

# **Bridge Cellular Connectivity Gaps** in the United States

Mobile network operators, although eager to meet connectivity needs, face significant challenges in building out mobile network infrastructure in rural and hard-to-reach areas. While most Americans can readily access 4G LTE mobile broadband, many rural communities and seasonal destinations have little or no mobile broadband coverage.

Percentage of nation's road miles without 4G LTE coverage Source: FCC

Percentage of land area in the U.S. considered rural

Whether traveling through or living in these rural areas, a lack of widespread reliable mobile broadband connectivity leaves locals and vistors struggling to connect to critical services.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Population of Americans

#### Challenges

Facing Rural American Mobile Users



Spotty service puts lives at risk A lack of broadband coverage limits the availability of professional health care and emergency response services.

#### Solutions Satellite Backhaul Provides



**Connectivity to critical services** Connects visitors and residents to medical professionals and emergency services when needed.



Dead zones hurt rural economies Gaps in mobile broadband coverage hamper local business operations and deter tourists who want to stay connected.

**Connectivity for business and pleasure** Keeps visitors connected and the tourism economy thriving.



Remote workers can't connect Limited mobile broadband coverage means remote workers can't connect to co-workers or corporate offices easily.



**Connectivity for remote workers** Gives remote workers access to co-workers and corporate networks via smartphone, tablet, or mobile hotspot.

# Why Terrestrial Backhaul Alone Isn't Enough



#### Cost

Running fiber or microwave backhaul infrastructure over long distances (and challenging terrain) is cost-prohibitive.



Small population density and low ARPU in rural communities makes it difficult to recover investment.



Time

Building out terrestrial backhaul infrastructure over long distances can take months, a year, or even longer.

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**Cover More Remote Areas** 



Achieve More **Business Goals** 

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