

# Harvesting the Wind

October 14, 2003, 10 am – 12 pm  
Stanford, MT

October 15, 2003, 10 am – 12pm  
East Glacier, MT



Join us in dedicating the first turbines installed in Montana as part of Our Wind Co-op!



A declaration of energy independence by two Montana ranchers will be celebrated in a dedication ceremony on Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> for the state's first cooperatively-owned wind turbine installations.

Local rancher-farmer Jess Alger, will be host a reception at his home (eight miles north of the town of Stanford) on October 14, 2003, beginning at 10:00 am. East Glacier bison rancher, Doug Nelson, will also host an open house the following day, October 15, 2003 at 10 a.m.

Invitees include local media, political officials, utility representatives, Our Wind Co-op project staff and partners and prospective turbine owners.

The installation of these turbines -- which will generate power onto the Northwestern Energy and Glacier Electric distribution grid -- represents a big step forward for small-scale wind power in the West. These turbines are the first in Montana to receive upfront capital leveraged from the private market sales of Green Tags from the Bonneville Environmental Foundation, and are an example of what individuals and businesses pay for when they contribute to green power programs through their local utility. Jess and Doug invested in this project because they believe in supporting green power and have great sources of wind on their land!

Our Wind Co-op provides a unique cooperative model for energy independence, rural economic development and community ownership. By collaborating on innovative public and private financing opportunities, Our Wind Co-op significantly reduces the upfront installation costs of small-scale wind systems. For more information on Our Wind Co-op visit: [www.ourwind.org](http://www.ourwind.org) or [www.nwseed.org](http://www.nwseed.org).

**RSVP by Wednesday, October 8th, to Sarah Peterson ([sarah@nwseed.org](mailto:sarah@nwseed.org))  
or call 206-328-2441 for more information.**

## **Directions to the Alger Farm, 10/14 – 10:00am – 12:00pm**

Jess Alger, 800 Elevator Road, Stanford, MT

From Hwy 87, exit at Stanford onto Hwy 80, to Denton and Geraldine. Continue west approximately one mile, then turn left onto Elevator Road, a gravel road paralleling the railroad tracks north from town. Continue north for 8 miles; the Alger property has a grain elevator, a white house, and a small wind turbine!

## **Directions to the Nelson Ranch, 10/15 – 10:00am – 12:00pm**

770 Hwy 89 (9 miles west of Browning)

Heading West on Hwy 89, the ranch will be 9 miles down on the right side. Look for two green gates with 3 red posts. A sign will also be posted. Enter through the gates and follow the road to the house. The Nelson property has a house, teepees and a small wind turbine!