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Commissioner Carr to Visit New Mexico and Texas

Focus on Border Security Technology, Infrastructure Builds, and Tribal Broadband

WASHINGTON, DC January 7, 2020. Tomorrow, FCC Commissioner Brendan Carr begins a visit to New Mexico and Texas. His trip will include meetings with U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officials, a new tower build, and meetings with Tribal leaders on the Mescalero Apache Reservation.

Carr starts off outside of El Paso, Texas, with an event on the United States-Mexico border led by CBP officials. The visit will give Carr a chance to learn more about the technology that CBP uses to accomplish its border protection mission and the work the FCC can do to support that effort.

He'll then visit a public safety tower that is under construction in southern New Mexico. The new tower will help support communications for multiple New Mexico state and county public safety agencies.

The following day, Carr will spend time on the Mescalero Apache Reservation in remote south-central New Mexico. He will visit with Mescalero Apache Telecom to learn more about the work it is doing to bridge the digital divide. After meeting with state government representatives and local business leaders to discuss broadband deployment issues, Carr will meet with the Tribal Council in Mescalero. Carr will also tour the Mescalero Tribal School System to discuss the role that connectivity plays in expanding opportunity, and he will visit the Mescalero PHS Indian Hospital to learn more about the role that broadband-powered telehealth can play in improving outcomes for this remote community.

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