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I just read an article in BETWEEN THE LINES a newsletter from my Missouri Electric Cooperative. I have to disagree with Gov Nixon's stats on how many rural Americans have access to Broadband. We have been trying for 7 years to get broadband at our place in Madison Country - still no broadband. Many of our neighbors are complaining about the same thing. I don't know where Gov Nixon gets his stats but I think they are WAY off.

We have even offered a peice of or land for a tower but no one wants to take us up on that either.

We would really like to get acces to the internet through something more reliable than satelite or phone signal. I work from home two days a week and more often than not I have to travel into town just to get a decent cell signal to work. I have seen many communities in other states offer free broadband within their city but have not seen this in Missouri at all (See Colorado). Nor have I seen anything directed to the rural public.

I would welcome feedback on this - especially if there IS something available that I am not aware of but I'm pretty sure we have covered everything. (Big River does not cover our area even though we have been promised for 7 years that they will. They will not overlap coverage and have told us that we are in a spot that would overlap - sorry but you need to place your towers better than that! And each tower only covers 5 miles so we have been told by Big River.)

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