

Hi there! I am writing to you about the **Alpaca Blanket Project**. If you are not aware of this exciting project, please visit their site

<http://www.elderberrycreekalpacas.com/index.html>



Some of you already contacted Peter and Carol Lundberg wanting to donate fiber, but found it prohibitive due to high shipping costs. We did too! My husband Rich and I think we have found a more cost effective way for many of us to get the fiber to the mill.

Rich and I will be taking vacation this summer and driving a truck through Eastern Idaho, Southern Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, and parts of Oregon. We need your help to consolidate fiber and establish Drop Points for these runs. A **DROP POINT** is simply a place for others to bring their fiber, which will then be picked up and trucked to Oregon. All you need is a dry place to store it, and we'll do the rest! We will be making this run **late June or July**. Please let us know if you can help with this. For those who cannot be a Drop Point, but want to donate fiber, please **check out the map** for your closest Drop Point. If there is not one near you, let us know and together, we will find a way to get it.

CLICK HERE FOR MAP OF ROUTE

<http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?ie=UTF8&hl=en&msa=0&msid=106679587301262072826.0004619514c86e4b00ebb&z=6>

We would like to establish the Drop Points as close to trip route. To help offset the cost of our trip, we are asking .25 cents per pound with a \$10 minimum and a \$25 maximum.

A BRIEF HISTORY

Since 2003, Elderberry Creek Alpacas has been working towards creating a North American resource for the alpaca community to have for the use of our fiber.

Pendleton Woolen Mills spent many months developing the methods to process alpaca fiber and is now able to produce **100 % alpaca blankets** (throws). The **first** blankets are scheduled for production with a completion date of March 2009. The throws will be approximately 60" by 70".



There is no fee for joining the Alpaca Blanket Project. This is not a co-op, but a networking of contributors with the intent toward a specific marketable product. One goal is to pay for fleece by the third production run and we are aiming for \$8 to \$10 per pound. Our desire is to enable the American alpaca farmer to produce a cost-effective American-made product, and to bring public awareness to the wonders of alpaca fleece.

For more detailed information, please visit <http://www.elderberrycreekalpacas.com/>

If you are interested in being a Drop Point please contact us ASAP. We will put you on the map so others will know about you.

Thank you,
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