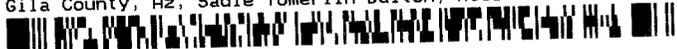


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RESOLUTION NO. 11-08-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF GILA COUNTY, ARIZONA, IN SUPPORT OF ARIZONA FOREST RESTORATION PRODUCTS' BID TO SECURE A LARGE-SCALE RESTORATION CONTRACT THROUGH THE FOUR FOREST RESTORATION INITIATIVE.

WHEREAS, Gila County has experienced degraded forest and watershed health conditions over the past several decades, most significantly represented by large, unnaturally severe fires; and

WHEREAS, accelerated landscape-scale, consensus-based, industry-supported community protection, forest restoration, and fire management activities such as those proposed in the Four Forest Restoration Initiative (4FRI) will enhance the ecological and economic health of northern Arizona's forests and provide innumerable benefits to northern Arizona's communities, including protection from unnaturally severe wildfires, as well as jobs and sustained economic revenue; and

WHEREAS, Gila County has consistently supported the 4FRI, and advocated for awarding contracts to appropriately-scaled industries to help implement restoration activities in a cost-effective and job-creating manner; and

WHEREAS, Gila County has previously supported Arizona Forest Restoration Products Inc. (AZFRP) as a potential bidder for a large-scale restoration contract awarded through the 4FRI; and

WHEREAS, AZFRP has shown that it has met criteria for industry partner success previously outlined by several northern Arizona counties, as well as Governor Jan Brewer, including being an Arizona company that is capable of implementing restoration that meets collaboratively-defined ecological goals, is appropriately-scaled, able to substantially offset restoration treatment costs, able to create substantial jobs, and has a proven collaborative track record; and

WHEREAS, AZFRP has played a critical role in the emergence of a broad consensus about the role of industry in landscape scale restoration, the creation and development of the 4FRI, the resolution of critical policy issues such as the Cancellation Ceiling, the creation of a vast network of political and financial support for the 4FRI, locally, regionally and nationally, the development of an unprecedented social license in northern Arizona, and is expected to continue to play such a critically important role during the implementation of the 4FRI; and

WHEREAS, Gila County recognizes the critical importance of awarding a restoration contract to an industry partner that has a demonstrated economically viable business model that deploys proven technologies in proven markets and that can successfully implement landscape-scale restoration work over the coming 20 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Gila County expresses its support for Arizona Forest Restoration Products Inc. as a trusted industry partner in its bid for one large-scale, long-term restoration contract totaling 30,000 acres per year over the next 10 years, and requests that the U.S. Forest Service give diligent consideration to Arizona Forest Restoration Products' application to be awarded such contracts through the Four Forest Restoration Initiative AG-8371-S-11-0031.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of August 2011, at Globe, Gila County, Arizona

Attest:

GILA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



Marian Sheppard
Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board



Michael A. Pastor, Chairman

Approved as to form:



Bryan Chambers
Chief Deputy County Attorney

