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RED MESA ENERGY CO. RESPONDS TO FOOD BANK'S PLEA FOR DONATIONS

Independent Energy Company and Local Food Bank Kick Off Canned Food Drive

DURANGO, Colo., Dec. 5, 2008 – Red Mesa Energy Co. (“Red Mesa”), a Colorado-based oil and natural gas operator with producing wells in La Plata County, Colo., and Durango Food Bank are launching a canned food drive to help meet the increased need for food assistance in the Durango area. The Durango Food Bank recently revealed that the number of citizens requesting emergency food assistance is increasing at an unprecedented and alarming rate.

Red Mesa Energy Co. and the Durango Food Bank will kick off a much needed food drive on Monday, Dec. 8 that will continue through the end of the year. Members of the community are encouraged to drop off canned food at City Market stores (located at 3130 Main and #6 Town Plaza Shop Center), Andy’s Photography (1323 E. 2nd Ave), High Five Cinemas (900 Trans Lux Drive) and at Silver Bells Christmas Trees (30th & Main). To launch the canned food drive, Red Mesa is donating the initial \$500 worth of can goods to the Durango Food Bank.

“With increased numbers over the Thanksgiving holiday, we find ourselves needing to re-stock the shelves in preparation for an expected increase during the Christmas season.” said Sarah Smith, Director of the Durango Food Bank.

“Red Mesa is compelled to respond to the troubling increase in people and families requiring emergency food assistance,” said Mike Sagan, the company’s senior vice president. “The Durango Food Bank is a lifeline for many members of the community and we are proud to support its mission.”

Last year in November alone, the Food Bank had a donation surplus of 748 lbs, but this year that surplus has decreased to just 61 lbs. Although donations are essential to the Food Bank’s continued success, often overlooked is the continued need for Volunteers. Volunteer hours worked is down 35% compared to last year. It is often difficult for many to give financial/food contributions and don’t realize that their Volunteer hours are just as valuable. With this communities help, the Food Bank can continue to provide food to those families in La Plata County who are experiencing a difficult time and need a little help.

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