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## **Local School District Receive Donation of Computer Equipment from Caribou-Targhee National Forest**

**Dubois, 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 Monday, February 9, Murray Metge, Assistant Technology Coordinator for the Clark County School District 161, met with Forest Officials to pick up computer equipment totaling approximately \$75,000. Holly Mickelsen, Chairman of the Clark County School Board of Trustees stated, “This is an amazing opportunity for the district and we are delighted to have this partnership with the Forest Service. They have made a tremendous impact on the community and given students the opportunities which would be unavailable, otherwise.”

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Clark County Jr. High/High School was able to build a computer lab within the last three years and will be utilizing nearly 50 computers and monitors, along with 11 printers and other miscellaneous equipment in the lab and throughout the schools. Equipment from the recent delivery will be used by teachers to prepare presentations, classroom assignments, and grades. Computers will also be used to support student learning in areas of math, keyboarding and reading as well as extracurricular activities. Mickelsen stated, "The increasing demands on school districts restricts the amount of funds available for these types of purchases. This kind of cooperative relationship is what allows districts to provide diverse learning opportunities and to increase student proficiency on the standardized tests."

Over 500 PCs have been given to Teton, Clark, Jefferson, and Fremont County School Districts.