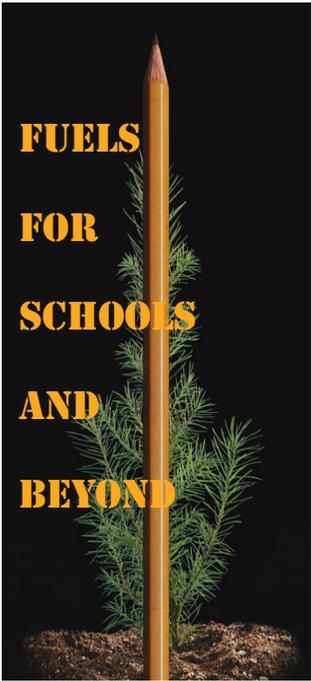


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## School District on Blackfoot Indian Reservation Receives Fuels for Schools Grant

The Browning School District located on the Blackfoot Indian Reservation in Browning, Montana has been chosen as a recipient for a 2006 Fuels for Schools grant. The grant comes from the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation and the U.S. Forest Service State & Private Forestry program.

The District is receiving a grant for \$118,750, which represents 25% of the projected cost of incorporating a biomass boiler system in their new high school. The boiler system, which burns wood chips to heat the school, will save the school district thousands of dollars in heating costs every year; enough to pay for the system in 5 to 10 years.

Fuels for Schools is a key component of State & Private Forestry's Economic Action Program and promotes the use of high efficiency boilers that burn wood chips for fuel. Modern wood fired boiler systems burn significantly cleaner than wood stoves or traditional wood boilers. Air quality is enhanced by burning waste wood in a controlled environment that meets or exceeds all EPA air quality standards, rather than in open slash piles or wildfires. Greenhouse gas emissions are offset by replacing fossil fuels with a renewable resource.

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**Top Photo:** The wood chips to burn in the boiler will come from hazardous fuels reduction projects

**Middle Photo:** Close look at what the boiler will be burning as fuel

**Bottom Photo:** A biomass boiler heating system at work in Darby, MT schools