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Stakeholder Resolution in Support of Moving Ahead with Industry-Supported Forest Restoration

This resolution was passed by the Four Forest Restoration Initiative (4FRI) Stakeholder Group on September 26, 2012.

Whereas; the 4FRI is a collaborative effort to restore ecological resilience and function across 2.4 million acres of northern Arizona's ponderosa pine forests, creating healthy ecosystems that support natural fire regimes, functioning populations of native plants and animals, healthy and productive watersheds, and forests that pose little threat of destructive wildfire to forest communities, all while supporting forest industries that strengthen local economies

Whereas; the 4FRI Stakeholder Group recognizes that appropriately scaled industry and wood utilization are essential in order to meet the ambitious goals of restoring 2.4 million acres of forest across the Mogollon Rim over the next 20 years

Whereas; on May 18th, 2012 the US Forest Service selected Pioneer Forest Products to implement the first 4FRI stewardship contract

Whereas; this contract, once implemented, will achieve ecological restoration across 300,000 acres of the 4FRI landscape over the next ten years

Whereas; some individual members of the 4FRI Stakeholder Group have publicly expressed their concerns regarding the contractor selection process and decision

Be it therefore resolved; the 4FRI Stakeholder Group is committed to working constructively with existing and emerging industries, the Forest Service, and other interested parties to achieve our shared goals of economic sustainability, community protection, and ecological restoration.

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