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From: Lesley Boughton, State Librarian

To: Supporters of the Wyoming Newspaper Project

In February, 2005 you wrote wonderful letters of support for grant funding for this project to Senator Enzi. In May of that year he submitted our request and it was initially included in the proposed budget for Labor, Health and Human Services.

Before that budget was approved, several hurricanes hit the Gulf coast. To meet the huge need for federal relief, all of the 'earmark' requests were deleted from the Labor HHS budget.

We took our request to Governor Freudenthal for consideration in the state budget for the 2007-2008 biennium. I am very pleased to tell you that the governor was supportive and he included the request in the budget proposal he submitted to the legislature in December.

The legislature approved the request and funding will be available July 1. We will then begin to digitize newspapers. The project manager will be Erin Kinney of the WSL staff.

We could not have succeeded without your confidence in the project and your support. Thank you all.

We will post progress reports and other information of interest on the website developed for the project: <http://www.wyonepapers.org>

Please feel free to contact me or Erin with any questions you may have.