

Cloud Peak Energy, one of the largest U.S. coal producers, was recognized as Outstanding Corporation of the Year by the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP), Montana Chapter, at the group's award ceremony on November 10, 2016. The award highlights the commitment of Cloud Peak Energy to its communities through philanthropic service and support.

Cloud Peak Energy, which operates the Spring Creek Mine, Montana's largest coal mine by production, partners with a wide variety of organizations in Montana, including Billings Family Services, Billings Clinic, and the Chase Hawks Foundation. Last year alone, the Company generated over \$17 million in economic activity in the state and contributed \$52 million in taxes, royalties, and fees to Montana and the state's local governments.

"Cloud Peak Energy's commitment and dedication is greatly appreciated by all who are impacted through your spirit of giving," said Amberly Pahut, Secretary of the Montana Chapter of AFP.

"The communities near Cloud Peak Energy's mines, office locations, and development projects are an important part of our Company," said Colin Marshall, President and CEO of Cloud Peak Energy. "Not only are these communities our neighbors, but they also play a significant role in our success. We are proud to contribute to programs that work to meet the critical needs of our communities. I greatly appreciate the recognition that AFP has given Cloud Peak Energy through this award."

"The numerous organizations that Cloud Peak Energy has partnered with across the state of Montana have all stepped up to make these communities a better place to live," said Molly Schwend, Cloud Peak Energy's Billings office representative and Manager of Public Affairs and Community Relations. "We're happy to support these organizations that are making a difference in Montana and appreciate the opportunity to play a part in that."

The award was presented on National Philanthropy Day, to recognize and pay tribute to the great contributions philanthropy have made to our lives, our communities, and our world.

About Cloud Peak Energy®

[Cloud Peak Energy Inc.](#) (NYSE:CLD) is headquartered in Wyoming and is one of the largest U.S. coal producers and the only pure-play Powder River Basin coal company. As one of the safest coal producers in the nation, Cloud Peak Energy mines low sulfur, subbituminous coal and provides logistics supply services. The Company owns and operates three surface coal mines in the PRB, the lowest cost major coal producing region in the nation. The Antelope and Cordero Rojo mines are located in Wyoming and the Spring Creek Mine is located in Montana. In 2015, Cloud Peak Energy shipped approximately 75 million tons from its three mines to customers located throughout the U.S. and around the world. Cloud Peak Energy also owns rights to substantial undeveloped coal and complimentary surface assets in the Northern PRB, further building the Company's long-term position to serve Asian export and domestic customers. With approximately 1,300 total employees, the Company is widely recognized for its exemplary performance in its safety and environmental programs. Cloud Peak Energy is a sustainable fuel supplier for approximately three percent of the nation's electricity.

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