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Forest Service issues five more task orders to new 4FRI contractor

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. – The USDA Forest Service has issued five more task orders totaling 8,571 acres to the new Four Forest Restoration Initiative (4FRI) contractor Good Earth Power AZ LLC.

The Mercer Task Order for 952 acres on the Tonto National Forest was issued on September 16th. Four task orders on the Coconino National Forest were also issued on September 16th. These four task orders include Elk Park for 2,901 acres, Weatherford for 1,017 acres, Bobs for 2,017 acres and Clark for 1,684 acres.

Last week, four task orders for 5,707 acres were issued to Good Earth Power AZ LLC as the company took over the phase 1 stewardship contract for 4FRI. The phase 1 4FRI stewardship contract for 300,000 acre was issued in May 2012. To date, the Forest Service has issued 15,219 acres of task orders across the Apache-Sitgreaves, Tonto, Coconino and Kaibab National Forests. Thinning began on the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest with approximately 600 acres completed so far.

In collaboration with many external stakeholders the USDA Forest Service is working hard to accelerate the pace and scale of restoration in northern Arizona. This very important work will improve the ecological resilience and function of 2.4 million acres of ponderosa pine forests.

For additional information on the 4FRI, visit www.fs.usda.gov/4fri, visit the 4FRI Stakeholders site www.4fri.org, or contact 4FRI Public Affairs, 928-527-3591 or 928-699-5477.

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