



Bear Paw Development Corporation

of Northern Montana

2007-2008 Investment Summary

Food & Agriculture Development Center

Year	Investment in Program	Dollars Leveraged
2007	\$60,000	\$1,424,032
2008	\$60,000	\$610,582
TOTAL INVESTMENT	\$120,000	\$2,034,214

In addition to dollars leveraged, 31 jobs were created or retained in 2007-2008. As a direct result of value-added agriculture and alternative energy projects in the five-county Bear Paw Development region, 34 new full-time jobs are projected to be created in the next 12-18 months!

Client Examples:

- Food Processing (Montana Food Bank Network, Little River Smokehouse, Native Salsa)
- Woolen Mill producing wool insulation (Brookside Woolen Mill)
- Biofuels and biolubricant processing (Earl Fisher Bio-Fuels, Peaks & Prairies, Great Plains Oil)
- Wind Energy (Kenfield Wind Park - 20 MW project, Teton Wind Energy - 20 MW project)
- Timber thinning/processing to enhance agricultural farm land (Waid Ranch Timber)
- High-value alternative crop production (Reed Farms - carrot and potato production)
- Research foundation for pest elimination (Sawfly Foundation)
- Gluten-free wheat snack product production (Sibra Snacks)
- Small-scale hydroelectric power production w/new patented technology (Gerald Martin)

At Bear Paw Development Corporation, we are committed to serving agricultural entrepreneurs throughout our large, rural area of northern Montana. The technical assistance provided by Bear Paw Development includes business planning, project management, grant writing, capitalization strategies and marketing assistance. This professional, confidential service has proven to be invaluable to area agricultural producers and is provided at no cost to the client. Bear Paw has been successful in developing the crucial connection between economic development and value-added agriculture, and has made significant strides to build on that relationship. We look forward to continuing to serve the state of Montana and our agricultural sector with this important value-added program.