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Caribou-Targhee National Forest Donates Excess Computer Equipment to Local Schools

Idaho Falls, Idaho – The Caribou-Targhee National Forest has donated over one million dollars worth of excess computer equipment to local schools in the past three years. This equipment includes computers, monitors, printers, plotters, scanners, CD writers and zip drives.



Jerry Reese, Forest Supervisor for the Caribou-Targhee National Forest states, “This is a good way of doing business, local schools are benefiting from Forest excess equipment and this process eliminates recycling computer equipment that is still usable.”

On Thursday, January 22nd, Gordon Woolley, Superintendent of the Teton School District 401, met with Forest Officials to pick up computer equipment totaling approximately \$40,000. “We really appreciate the donation of computers and other equipment. It has helped us provide labs in all of our schools except one. It has been a

great help for us to use in meeting the ISAT testing requirements,” stated Superintendent Woolley.

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Over the last three years, Teton Middle School was able to build a resource center with 30 computers, Tetonia and Victor Elementary Schools have each created a lab, of 25 computers for the use in testing students on the ISAT, which is taken twice a year. Laptops from the recent delivery will be used by teachers to prepare presentations, classroom assignments, and grades. Computers will also be used to support student activities such as track meets and other extracurricular activities. Jo Haddox, Technology Coordinator stated, “This program with the Forest Service has helped out our schools during a time when funding keeps decreasing.”

A total of over 500 PCs have been given to Teton, Clark, Jefferson, and Fremont County School Districts.

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