

*The Townsend TV District's request for a channel 6 license in the Townsend area in theory provides interference and overlap of the KTVM's channel 6 application for Butte, MT. In reality, however, there is no overlap and will be no interference.*

*The Townsend TV District was first formed to provide television coverage into the Townsend Valley. The original stations re-broadcast were KFBB and KRTV both from Great Falls since no other signal could be received in the valley. Signals from Butte are blocked because the terrain between Townsend and the transmitter site in Butte is mountainous, and falls off sharply just west of town, creating a shadow up and down almost the entire valley. Many years later, KXLF and KTVM installed translators in the Gallatin Gateway area to provide viewable coverage into the Bozeman area, and our translators were reprogrammed to rebroadcast those signals for a more local signal, but that was our only source of a signal from Butte.*

*KTVM and KXLF also installed translators in Helena so their signals could be received there, because of similar terrain issues, Helena is unable to receive signals from Butte. KRTV in Great Falls, a sister station to KXLF, has re-installed a translator in Helena to provide coverage for their network because they have a more reliable feeder signal for a translator.*

*Assignment of a channel 6 license to the Townsend TV District will not provide interference to KTVM's channel 6 signal because KTVM is not received in our viewing area. If a KTVM signal were present and we did interfere with it, we would gladly power our translator down and seek another license to transmit on.*