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Representatives with the U.S. robotics company Zipline look forward to meeting with Tribal members during a series of meetings in mid-February about the potential to establish its newest drone testing site on the Warm Springs Reservation. Several members of Zipline's operations and community engagement teams will be present to explain how the testing site would work, what kind of jobs and economic and educational opportunities that could come of a partnership, as well as answer questions from the community.

Since 2016, Zipline has been flying its drones 24/7, in all types of weather, to deliver life-saving blood and emergency medical supplies to health centers across Africa. The logistics system is credited with saving tens of thousands of lives. Zipline has since launched commercial operations in Japan and in the U.S., with more expansion expected in the near future.

Zipline has a rigorous testing program for its delivery drones, which has helped the company fly more than 125 million miles and make more than 2 million deliveries without a single serious injury. As part of that testing program, Zipline seeks out varied terrain and weather conditions to test the durability of its aircraft. Zipline has completed hundreds of thousands of flight tests in California, Wyoming, and most recently, at a test site near Bend that allows Zipline to test in snowy and icy conditions.

All of Zipline's aircraft and operations are approved by the Federal Aviation Administration. Zipline has more than 1,000 employees located across the US and around the world. It recently announced a fundraising round of more than \$600 million dollars, and is now valued at \$7.6 billion. In 2025, Zipline began retail deliveries in its first major U.S. metro area (Dallas) and recently announced it will expand to Houston and Phoenix in the coming months, with more regions to be announced later in 2026. You can read more about Zipline at www.zipline.com.

The community meeting schedule is below:

- Seekseequa Fire Hall, Tues. Feb. 17th, 6-8pm
- Warm Springs Agency LH, Wed. Feb. 18th, 6-8pm
- Simnasho LH, Thurs. Feb. 19th, 6-8pm