

FLATHEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE RECIPIENT OF GREEN DIAMOND IMPACT FUND...



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The \$50,000 gift is part of the forest stewardship company's investment in ensuring a prosperous future for natural resources and the jobs that maintain them.

Seattle, Wash. (Oct. 3, 2023) – Flathead Valley Community College in Kalispell, Mont., is the recipient of a \$50,000 gift from Green Diamond Resource Company's Impact Fund. The company's giving initiative, created in 2022, supports non-profits that provide shared value to the sustainability of the company and align with issues of importance to their stakeholders, in this case, training of future workforce.

"We are so grateful to Green Diamond for their generous gift to our community college," said Lisa M. Blank, Ph.D., Executive Director, Workforce Development, Flathead Valley Community College. "Located in a rural, natural-resource-rich area of Montana, we are positioned to support the work to prepare the next generation of employees that serve critical roles in maintaining our landscapes that are integral to clean water, diverse ecosystems and vibrant local economies. Green Diamond's investment in our program will go a long way to filling the workforce pipeline and growing awareness of the great careers in natural resources fields."

The \$50,000 contribution is designated for the college's Heavy Equipment Operators program to assist with the purchase of a Vortex Edge Plus, which is a portable system used for construction and forestry heavy equipment training and is used to

quickly assess the skill level of heavy equipment operators.

"Green Diamond and its employees have a long history of philanthropic giving and engagement in programs in our operating areas, like the ones at Flathead Valley Community College, that fit directly with the core values of our company of safety, integrity, stewardship, community, and profitability," said Brian Hobday, Montana Area Manager, Green Diamond. "Consistent with those values, we are dedicated to supporting organizations like the Flathead Valley Community College that help to ensure long-term success of companies like Green Diamond. We admire the essential work they do and look forward to seeing the impact our small contribution makes to their larger goals."

The gift was delivered to the college in July. For more information on Green Diamond's giving initiatives, visit the <u>website</u>.

Green Diamond Resource Company is a privately held forest products company with roots dating back to 1890. Today, the company owns working forest lands in Washington, Oregon, Montana, and California. A subsidiary, Green Diamond Management Company, provides forest management services in the U.S. South and West. All lands owned and managed by Green Diamond are independently audited and certified for sustainable forest management. More information about Green Diamond's environmental leadership may be found at www.greendiamond.com.