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ARIZONA FORESTRY REQUESTING CONTRACTOR PROPOSALS TO EXPAND FUELS REDUCTION WORK THROUGHOUT THE STATE

Phoenix, AZ (3/7/2024) – The Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management (DFFM) seeks contractors to support the agency's ongoing efforts to reduce wildfire risk and improve forest health. In order to accomplish agency and project goals, DFFM opened a new Request for Proposal (RFP) directed at forest contractors to support wildland fuels reduction and forest health initiatives, timber harvests, tree thinning, forest restoration, timber sale preparation, and other forestry services.

Over the last two years, DFFM completed a total of 17,107 acres of statewide fuels reduction work for community wildfire risk reduction and overall forest health improvements. Moving forward, the agency plans to increase acres treated each year with the eventual goal of 40,000 acres annually as capacity expands. DFFM conducts project work on State Trust, Federal and private lands with many projects of multi-jurisdictional collaboration. DFFM targets areas with high risk of wildfire, as part of DFFM's responsibility to provide for public safety, healthier forests, infrastructure and watershed protection, and improved wildlife habitats.

RFP information and application instructions can be found at:

<u>https://app.az.gov/page.aspx/en/rfp/request_browse_public</u> and by searching, "BPM005934 Wildland Fuels Reduction, Forestry Management, and Timber Sales Preparation." The RFP closes on April 1, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

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