

Contact: Jeff Hymas, Rocky Mountain Power  
801-220-2340, [newsdesk@pacificorp.com](mailto:newsdesk@pacificorp.com)

Oct. 6, 2009  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## **Rocky Mountain Power Foundation grant supports windbreak project for Midway Middle and Jefferson Elementary schools**

RIGBY, Idaho — Students will plant trees to serve as a windbreak thanks in part to a grant from the Rocky Mountain Power Foundation. The \$1,250 grant was provided to High Country Resource Conservation and Development Area to help support a sound barrier project at the Midway Middle School and the Jefferson Elementary School.

The schools are located near a busy highway, and the windbreak project will help reduce noise levels, improve privacy for the children and help provide protection from the wind while students are on the playground or waiting for the bus.

The Rocky Mountain Power Foundation grant will help purchase the trees. The children will plant the trees with the assistance of the Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District and local volunteers during a field day next spring.

“This will be a great hands-on activity for the students that also will have an ongoing benefit for the schools,” said Glen Pond, Rocky Mountain Power customer and community manager. “We are pleased to be able to be a partner in this project.”

“The Rocky Mountain Power Foundation once again has proven to be a great neighbor in positive projects that improve the quality of life for folks in eastern Idaho,” said Dave Radford, chairman of High Country Conservation and Development Council.

This project will be assisted by the High Country Conservation and Development Council and implemented by the Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District.

-30-

### **About the High Country Resource Conservation and Development Area**

The High Country Resource Conservation and Development Area is sponsored by counties, cities and conservation districts in the region. Serving nine counties in southeast Idaho, the program helps people in rural areas help themselves. Assistance is provided through the United States Department of Agriculture and others to improve the social, economic and environmental conditions.

### **About the Rocky Mountain Power Foundation**

The Rocky Mountain Power Foundation is part of the PacifiCorp Foundation, one of the largest utility-endowed foundations in the United States. The foundation was created in 1988 by PacifiCorp, an electric utility serving 1.7 million customers in six Western states as Rocky Mountain Power (Utah, Wyoming and Idaho) and Pacific Power (Oregon, Washington and California). The foundation's mission, through its charitable investments, is to support the growth and vitality of the communities served by Rocky Mountain Power and Pacific Power. For more information, visit [www.rockymountainpower.net/rmpfoundation](http://www.rockymountainpower.net/rmpfoundation).