

Household Map Check Worksheet

Checking the FCC National Broadband Map, one home at a time

This worksheet helps tribal staff and volunteers check whether the FCC (Federal Communications Commission) National Broadband Map is right for each home. What you find becomes the evidence for location and availability challenges. Use one form per home. Print as many copies as you need.

How to use this worksheet

1. Before you go, look up the home on broadbandmap.fcc.gov. Write down the FCC Location ID, the Fabric version (for example, June 2026), and the providers the map lists on the Fixed tab.
2. At the home, introduce yourself, explain why the Tribe is checking the map, and read the consent line out loud. If the household says no, thank them and leave the form blank except for the outside check.
3. Stand at the front door and record the GPS (Global Positioning System) coordinates with a phone map app. Write them as decimal numbers.
4. Look at the FCC dot on the map. Is it on this home, or on a shed, garage, barn, road, or a neighbor's home? Is there a dot at all?
5. Ask which internet providers really offer service here, and whether the household tried to sign up and was turned down.
6. If the household agrees, run a speed test and write down the result, the time, and whether the device was on Wi-Fi or a cable.
7. Bring the form back the same day. Your staff lead enters it into the Map Challenge Tracker and stores the paper form in a locked place.

Tribal data sovereignty

The information on these forms belongs to the Tribe. Before you start, decide who keeps the forms, where the data is stored, who can see it, and how long it is kept. Send the FCC only what a challenge needs, such as the location, the building, and the service available. Names and signatures stay with the Tribe. If you use the FCC Fabric data, remember that its license does not allow it to be used for mailing lists or marketing.

Before you go

- ☐ Forms, a clipboard, and pens

- ☐ A charged phone with a map app for GPS coordinates
- ☐ The FCC Location ID and listed providers for each home on your route
- ☐ A staff badge or a letter from the Tribe
- ☐ A partner, and someone at the office who knows your route

Example (filled in)

Item	Example
Address	Example: No street address. Second home past the cattle guard, blue roof.
GPS coordinates	Example: written as latitude and longitude in decimals from the front door
FCC Location ID and Fabric version	Example: 1234567890, June 2026 Fabric
Is the dot on the right building?	Example: No, it is on the shed behind the house
Providers really available	Example: Provider A, cell service only. The map also lists Provider B fiber, but the family was told no line reaches the road.

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How-to-Submit-a-Location-Challenge

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How-to-Submit-an-Availability-Challenge

Household Map Check

Item	What you found
Form number, date, and checked by	
Address	☐ No street address. Describe how to find the home:
GPS coordinates at the front door	Latitude: Longitude:
FCC Location ID and Fabric version	ID: Version: ☐ No dot on the map
Is the FCC dot on the right building?	☐ Yes ☐ On a shed, garage, or barn ☐ On a road ☐ On a neighbor's home ☐ No dot
Type of building	☐ Home ☐ Apartment building, number of units: ____ ☐ Business ☐ Home and business
Providers the FCC map lists here	
Providers actually available here	
Tried to sign up and turned down?	☐ No ☐ Yes. Which provider, when, and why:
Speed test result	Download: Mbps Upload: Mbps Date and time: App used: Device on: ☐ Wi-Fi ☐ Cable
Cell signal at this home	☐ Good ☐ Weak ☐ None. Carrier:
Notes	

Consent

I agree that the Tribe may use the information on this form to check and correct the FCC National Broadband Map. I understand that my name and signature stay with the Tribe and are not sent to the FCC.

Name	Signature	Date