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Governor Brewer Announces ARRA Project Funding For Arizona State Forestry Division

PHOENIX - Governor Jan Brewer today announced that nearly \$8 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) money has been awarded to the state by the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) for hazardous fuels reduction and biomass projects.

"This federal stimulus money will benefit Arizona economically by creating jobs," Governor Brewer stated. "It will benefit the state environmentally by reducing wildfire risk near our communities and improving the health of forested state, Tribal and privately owned land."

Projects were selected through a competitive process by the U.S. Forest Service based on economic and unemployment factors as well as wildfire risk and forest health need. The Arizona State Forestry Division applied for the grant money on behalf of community partners with strong wildfire prevention plans and viable hazardous fuels reduction or ecosystem improvement projects.

The following State and private forestry projects will be funded (<http://www.fs.fed.us/>):

- Hazardous Fuels/Ecosystem Restoration Groom Creek/Crown King Fire Districts; Yavapai County; hazardous fuels treatment 200 acres; \$179,000
- Show Low Fire Department; Navajo County; hazardous fuels treatment 200 acres; \$112,000
- Government Canyon -Lynx Creek; 200 acres state land and 75 acres City of Prescott; wood to energy production; \$449,000
- White Mountain Apache Tribe Forest Restoration; Apache County; hazardous fuels treatment 2,500 acres; erosion control on 5,000 acres; \$4,487,000
- White Mountain Apache Tribe Nursery Development and Ecosystem Restoration; Apache County; 5,000 acres; \$2,240,000

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