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I think the report should be ready to go for Tuesday (if you all want it); Here is a little blurb:

Comprehensive Technology Infrastructure Report for Indian Country. The President announced a report prepared by the Department of Commerce, "Assessment of Technology Infrastructure in Native Communities," which assessed the current state of technology infrastructure in Native communities; identified the barriers to technology infrastructure development; and proposed solutions to overcoming the challenges and barriers. Results from a survey conducted as part of this project showed that Native communities lag far behind non-Native communities in infrastructure technology such as utilities, computer and Internet access, and telephone service. For instance, of the 48 tribes responding, the survey found that only 39% of households in Native communities have telephones compared to 99% in for non-Native rural communities; approximately 25% of tribes report that they do not have 911 service; of rural Native households, only 9% have personal computers; and 61% of tribes report not having a single manufacturing facility in their community. The survey respondents also reported some recent technological improvements, in part because of Administration policies, such as nearly 90% of Native schools and libraries having computer and Internet access. The report concluded that the federal government should work to provide additional assistance to these communities and to continue to provide incentives to the private sector to invest in these communities such as the President's New Markets Initiative.

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Informed by the field hearings, the Commission in August will announce regulatory solutions and begin a rulemaking proceeding to improve universal service support and to provide regulatory assistance for telecommunications in insular and unserved areas, including Native American reservations.

The August initiative complements already-established programs to serve at-risk communities, including tribal reservations:

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2) Regulatory Solutions for Underserved and Unserved Areas

Informed by the field hearings, the Commission in August will announce regulatory solutions and begin a rulemaking proceeding to improve universal service support and to provide regulatory assistance for telecommunications in insular and unserved areas, including Native American reservations.

The August initiative complements already-established programs to serve at-risk communities, including tribal reservations:

Lifeline/Linkup programs help low-income residents receive basic telephone service;

E-rate universal service program -- funded this year at the maximum \$2.25 billion -- has already helped 38 million children in over 80,000 schools and libraries in the country's poorest areas acquire modern telecommunications services; and

Telemedicine program -- funded this year at \$3 million -- supports the costs of providing advanced telecommunication links for rural health care.

B. Major Local Initiatives:

1) Information on FCC Programs for Low-Income Residents

Informational mailing and public outreach concerning FCC programs, including:

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2) CTIA Donation of Equipment / Services

The Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association's Wireless Foundation has announced its commitment to expand three national programs to help address some of the communications challenges facing Native Americans. Over the next year, the wireless industry has agreed to donate airtime and 1,000 phones through "Communities on Phone Patrol" (wireless phones for neighborhood watch patrols), "Class Link" (wireless phones for elementary and secondary school classrooms), and "Call to Protect" (wireless phone for organizations combating domestic abuse) to improve the safety, well-being, and education at Indian reservations and tribal lands across the country. According to the CTIA, FCC Chairman Bill Kennard's leadership, pending federal regulatory relief, and continued cooperation by tribal leaders has led the wireless industry to provide these innovative and affordable services to Native Americans living in underserved areas.

The CTIA is the international association for the wireless telecommunications industry, representing all elements of wireless communications.



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Get info on U.S. Telecommunications Training Institute
from this memo -- there are some other FCC ones here -
see if Lynn Cutler wants to add them.

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Here's a revised (and final ?) FCC initiatives list for Native Americans that includes Tom Kalil's suggestion.

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Donnie -- we're not going to be able to reach
consensus with DoD on fixed wireless by
the end of this week - so we should drop
this one.



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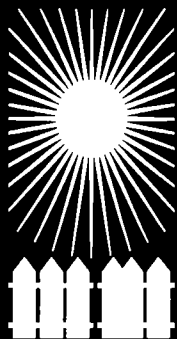


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