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BEAR CREEK CAÑON PARK WILDFIRE PREVENTION PROJECT COMPLETED BY MARKIT! FORESTRY MANAGEMENT FOR THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS

Bear Creek Cañon Park is a high-country park located in Colorado Springs, Colorado, with steep trails for hiking, mountain biking and horseback riding. Markit! Forestry Management ("Markit! Forestry") has completed a forest fuels reduction project covering 76 acres in the Park at the request of the City of Colorado Springs.

Set in the foothills of Pikes Peak on the western edge of the City of Colorado Springs, Bear Creek Cañon Park is part of the larger Bear Creek Regional Park. The Park has a rich history that connects it to the Ute Indians, western explorers, settlers, and gold miners. The Park is popular with hikers, runners, mountain bikers and bird watchers.

Recognizing that the buildup of combustible materials such as diseased and dead trees and ladder fuels posed a forest fire threat to the Park, the City of Colorado Springs engaged Markit! Forestry to reduce the fuels in the Park. The steep slopes in the project area posed a particular challenge. However, a specialty of Markit! Forestry is working on steep and rough terrain, and Markit! Forestry executed the fuel reduction project without incident.

Work commenced on this project in January 2017, and was completed in May 2017, well in advance of the deadline for completion of the project. Jeremy Moore, a Vice President at Markit! Forestry commented, "The Bear Creek Cañon Park project was highly visible to the residents of Colorado Springs and to visitors to the Park. Despite the challenges of steep slopes and rugged terrain, the project was completed ahead of schedule. This fuels reduction project will help protect the Park from potential forest fires, will enhance the public's access to the Park, and will improve the habitat for the native plant and animal species. Markit! Forestry is pleased to have worked with the City of Colorado Springs on this project, and to have produced such a good result for the Park and its users."

Markit! Forestry Management is a full service environmental forestry management company headquartered in Colorado Springs. Markit! Forestry provides Forest Fuels Reduction, Forest Health Restoration, Post-Fire Rehabilitation, Defensible Space, Timber Harvesting and Trail Building services on Municipal, State, Federal and private land. For more information on Markit! Forestry Management please visit www.markitforestry.com, or call Pat Gayner at 719-948-8220.