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Dear RMG Affiliate,

Beginning February 17, 2020, we will be making changes to our signals for The Cowboy Channel SD, The Cowboy Channel HD and RFD-TV HD. We are in the process of moving our services from the SES-1 satellite over to Galaxy 13 at 127 degrees west, transponder 13.

As part of the migration to a new satellite, we will implement a “dual illumination” strategy so our services are available on both SES-1 and Galaxy 13 transponders effective as of February 17th, 2020. The Dual Illumination will continue through March, ending on March 31, 2020. Therefore, all downlink sites must make this satellite change before March 31, 2020. As of March 31, 2020, these channels will no longer be available on SES-1.

There will be no changes necessary with respect to the equipment/IRD/satellite receivers that you are currently utilizing to downlink our channels. Your operations team will only need to adjust the satellite and transponder/frequency in accordance with the specifications below.

If you’re currently taking the RFD SD signal off AMC18 (SES-11), via HITS or direct feed, you DO NOT need to make any changes. These changes will NOT affect you.

For any technical questions or instructions on how to make the transition, contact information is below.

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Below are new specs for each channel.
RFD-TV HD SPECS:
Satellite: Galaxy 13 @ 127 Degrees West
Transponder: 13
Polarization: Vertical
L-Band Frequency: 1190 MHz
VCT: 806
Channel: 118
Modulation: DVB-S2, 8PSK
Symbol Rate: 30 Msps
FEC: 5/6 Combined
Encoding: MPEG-4

THE COWBOY CHANNEL SD SPECS:
Satellite: Galaxy 13 @ 127 Degrees West
Transponder: 13
Polarization: Vertical
L-Band Frequency: 1190 MHz
VCT: 806
Channel: 616
Symbol Rate: 30 Msps
FEC: 5/6 Combined
Encoding: MPEG 2

THE COWBOY CHANNEL HD SPECS:
Satellite: Galaxy 13 @ 127 Degrees West
Transponder: 13
Polarization: Vertical
L-Band Frequency: 1190 MHz
VCT: 806
Channel: 615
Modulation: DVB-S2, 8PSK
Symbol Rate: 30 Msps
FEC: 5/6 Combined
Encoding: MPEG-4

Again, the dates for transition are February 17 – March 31, 2020. Please make the necessary changes as soon as possible during this timeframe.

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

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Director of Distribution Technologies