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## **Lassen National Forest Recycles Computers**

Did you ever wonder what happens to all those government computers when they are upgraded to meet technology standards? In 1996, executive order 12999 regarding educational technology was signed by the president allowing government agencies to transfer any excess computer equipment to schools or non-profit organizations involved in educational services.

The Lassen National Forest computers are replaced on rotational bases every three years when their warranties expire. This allows the Lassen to transfer the CPU (hard drive), mouse, keyboard, monitor and cables to schools within Lassen County, transferred as they. The CPU's are wiped clean of all documents and programs and, Forest Service customized operating systems, and a basic Windows 95 operating system is installed before they are transferred. "It's been a blessing for us as it is difficult to dispose of this equipment." Commented Greg Sanders, Computer Systems Analyst. "Now, these computers are getting a new life, and the children in Lassen County benefit."

In 2002, the Lassen National Forest transferred 158 computers to Lassen County schools. So far in 2003, 20 computers have been transferred to the Office of Education, who will then determine where the computers will go.

If educational non-profit organizations, or schools within Lassen County wish to find out more about this program, please call, Kathy Paulson at 252-6613.

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