voice and high-speed broadband service from its existing fiber optic network into that area via the instant proceeding. (*See* Expression of Interest by Tularosa Basin Telephone Co., WC Docket No. 10-90, filed March 6, 2014.)

Based on the foregoing, TBTC requests that the Commission recognize that the Carrizozo, NM area is not unserved and therefore should not be treated as such in this proceeding.

Please contact the undersigned with any questions.

Sincerely,

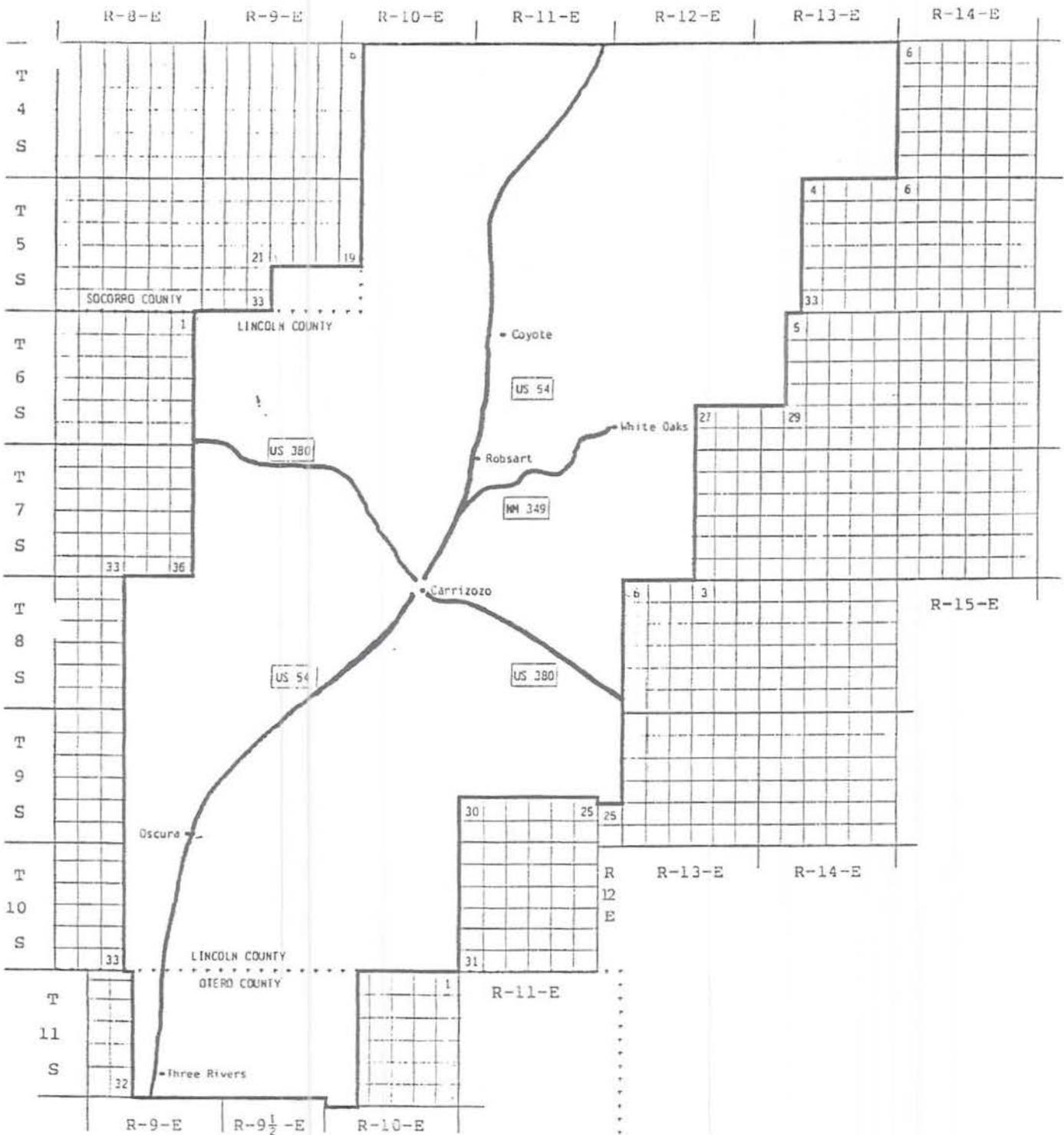


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National Broadband Map <http://www.broadbandmap.gov/>  
New Mexico Broadband Map <http://nmbbmapping.org/mapping/>

TULAROSA BASIN TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.



CARRIZOSO EXCHANGE AREA BOUNDARY MAP 964 SQ MILES

SCALE: 1" = 6 MILES