

**Jim Snider**, Senior Research Fellow at the New America Foundation, will present the newly released "People's Radio Spectrum Chart." This Ford Foundation funded project was the work of a team consisting of a graphic designer, economist, engineer, and writer. Inspired by the design principles of Yale Professor Edward Tufte, the chart attempts to bring the public into the debate over spectrum policy. Released in mid-February, the chart has been widely distributed to Capital Hill, the press, and the public interest community. It visually conveys the following messages:

1. the public airwaves are immensely valuable,
2. the government uses and licenses spectrum with gross inefficiency,
3. the government is giving away rights to use spectrum in what is perhaps the largest corporate welfare giveaway in U.S. history, and
4. opening more spectrum to unlicensed use could reduce spectrum scarcity and promote high-speed Internet access.