



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **MARKIT! FORESTRY MANAGEMENT COMPLETES ITS FIRST FORESTRY PROJECT IN UTAH**

Markit! Forestry Management ("Markit! Forestry"), headquartered in Colorado Springs, Colorado, has completed its first forestry project in Utah. For the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources ("UDWR") and the Richfield Ranger District of the Fishlake National Forest, Markit! Forestry has completed the South Monroe Aspen Strip Felling Project. The project was located in Fishlake National Forest in Piute County, Utah, on the Monroe Mountain, near the town of Greenwich, Utah. Fishlake National Forest is a U.S. National Forest located in south central Utah. The forest covers about 1.5 million acres and is named after Fish Lake, which is the largest freshwater mountain lake in the State of Utah.

The South Monroe Aspen Strip Felling Project consisted of hand felling all conifer trees and conifer saplings within the areas of prescribed treatment units. Center lines of each treatment unit were flagged, and tree felling was completed 15 feet on both sides of the flagged center line, for a total width of cut of 30 feet. This prescription was applied to a little over one hundred acres of land. The overall length of the strip cutting was in excess of 25 miles.

Markit! Forestry staged and managed the handwork project. The hand-treatment of approximately 100 acres took less than two weeks to complete. Mark Herndon, who managed the project for Markit! Forestry commented, "The South Monroe Aspen Strip Felling Project was a huge success for Markit! Forestry. This was the first project that Markit! Forestry undertook in Utah, and the project was very well received by the forestry officials in the Fishlake National Forest. Unlike a lot of companies, Markit! Forestry has the capability to execute both large-scale mechanical forest thinning and hand thinning projects. This hand thinning project presented its challenges since the treatment areas were very remote and the cutting was accomplished at elevations between 9,000 and 10,000 feet. Nevertheless, Markit! completed the project well within our planned timeframe. Markit! Forestry Management looks forward to completing additional projects in Utah."

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.

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