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MEDIA ADVISORY:

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) and Raft River Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. Donate Surplus Computer Equipment to Local School

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Who: Representatives from BPA, Raft River, school, and elected officials.

What: BPA and Raft River will deliver late model surplus computer equipment to the Almo Elementary School, Almo, Idaho.

When: Tuesday, May 18, 1999

Where: Almo School, 150 Main Street, Almo, Idaho at 2:00 a.m.

Why: As a federal agency, BPA is helping the administration fulfill the mandate of Executive Order 12999, *Education Technology: Ensuring Opportunity for All Children in the Next Century*. The Executive Order allows federal agencies to transfer surplus computers and related peripheral tools (e.g. printers, monitors, etc.) to schools and nonprofit educational organizations. BPA is a self-financed agency. Since BPA purchased computers with revenue generated from electricity sales to its utility customers, it wants to transfer computers to schools in its utility customers' service areas. In essence, that makes Raft River Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. BPA's partner in this effort. Schools were selected based upon their application to the agency through their utility.

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