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Utah Wildlife and Conservation Foundation receives wildlife preservation grant from Rocky Mountain Power Foundation

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah — The Rocky Mountain Power Foundation announced a \$5,000 grant to the Utah Wildlife and Conservation Foundation, to help the organization further preserve native Utah wildlife.

The grant will go toward four wildlife projects including:

- Reintroducing river otters into a rehabilitated stretch of the Provo River;
- Reducing lead exposure and poisoning of California condors;
- Publishing and distributing *Critters of Utah*, a children's pocket guide to Utah's "at risk" wildlife; and
- Operating the Great Salt Lake Nature Center at 1700 West Glover Lane (925 South) in Farmington, Utah.

Whooping cranes, grizzly bears, wolverines and Canadian lynx no longer reside in Utah. Without immediate help, additional species may follow this same path.

"According to the Utah Wildlife and Conservation Foundation, almost 700 species of wildlife once inhabited Utah," said Alene Bentley, customer and community manager for Rocky Mountain Power. "Over the past 150 years, many wildlife species native to Utah have been eliminated from the state. We're proud to partner with an organization that is working to preserve wildlife."

"The Rocky Mountain Power Foundation has been an early and strong supporter of our efforts," said Robert Hasenyager, Utah Wildlife and Conservation Foundation executive director. "Prior grants have helped us build nature center classrooms at Farmington Bay Water Fowl Management Area and helped with operating costs."

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About the Utah Wildlife and Conservation Foundation

The Utah Wildlife and Conservation Foundation provides support for species where there is credible scientific evidence substantiating a threat to their continued viability in Utah. It focuses primarily on the 105 species designated by the State of Utah as species of greatest concern. The foundation is a Utah-based organization, governed by a board of directors comprised of Utah wildlife enthusiasts. One hundred percent of donor support stays in Utah and is directed to projects that benefit Utah wildlife.

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.