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Flint Hills Resources makes major investment in Minnesota Zoo's Treetop Trail

Flint Hills' partnership with the zoo started in 1989

ROSEMOUNT, Minn. – Flint Hills Resources today announced a \$1 million donation to the Minnesota Zoo, helping make the Treetop Trail a reality at the world-class zoo. Opening to the public on July 28, the Treetop Trail is the world's longest elevated pedestrian loop. The 1.25-mile trail brings guests up to 32 feet above the ground and allows them to experience the Minnesota Zoo from a new perspective. Called an "ultimate reuse construction project," the Treetop Trail is a repurposing of the Zoo's original monorail track which was retired in 2013.

"The Minnesota Zoo is one of our state's greatest educational and animal conservation assets," said Heather Rein, director of community affairs at Flint Hills Resources. "The Treetop Trail is a transformational undertaking that creates a thrilling new learning experience for kids and adults of all ages, connecting them to the natural world from a vantage point rarely seen before."

This donation is an extension of Flint Hills' ongoing partnership with the Minnesota Zoo, which started in 1989. Flint Hills, which operates the Pine Bend refinery in Rosemount, is also the title sponsor of the zoo's signature education program, the ZOOMS STEM Design Challenge. As part of its commitment to stewardship, Flint Hills contributes to organizations that help make Minnesota a special place to live and work.

"Flint Hills Resources has been an engaged and enthusiastic partner for more than three decades, an exceptional length of time for a public-private partnership," said John Frawley, director of the Minnesota Zoo and president of the Minnesota Zoo Foundation. "We are grateful to our friends at Flint Hills for their belief in the Treetop Trail project and their enduring loyalty to our cherished zoo."

About Flint Hills Resources

Flint Hills Resources is a leading refining company with operations primarily in the Midwest and Texas. Flint Hills operates the Pine Bend refinery in Rosemount, Minnesota and two refineries in Corpus Christi, TX with a combined crude oil processing capacity of more than 700,000 barrels per day. The company produces, markets and transports refined products including gasoline, diesel, jet fuel, asphalt and heating oils. Flint Hills Resources also owns and/or operates more than 4,000 miles of pipelines, including the Minnesota Pipe Line, that transport crude oil, refined petroleum products, natural gas liquids and chemicals that are delivered through a distribution system of more than 40 terminals throughout the Midwest and Texas.

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