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I appreciate the desire to make spectrum available for wide bandwidth digital communications, including automated stations.

I propose for consideration, that a small segment, maybe 25kHz of the existing narrow bandwidth spectrum be made available for wideband digital communications. I further suggest this allocation be placed in the spectrum that was allocated for Novice class licensees where applicable. I further suggest a low power requirement be placed on wide bandwidth digital communications - 10 watts. Automated stations could share a very few frequencies since the automated systems will be looking for data for their stations and can ignore any data not intended for that station. This could also facilitate the relaying of data by automated systems because they will be sharing known frequencies. These frequencies would be by selected by gentlemen's agreement, much like we do today with common use PSK frequencies.

Permitting wideband digital communications in a large portion or throughout the narrow bandwidth portion of the amateur radio bands could cause a substantial interference with the use of narrow bandwidth CW communications. Not every narrow bandwidth user has very narrow selective filtering, and high power stations can overload even good filters.

Thank you for your consideration of my and other's comments to this proposal.

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