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MARKIT! FORESTRY MANAGEMENT COMPLETES FOREST RESTORATION AND FIRE MITIGATION WORK FOR COLORADO SPRINGS UTILITIES AND THE COLORADO STATE FOREST SERVICE

Markit Forestry Management ("Markit! Forestry") has completed a major forest health restoration and fire hazard mitigation project for Colorado Springs Utilities and the Colorado State Forest Service on the south slope unit of Colorado Springs Utilities' Pikes Peak Watershed.

Colorado Springs Utilities needed to protect 7 reservoirs on the south slope of Pikes Peak that supply water to the City of Colorado Springs. Colorado Springs Utilities, in collaboration with the Colorado State Forest Service, planned a forest health restoration project on 188 acres to protect the reservoirs from potential fire hazards and subsequent environmental damage. The required forestry work involved the restoration of mixed conifer and Engelmann spruce stands, the rejuvenation of historic forest openings, and the rejuvenation of aspen stands.

Markit! Forestry began the forest health restoration project in August 2016, and completed the project in October 2016. Markit! Forestry utilized a number of its forestry resources, including a Barko 930 wheeled tractor with a mulching head and a Rayco C200 track mastication unit. The work was especially challenging given the rugged terrain on the side of Pikes Peak, the steep slopes, and the elevation of the project. Markit! Forestry completed some of the forestry work at an elevation of 11,500 feet. Among other capabilities, Markit! Forestry specializes in providing forestry services on steep slopes and rugged terrain.

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.