



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **MARKIT! FORESTRY MANAGEMENT ACQUIRES HIGHER GROUND FORESTRY & LAND MANAGEMENT**

Markit! Forestry Management LLC ("Markit! Forestry"), a Colorado Springs-based forestry management company, has acquired Higher Ground Forestry & Land Management, Inc. ("Higher Ground"), also located in Colorado Springs. The transaction was completed on June 25. Financial terms were not disclosed.

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 services on State, Federal and private land. Higher Ground provided a range of forestry services very similar to that of Markit! Forestry. Markit! Forestry is experiencing rapid growth across all of its business segments, and the acquisition of Higher Ground strengthens all of Markit! Forestry's business segments.

Jesse Wittry, a principal of Higher Ground, remarked, "Higher Ground Forestry is extremely pleased to be joining forces with Markit! Forestry. The forestry industry in Colorado is in a state of transition, and combining Higher Ground with Markit! Forestry creates a far stronger company to tackle larger Federal, State, local and private forestry jobs."

Jeremy Moore, another principal of Higher Ground commented, "The forestry industry in Colorado is consolidating, and we couldn't think of a better firm to partner with than Markit! Forestry. Markit! Forestry is well capitalized, well managed, and poised for successful growth. The combination of Higher Ground and Markit! Forestry creates a stronger company targeting the needs of the Colorado forestry industry."

Leigh Ann Wolfe, the President of Markit! Forestry, remarked, "Markit! Forestry is delighted to merge the talents and resources of Higher Ground into our company. With this acquisition we bring on board years of forestry knowledge and experience, and also additional forestry equipment. Higher Ground has successfully completed dozens and dozens of forestry jobs, and, in the process, has created extremely satisfied customers and extremely satisfied forestry officials in Federal, State and local forestry agencies. Higher Ground's company culture of executing forestry projects with excellence is a perfect fit for Markit! Forestry. The acquisition of Higher Ground is very timely in creating a larger, stable company able to execute with excellence more complex forestry projects across Colorado."

For more information on Markit! Forestry please visit [www.markitforestry.com](http://www.markitforestry.com), or call Pat Gayner at 719-948-8220.