

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **WILDLAND FIRE HAZARD PROJECT COMPLETED IN UTAH BY MARKIT! FORESTRY WITH A PERFECT RATING FROM THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT**

Markit! Forestry Management ("Markit! Forestry") has completed a significant wildland fire hazard reduction project on about 994 acres located in the Monument Ridge area of Uintah County, Utah. The project site is located approximately 80 miles south of Vernal, Utah. The wildland fire hazard reduction project was sponsored by the Green River District of the Bureau of Land Management in cooperation with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources. In its after-project review, Markit! Forestry was awarded a perfect score for its work by the Bureau of Land Management ("BLM").

The Monument Ridge wildland fire hazard reduction project called for Markit! Forestry to mechanically remove and/or shred standing live and dead pinyon and juniper trees and saplings. Pinyon pine trees less than 8 inches in diameter and juniper trees less than 12 inches in diameter within the project area were removed. Larger pinyon and juniper trees were left standing, as were all Douglas Fir and Ponderosa Pine trees. To complete the project, Markit! Forestry utilized three Tigercat 726G Wheeled Mulchers.



*One of Markit! Forestry's Tigercat 726G Wheeled Mulchers on the Monument Ridge Project*

Upon the completion of the Monument Ridge project, the Bureau of Land Management office in Vernal, Utah, prepared a Rangeland Contract Performance Evaluation. The Rangeland Contract Performance Evaluation stated the following about Markit! Forestry's work:

*Project Lead Greg Tholl and operators Zach, Cody, and James do outstanding work. They were very professional and followed the specifications as identified within the contract. The equipment they used is well maintained and reliable with no lost days due to breakdowns. I would highly recommend this contractor and specifically this crew for future work.*

*Markit! Forestry was given 167 days to complete this work, starting September 1 - December 31, 2019. They started work on September 5th and completed work on December 13th, 2019.*

*Overall Rating: 100/100 points. Excellent Contractor! It was a great experience working with them!*

Mr. Tyler Willis, the General Manager of Markit! Forestry's operations in Utah, commented:

*Markit! Forestry is very pleased to have completed the Monument Ridge fire hazard reduction project and is honored to have been awarded a perfect grade for our work by the Bureau of Land Management. The forestry and wildfire mitigation work that Markit! Forestry does across the southwest United States is critical to helping to control forest fires and to maintaining a healthy environment. We were able to complete the Monument Ridge project in less than the allotted time, and delivered the project with excellence. We are very gratified that the Bureau of Land Management recognized the quality of the work that Markit! Forestry produces.*

Markit! Forestry Management is a full-service environmental forestry management company, specializing in steep slope forestry projects and helicopter logging in the southwest United States. Markit! Forestry Management provides Forest Fuels Reduction, Forest Health Restoration, Post-Fire Rehabilitation, Defensible Space, and Timber Harvesting 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 Matt Wigle at 719-593-2365.