



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Dairyland Power Helps Fund Scope for River Observation** *Dairyland and Tri-County Electric donated funds for spotting scope project*

LA CROSSE, WI— Dairyland Power Cooperative and its member cooperative, Tri-County Electric, have donated \$1,000 to Mississippi River Wild to help fund a spotting scope project at the Mississippi River Refuge observation area in Brownsville, Minn.

This new observation area attracts hundreds of bird watchers from many areas, particularly during the fall migration. It is the premiere viewing location for tundra swans, eagles, ducks and geese.

“Contributing to the permanent, mounted scope is a great match for Dairyland’s commitment to environmental stewardship and education in the communities we serve. Now, birdwatchers will be able to enjoy the incredible wildlife in the Refuge even more,” said Don Huff, Dairyland Director of Environmental Affairs.

Mississippi River Wild is a group of citizens dedicated to preserving and protecting the natural resources of the Upper Mississippi River Refuge in partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Their emphasis is on pools 7 and 8, between the Trempealeau dam and the Genoa dam.

With headquarters in La Crosse, Wis., Dairyland provides wholesale electricity to 25 member distribution cooperatives, including Tri-County Electric, and 19 municipal utilities. A Touchstone Energy Cooperative, Dairyland’s service area encompasses 62 counties in four states (Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and Illinois). Dairyland’s generation resources include coal, natural gas, hydro, wind, landfill gas and animal waste. For more information, please visit [www.dairynet.com](http://www.dairynet.com).

Tri-County Electric Cooperative (Rushford, Minn.) is a member-owned electric distribution cooperative serving Winona, Houston and Fillmore counties in Minnesota and parts of Olmsted and Mower counties, and also portions of Howard, Winneshiek and Allamakee counties in Iowa.

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