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To: Regional Forester, R-2

I am pleased to announce the release of an additional \$5 million for Forest Service projects to be funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). These funds are for three forest health projects in Colorado and Wyoming.

These additional funds are being released to address the growing threat to millions of acres of dead and dying trees posed by bark beetle infestations. The impacts of the infestation have been especially severe in Colorado and Wyoming where over 2.5 million acres have been affected. The additional funds will address public safety concerns and forest health needs by reducing the risk of wildland fire near communities while creating jobs for the citizens we serve.

In light of the continuing threat from bark beetles, I expect you to ensure prompt obligation of these funds and that the complete contract packages will be to the Economic Recovery Operations Centers within 30 days. Our goal is to have these projects well underway as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued efforts in ARRA implementation.

/s/ Hank Kashdan (for)
THOMAS L. TIDWELL
Chief

Enclosure



Forest Service Rocky Mountain Region Bark Beetle Projects

Region	State	Project Type	Project Name	Est Amt to Accomplish (\$1000)
R02	CO	Hazardous Fuels Reduction	Hazardous Fuels Reduction Projects	\$250.00
			Hazardous Fuels Reduction Projects	\$1,900.00
	CO Total			\$2,150.00
	CO,WY	Hazardous Fuels Reduction	Bark Beetle - HF reduction around WUI - FY09 Phase 1b	\$2,850.00
	CO,WY Total			\$2,850.00
R02 Grand Total				\$5,000.00