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**Four Forest Restoration Initiative in Northern Arizona**

**Flagstaff, Arizona – September 13, 2013** - Good Earth Power AZ LLC (GEP) is proud to announce the acquisition of the Four Forest Restoration Initiative (4FRI) stewardship contract in Northern Arizona.

The 4FRI project is the largest forest stewardship contract in the history of the US Forest Service (USFS) and will involve thinning and treating over 300,000 acres of Ponderosa Pine forests in the Kaibab, Coconino, Apache-Sitgreaves and Tonto National Forests.

The forests of northern Arizona and the American West are part of a delicate burn and grow cycle. Human impact over the past 150 years has altered the rates, heights and temperatures at which these forests burn, causing much greater devastation. Recognizing this, the USFS has set out to address the problem by returning the growth patterns of forests to their natural state, with less trees per acre, uneven age trees and more open canopy, thus lowering the height and intensity at which forests naturally burn.

Cal Joyner, Southwestern Regional Forester, US Forest Service said, "We are extremely pleased to have Good Earth Power AZ involvement in this project. Their focus on responsible development and utilization of clean technologies will help us to create a powerful model in Arizona for the sustainable management and restoration of our precious forests."

Good Earth Power, through its newly created Arizona-based subsidiary, GEP AZ LLC, holds a 10 year contract to thin a minimum of approximately 30,000 acres per year which is expected to yield 800,000 tons of saw logs and 450,000 tons of biomass annually. The timber will be made available for commercial sale while the biomass and waste will eventually be used as fuel for the creation of clean power and biofuels using our clean waste-to-energy technology.

Marlin Johnson, of Pioneer, explained, "Although the project is primarily an environmental program designed to replenish the health and sustainability of the natural forests, the commercial revenue offers an opportunity to spur local economic growth and development."

GEP AZ LLC will work with local communities to establish training programs and boost education systems to train local residents, assisting with the creation of long-term job security and the redevelopment of the local economy.

The aim of this project is to demonstrate that good forest stewardship can generate both environmental and economic benefits for the local communities and the nation as a whole.

Beyond the benefits of the project itself, GEP AZ LLC will also implement its Power for Good Program that reinvests company profits into local community development schemes. "As our key commitment is to people and communities, we will reinvest 50% of our profits to deliver everyday practical benefits at the local level with a focus on education and healthcare. We are very excited to get started and to make a difference," said GEP's Global CEO, Jason Rosamond.

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