

## **LSN enhances data network availability with a major fiber optic network build into the Yakima area.**

Yakima, WA- LSN, a telecommunications company local to the Pacific Northwest, recently completed their first fiber build into the Yakima Valley. Construction on the network, which started in spring 2012, was completed around the same time as the Tri Cities build, in late 2013.

Expansion into the Yakima Valley area is part of LSN's long-term goal of bringing the same high-speed, reliable networks that big metropolitan areas enjoy to everyone. Other telecommunications companies tend to bypass smaller, out-of-the-way areas in favor of bigger markets and major interstate routes. This creates a gap known as the broadband divide, in which smaller communities are left with limited networking options that are often not reliable.

LSN has reach in every Oregon county and has already invested over \$25 million in Washington infrastructure. In addition to Yakima, the company has built network infrastructure in the Tri Cities, Longview, Tacoma, Spokane, and Seattle communities.

"We saw the same unfulfilled need to provide data network infrastructure to rural Washington that we solved in Oregon so it was a natural progression to begin building fiber optic network in rural Washington." Said Michael Weidman CEO of LSN.

During the peak in constructing this latest phase of the LSN deployment approximately 250 direct and indirect jobs were supported.

LSN has dedicated its efforts to bringing underserved areas high quality networks. With the increased available bandwidth that LSN brings, businesses can become more competitive, hospitals can utilize more technological tools to help monitor and heal patients, students can access more educational opportunities through the Internet and governments can run more efficiently. LSN implements network redundancy, which not only means they can deliver a large amount of data quickly, but can also continue to run during network outages or times of high traffic.

### **About the Company:**

LSN, a facility based communications and network services provider, provides Internet and networking services to enterprise, small and mid-sized businesses, government agencies and carriers throughout Oregon and Washington. Founded in 2005 by a conglomerate of rural utility companies, LSN has grown to meet the expanding needs of both metropolitan and remote markets across Oregon and Washington. For more information please visit [www.lsnetworks.net](http://www.lsnetworks.net).

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