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## **MEDIA ADVISORY: BPA donates 44 surplus computers to 19 Montana Schools**

**Bonneville Power Administration**

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**In a five-day run of nearly 1,000 miles across western Montana, BPA delivers high technology to schools in need**

**Who:** Representatives from the Montana Congressional Delegation, BPA, local utilities and schools (see [schedule](#)).

**What:** BPA employees will load 44 computers into a delivery van at Kalispell. The van will travel all over western Montana, delivering late model surplus 486/33 computers to schools throughout the western portion of the state (see [schedule](#)).

Officials from BPA and local utilities and schools receiving computers will be available to answer questions and give updates/comments on the event.

**When:** Monday - Friday, April 28 - May 2, 1997 (see [schedule](#) for more information)

**Where:** Various locations in western Montana (see [schedule](#) for additional information on participants at different locations)

**Significance:** As a federal agency, BPA is helping the administration fulfill the mandate of Executive Order 12999, *Educational Technology: Ensuring Opportunity for All Children in the Next Century*. The order directs agencies to transfer computers and related peripheral tools (e.g. printers, monitors, etc...) surplus to the needs of the agencies to schools and nonprofit educational organizations. BPA purchased its computers with revenue generated from sales to utility customers. In essence, that makes Montana public utilities partners with BPA in this effort.

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### **Montana Computer Donation**

#### **Delivery Schedule**

#### **Monday - April 28**

8:00 a.m. BPA and Flathead Electric Cooperative representatives travel to Evergreen Jr. High in Kalispell, Montana.

8:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Presentation will be made to Evergreen Jr. High School of four computers.

Officials attending the presentation include: George Eskridge, Del Niemeyer, Pam Mussi, Bonneville Power Administration; Warren McConkey, General Manager and Gary Mahugh, Flathead Electric Cooperative; and Montana Congressional Delegation Staff.

(Please note that staff of the Montana Congressional Delegation are expected to be present at the presentation of computers at all sites, but staff members have not all been identified at this date)

10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Travel to Eureka, Montana

2:00 p.m. Present computers to Gentry Christian School (one computer) and Trego School (one computer), at Lincoln Electric headquarters in Eureka.

Officials attending the presentation include: George Eskridge, Del Niemeyer and Pam Mussi, Bonneville Power Administration; Mike Henry, General Manager and Tim Engleson, Lincoln Electric Cooperative; and Montana Congressional Staff.

### **Tuesday - April 29**

12:00 am Glacier Electric in Cut Bank for setup. (410 E. Main, Cut Bank, Montana)

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Presentation of computers to the following schools:

- Browning Pub. School. Dist. #9--four computers
- Mountain View Elementary--one computer
- Cut Bank MS and HS--four computers
- Babb School--three computers

Officials attending the presentation include: George Eskridge, Del Niemeyer, Bonneville Power Administration; Bill Chapman, General Manager and Roy Nollkamper, Glacier Electric Cooperative; and Montana Congressional Staff.

### **Wednesday - April 30**

9:00 a.m. Bonneville and Vigilante staff meet at Melrose Elementary School in Melrose, Montana to present one computer to Melrose Elementary.

Officials attending the presentation include: George Eskridge and Don Hawkins, Bonneville Power Administration; Dave Alberi, General Manager, and Ralph Dryer, Vigilante Electric Cooperative; and Montana Delegation Staff.

10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Travel to Wise River and present one computer to Wise River Elementary School.

Officials attending the presentation include: George Eskridge and Don Hawkins, Bonneville Power Administration; Dave Alberi, General Manager and Ralph Dryer, Vigilante Electric Cooperative; and Montana Delegation Staff.

11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Travel to Polaris, Montana

2:00 p.m. Present one computer to Polaris Elementary School

Officials attending the presentation include: George Eskridge and Don Hawkins, Bonneville Power Administration; Dave Alberi, General Manager and Ralph Dryer, Vigilante Electric Cooperative; and Montana Delegation Staff.

#### **Thursday - May 1**

8:00 a.m. Setup at S&K Housing Authority (53355 Highway 93 North, Ronan, Montana (7 miles north of Ronan on Highway 93))

2:00 p.m. Presentation of computers to the following schools:

- St. Ignatius Pub. Schools--four computers
- Dixon Public Schools--two computers
- Two Eagle River School--four computers
- Valley View School--one computer
- Ronan Middle School--four computers
- Upper West Shore Elementary--two computers

Officials attend the presentation include: George Eskridge, Del Niemeyer, Don Hawkins and Marla McCombie, Bonneville Power Administration; Don Dubay, General Manager and Lyle Neiss, Mission Valley Power; and Montana Delegation Staff.

#### **Friday - May 2**

9:00 a.m. Meet at the Superintendent's Office--located on the north side of the Junior High Building which is east of the Elementary school. Presentation of four computers to Thompson Falls Elementary at Thompson Falls, Montana.

Officials attending the presentation include: George Eskridge and Don Hawkins, Bonneville Power Administration; Jon Shelby, General Manager, Northern Lights Inc.; and Montana Delegation Staff.

10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Travel to Stevensville, Montana to deliver one computer to Lone Rock Elementary School.

2:00 p.m. Present two computers to Lone Rock Elementary School.

Officials attending the presentation include: George Eskridge and Don Hawkins, Bonneville Power Administration; Rick Brown, General Manager, Ravalli County Electric Cooperative; and Montana Delegation Staff.

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