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## Rocky Mountain Power Foundation grants support community organizations

WORLAND, Wyo. — The Rocky Mountain Power Foundation has awarded \$10,000 in grants to three organizations that help improve the lives of individuals and our communities as a whole.

“These organizations all reach out to strengthen our communities,” said Rod Taylor, Rocky Mountain Power customer and community manager. “They have different purposes, but ultimately, they help build up individuals, families and a sense of civic spirit that adds vitality to our area. We’re pleased to play a part in that.”

**Big Horn Basin of Wyoming Resource Conservation and Development Project** received \$5,000 to help present the Wyoming BBQ and Bluegrass Festival in Worland. This annual family event draws locals and visitors for a BBQ competition and a free bluegrass concert. The festival unifies and celebrates the community while offering opportunities for nonprofit groups to raise funds.

“The Wyoming State BBQ Committee is grateful to the Rocky Mountain Power Foundation and its continued support of this event that means so much to this community,” said John McMartin, director of the 2009 and 2010 Wyoming BBQ and Bluegrass Festival.

**Big Horn Basin Counseling Services** in Lovell received \$1,500 in support of its Focus Project, a program that offers recreational opportunities as a positive outlet for adults and adolescents in rural communities. Through activities like photography, participants gain life skills and learn that there are alternatives to drugs, alcohol and teen pregnancy. The program also helps those individuals suffering from depression. The grant will help defray program costs, which has been self-funded.

The **Powell Medical Foundation** received \$3,500 to purchase equipment and educational materials for the new **Pulmonary Rehabilitation Program** within the Powell Valley Healthcare Cardiopulmonary Department. The program helps patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease improve their quality of life through strength and breathing training along with exercise and education. While there is no way to stop progression of the disease, pulmonary rehabilitation strengthens the rest of the body so that the lungs don't have to work so hard. The physical improvements enhance mental and emotional well-being too.

“We are grateful to the Rocky Mountain Power Foundation for its support of our efforts to bring this vital program that increases the quality of life for pulmonary patients in our community and across the Big Horn Basin,” said Diane DeLozier, executive director of the Powell Medical Foundation. “This

grant has provided us the opportunity to get the program off the ground and we are confident of its benefit to patients for many years to come.”

“These organizations are dedicated to improving the quality of life of residents,” said Lilisa Hall, executive director of the Rocky Mountain Power Foundation. “They rely on contributions from local businesses and individuals and we are pleased to be a part of that support.”

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#### **About Big Horn Basin of Wyoming Resource Conservation and Development Project**

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) works with Americans to conserve natural resources on private lands, guided by a mission to help others help themselves. The Wyoming Project helps plan and fund local activities that connect and strengthen communities. For more information visit [http://www.wy.nrcs.usda.gov/rcd/big\\_horn\\_basinrcd](http://www.wy.nrcs.usda.gov/rcd/big_horn_basinrcd).

#### **About Big Horn Basin Counseling Services**

Big Horn Basin Counseling Services is a comprehensive program in Lovell offering mental health services, substance abuse treatment, alcohol and drug prevention education and a range of counseling.

#### **About the Powell Medical Foundation**

The Powell Medical Foundation’s mission is to assist the Powell Hospital District and community in providing quality health care services through the solicitation and administration of gifts and donations. With this support, the hospital and its affiliated services create exceptional customer experiences and promote community health. For more information visit <http://www.pvhc.org/>.

#### **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](http://www.rockymountainpower.net/rmpfoundation).