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Libby & Troy Cable Sold to Local Firm

Windjammer Cable and MontanaSky West LLC have closed the sale of the Troy and Libby cable tv systems this week.

MontanaSky.TV will start transitioning those systems from what has been a revolving door of ownership of big cable systems over the last decade. Windjammer acquired the systems from industry heavy weight, Time-Warner, who picked up the tv provider from bankrupt Adelphia.

MontanaSky.TV is part of the MontanaSky Networks system serving Flathead, Lake, Lincoln, Sanders and Glacier counties, as well as business broadband and cloud services state and nation wide.

The MontanaSky West LLC deal was spearheaded by Frederick Weber, the founder of MontanaSky Networks, Inc., and Jay Wilson Preston, of CommunityTel of Montana. MontanaSky.Net has been serving the Libby and Troy markets with internet and cloud services since 1996. Preston's firm provides not only internet but cable-tv and phone service in Western Montana.

The new company's first goal will be to fix the "internet slow down bottleneck" that has "plagued Libby and Troy for a long time", says Weber.

"We are so excited to add the cable systems to our network.", Weber said. "The first thing we do is finish the long awaited fiber-optic line to Kalispell from Libby which will supply us with an unlimited supply of bandwidth, which will stop the periods of internet slow downs during peak periods and increase speeds to way over those available now or those speeds over phone line DSL."

The company will then focus on improving the cable tv offerings bringing more digital and HD channels. MontanaSky West is also a competitive local exchange carrier (CLEC) and is currently engineering the cable plant to provide voice services for residential and business customers.

"For the first time in history, MontanaSky West will be able to offer our community a choice for telephone service," remarked Weber. Currently the only choice for voice service is from Frontier Communications.

Windjammer customers will be receiving official notification of the buy-out and the office will be moving soon back to downtown Libby. There will be no immediate changes planned, says Weber, "because we are totally dedicated to our customers and don't want to make them feel uncomfortable in the ownership change in any way."

MontanaSky.TV's new website will be updated in the next few weeks to provide more information to the community.