



News Release

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COMMUNITIES GETTING GREEN COURTESY OF BLACK HILLS POWER'S TREE PROGRAM

May 18, 2009 — RAPID CITY, S.D. — Twenty two trees will be planted by Black Hills Power and Hill City volunteers at the Hill City Visitor Center grounds and Memorial Park on May 20. The events launch Black Hills Power's second annual Power of Trees Program. The Hill City tree plantings are part of the company's commitment to supporting a healthy environment while enhancing the landscape and promoting community partnerships.

"The Power of Trees is more than a one-day event. Trees are investments that reap a lifetime of reward. They help conserve energy, sustain the environment and improve the landscape," said Mutch Usera, Black Hills Power's director of energy services and external affairs. "Our desire is to work with our community partners to improve the environment and help beautify communities we serve while spreading the message that everyone can help improve the environment. We hope these planting will be a catalyst in the community for additional tree-planting efforts."

Approximately 40 to 50 employee volunteers will 'dig in' together with local organizations in Black Hills communities this spring to plant 75 trees and educate the public about the benefits of trees as well as how to plant and maintain them.

May 20, 9:00 a.m. - Hill City Visitor's Center & Memorial Park, Hill City
In partnership with the City of Hill City

May 26, 9:00 a.m. - YMCA Arts & Science Center, Rapid City
In partnership with the YMCA

June 3, 9:00 a.m. - City Ball Fields, Ball Park Road, Sturgis
In partnership with the City of Sturgis and Little League teams

June 9, 9:00 a.m. - Emmanuel Brothers Park, Lead
In partnership with Lead Chamber of Commerce

June 13, 9:00 a.m. - Canyon Lake Citizen Center, Rapid City
In partnership with the Rapid City Garden Club
Trees help purify the air by absorbing pollutants.

They also help stop erosion, lower cooling and heating costs by providing shade in summer and windbreaks in winter, improve neighborhoods by serving as sound barriers and create habitat for birds and other wildlife, even in urban settings.

ABOUT BLACK HILLS POWER

Black Hills Power is the legacy business of Black Hills Corp. (NYSE: BKH) and has been delivering energy for more than 125 years. The electric utility serves 69,000 customers in 20 communities in western South Dakota, northeastern Wyoming and southeastern Montana. Black Hills Corp. — a diversified energy company with a tradition of exemplary service and a vision to be the energy partner of choice — is based in Rapid City, S.D., with corporate offices in Golden, Colo., and Omaha, Neb. The company serves 759,000 utility customers in Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming. The company's non-regulated businesses generate wholesale electricity, produce natural gas, oil and coal, and market energy. We partner to produce results that improve life with energy. More information is available at www.blackhillscorp.com.

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