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PAINTED ROCKS STEWARDSHIP PROJECT COMPLETED BY MARKIT! FORESTRY MANAGEMENT FOR THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE

Markit Forestry Management ("Markit! Forestry") has completed an important stewardship project at Painted Rocks, Colorado, for the Pikes Peak Ranger District Pike/San Isabel National Forest section of the U.S. Forest Service ("USFS"). The project largely involved timber harvesting on 148 acres for the purposes of forest health restoration and wildlife habitat improvement on high-profile parkland near Woodland Park, Colorado.

Markit! Forestry provided 19 separate service items to the USFS to complete the stewardship project. The timber harvesting components of the stewardship project involved cutting and removing saw-timber trees, and cutting and decking non-saw-timber trees for firewood for the use of the public. The project involved grapple piling slash on certain sections of land, and lopping and scattering designated biomass trees in other areas. Trees removed at the USFS's direction included live and dead ponderosa pine and live and dead Douglas fir.

Work began on the stewardship project in September 2016, with a project completion deadline of June, 2017. Markit! Forestry completed all of the forestry components of the project in January, 2017. To complete the project Markit! Forestry personnel utilized a wide array of forestry equipment, including the following: TimberPro TL 725C Harvester, Timberline SDL2a Stroke Boom Delimber, CAT 525C Dual Arch Skidder, John Deere 648E Swing Boom Grapple Skidder, and a Doosan DX225 Log Loader.

Pat Gayner, Markit! Forestry's Vice President of Business Development, commented, "Markit! Forestry had the privilege of working with the U.S. Forest Service to improve forest health and wildlife habitats in both a secluded forest stand and near a recreational trail and camping hub. Due to the visibility of the forestry work to the public, this was an important project to both Markit! Forestry and to the U.S. Forest Service. We are very pleased with the results of our joint efforts, and the environment and public will greatly benefit from the work."

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. For more information on Markit! Forestry Management please visit www.markitforestry.com, or call Pat Gayner at 719-948-8220.