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### Timber Ghost Outdoor Services Expands Operations

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**Kyle, South Dakota** – *December 7, 2012* – Timber Ghost Outdoor Services, owned and operated by Francis and Jennifer Big Crow of Porcupine, South Dakota, utilized a business loan from Lakota Funds to purchase new rental items and equipment, which will enable them to offer services for more and larger events on the Pine Ridge Reservation.

“The Big Crows came to Lakota Funds with a clear objective in mind and worked to meet all of the loan requirements almost immediately. Their business not only provides the Reservation with a much needed service, but also provides an entrepreneurial example for their children to follow,” states Tawney Brunsch, Executive Director of Lakota Funds.

“Tonia Young at Lakota Funds was on the ball. If we didn’t understand something, she would always walk us around the block a couple of times,” says Jennifer Big Crow. She also comments the process with Lakota Funds was very smooth and went a lot faster than she expected. They began the process in October and received their loan in early November.

Francis and Jennifer originally began Timber Ghost Outdoor Services as a result of their frustration in renting port-a-potties from unreliable and expensive suppliers for their mud racing events. They began the business with two port-a-potties and have now expanded to 28 port-a-potties that they rent out at reasonable prices for local outdoor events. In addition, they also have a public announcement system, speakers, timing lines, and canopies available for sun dances, pow wows, construction sites, sporting events, and weddings.

“We look forward to serving the Oglala Lakota Oyate,” says Francis Big Crow.

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### About Lakota Funds

Lakota Funds is a Native community development financial institution (CDFI) leading an economic resurgence of the Oglala Lakota Oyate on the Pine Ridge Reservation through culturally appropriate strategies reigniting the traditional Lakota spirit of productivity, commerce, and trade. For over 25 years, Lakota Funds has played a vital role in improving the quality of life for the Oglala Lakota Oyate by placing capital with new and growing businesses, providing customized business development services, and educating adults and youth on financial management concepts.