

NEWS RELEASE

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U.S. SENATOR CORY GARDNER DISCUSSES FORESTRY ISSUES WITH MARKIT! FORESTRY MANAGEMENT

On October 17, U.S. Senator Cory Gardner of Colorado visited Markit! Forestry Management's ("Markit! Forestry") Colorado Springs office to discuss a variety of forestry issues. Senator Gardner was very interested to learn about the challenges facing both the U.S. and the Colorado forestry industries, and to hear suggestions about what he and the Federal government could do to strengthen the forestry industry.

Markit! Forestry Management Office Colorado Springs, October 17, 2018



Clockwise from bottom right: U.S. Senator Cory Gardner; Alyssa Priest, Chief Administrative Officer, Markit! Forestry; Patrick Gayner, Vice President - Business Development, Markit! Forestry; Jeremy Moore, Vice President - Operations, Markit! Forestry.

During the meeting with Senator Gardner, Markit! Forestry was able to make the following points:

- 80 million acres of U.S. forests and grasslands are in need of restoration annually.
- According to the National Inter-Agency Fire Center, on average 6 million acres per year are burned in wildfires.
- 5 million acres are treated per year, including acres burned by wildfires.
- Post-wildfire forestry treatments can cost up to 10 times preventative treatments.

In addition to discussing the issues and problems facing the forestry industry, Markit! Forestry was also able to present some suggestions to Senator Gardner regarding what could be done to strengthen the forestry industry.

Alyssa Priest, Markit! Forestry's Chief Administrative Officer commented, "Markit! Forestry Management was honored to have Senator Gardner visit our office and discuss the state of the Colorado forestry industry. Senator Gardner's visit was extremely productive. Coming into the meeting, Senator Gardner was well aware of many issues facing the Colorado forestry industry. As a result of our meeting, I am sure that Senator Gardner will be an even stronger advocate for Federal solutions to help not only the Colorado forestry industry, but also national forests across the country."

Patrick Gayner, Markit! Forestry's Vice President of Business Development commented, "Markit! Forestry welcomed the opportunity to meet with Senator Gardner and discuss the problems and opportunities confronting Colorado's forestry industry. In the last few years Markit! Forestry has been a leader and an innovator in addressing many of the issues in the industry, and we welcomed the opportunity to share our thoughts with Senator Gardner. We greatly appreciate Senator Gardner's support for the forestry industry in Colorado and across the nation, and we look forward to working with him to shape the Federal agenda to help preserve and protect Colorado's and nation's forests."

Markit! Forestry is a full service environmental forestry management company, providing Forest Fuels Reduction, Forest Health Restoration, Post-Fire Rehabilitation, Defensible Space, and Timber Harvesting on local government, State, Federal and private land. From its base in Colorado Springs, Markit! Forestry has completed forestry projects across the State of Colorado, and in California, Nevada, Utah and Wyoming. Markit! Forestry was recognized as the 2017 Woman-Owned Business Contractor of the Year by the US Forest Service.

For more information on Markit! Forestry please visit www.markitforestry.com, or call Pat Gayner at 719-593-2365.