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Rocky Mountain Power Foundation grant supports The National Oregon/California Trail Center

MONTPELIER, Idaho – The Rocky Mountain Power Foundation has awarded a \$2,000 grant to the National Oregon/California Trail Center to support its youth outreach program in local schools, and to keep the center open all year. In 2008, it had to close for part of the winter season to conserve expenses. The grant is in addition to \$3,000 donated by Rocky Mountain Power in 2008.

“The Rocky Mountain Power Foundation grant will help the center expand education efforts to emphasize the history and importance of the Oregon Trail,” said Glen Pond, Rocky Mountain Power customer and community manager. “We’re pleased to support this important learning resource in the community.”

The National Oregon/California Trail Center depicts the life of early American West emigrants as they traveled on the Oregon/California Trail by simulating an actual wagon train experience of the 1850s. The interpretive experience features historically accurate interpretive areas including a goods merchant, livery stable and the recreation of the Clover Creek Encampment. The center also has an 1860s-style theatre where cultural, musical and historical events are held.

“The Oregon Trail Center is very appreciative of the ongoing support from the Rocky Mountain Power Foundation and Rocky Mountain Power,” said Steve Allred, a volunteer member of the center’s board of directors. “They have been a solid partner in our community’s economic development efforts for many years.”

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About the National Oregon/California Trail Center

The National Oregon/California Trail Center is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving and honoring the Oregon/California Trail, especially as it relates to the State of Idaho.

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 charitable investments, is to support the growth and vitality of the communities served by Pacific Power and Rocky Mountain Power. For more information, visit www.rockymountainpower.net/rmpfoundation.