



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **MARKIT! FORESTRY MANAGEMENT AWARDED PREMIUM COST CONTAINMENT CERTIFICATION**

Markit Forestry Management ("Markit! Forestry"), has been unanimously awarded a Premium Cost Containment Certificate by the Workers' Compensation Cost Containment Board of the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment. The cost containment certification means that Markit! Forestry has met or exceeded the safety standards set by the State of Colorado and by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration of the Federal government.

Colorado's Workers' Compensation Premium Cost Containment Program was instituted in 1989. Under the program, employers who implement and maintain worker safety programs and standardized loss prevention and loss control programs, and who achieve certification status, are eligible for a reduction in their workers' compensation insurance premiums. By preventing injuries and lowering the costs of claims, certified employers contribute to the stabilization and possible reduction of the standard workers' compensation insurance rates. Certification status is granted by the Colorado Premium Cost Containment Board to employers who document that they have had qualified loss prevention-loss control programs in effect for at least one year.

To achieve the Premium Cost Containment Certification, Markit! Forestry met the following six requirements for the cost containment program:

- Development of a Company-wide Declaration of Safety Policy
- Establishment of a Safety and Risk Assessment Coordinator
- Development of Safety and Loss Prevention Rules and Procedures
- Development of Safety and Loss Prevention Training Programs
- Establishment of a Designated Medical Provider
- Establishment of Written Claims Management Procedures

Since its founding Markit! Forestry has been dedicated to worker safety. Markit! Forestry has developed extensive safety procedures for all facets of its forestry operations. Forestry work is inherently hazardous, but Markit! Forestry has minimized or eliminated many of the hazards due to its company-wide focus on safety.

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