

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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

Markit! Forestry Management ("Markit! Forestry"), headquartered in Colorado Springs, Colorado, has completed its first forestry project in Nevada. Markit! Forestry's work was completed for the State of Nevada near Spooner Lake in the Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park. Spooner Lake is a man-made lake located about eight miles southwest of Carson City, Nevada. The Spooner Lake Unit of Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park is an environmentally sensitive, high-use recreation area that contains many popular trails for hiking, horseback riding and biking.

The Spooner Lake Landscape Restoration Project was designed to increase the forest's resilience to destructive events such as wildfires, bark beetle infestations, and drought. The project included the selective felling of trees, which were then flown by helicopter to a log landing, and subsequently transported out of the Lake Tahoe Basin. The project covered 300 acres of parkland that is administered by the Nevada Division of State Parks.



*Helicopter removing trees for the Spooner Lake Landscape Restoration Project*

In addition to helicopter logging, the Spooner Lake project required Markit! Forestry to construct a log landing of approximately one acre to minimize disturbances to the surrounding forest. The log landing and the associated access roads were rehabilitated at the completion of the logging activity to help restore the forest to a more undisturbed condition.



***Markit! Forestry's log landing for the Spooner Lake Landscape Restoration Project***

Pat Gayner, Markit! Forestry's Vice President of Business Development, commented, "Markit! Forestry is proud to have completed the Spooner Lake project in a safe, timely and economical manner. The project has been very successful in meeting the objectives of Nevada's Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Markit! Forestry brought a variety of skills to the project, including hand felling trees using chainsaws, yarding the trees by helicopter, temporary road and landing construction, and the complete removal of the wood fiber. The forest around Spooner Lake had not been deliberately treated in many years, and, like many of the forests in the West, it was very susceptible to beetle kill and fires. The work that Markit! Forestry has completed should allow people to enjoy the Spooner Lake area for years to come."

Markit! Forestry Management is a full service environmental forestry management company, providing 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](http://www.markitforestry.com), or call Pat Gayner at 719-593-2365.