



Flagstaff Watershed Protection Project



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FWPP Phase 1 Mechanical Thinning Contract Update

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What Happened?

The first FWPP Phase 1 logging contract was awarded to Terry Hatmaker for the purchase of 642 acres of National Forest in the Dry Lake Hills along Schultz Pass. The contractor only harvested approximately 20 acres before the end date of the contract which was December 31, 2017. The contract could not be extended because the contractor did not meet requirements in the contract by the termination date. During this time, the FS was not able to discuss the outcome of the contract until after the contractor was notified by certified mail of the termination of the contract. Despite this setback, FWPP has successfully awarded and managed all other mechanical and hand thinning contracts across the project area, and the continued success of FWPP operations is a high priority for both the FS and the City of Flagstaff.

What Now?

The Phase 1 contract was again advertised for rebid during a 30 day period from March 31st to April 30th, 2018. Sealed bids will be opened in public at the Coconino National Forest Office located at 1824 S Thompson St., Flagstaff, AZ 86001 at 10 a.m. local time on May 1st, 2018.

Bids for the second offering of the FWPP Phase 1 timber sale were received, and the Forest Service is in the process of awarding the Phase 1 contract to the apparent high bidder.

What Next?

After the successful bid opening, the apparent high bidder must be determined by the USFS to be a responsible bidder. If the apparent high bidder is a current operator, has operated successfully and is in good standing on other Forest Service contracts, they are typically considered responsible bidders and therefore awarded the contract. Once this determination is made, the contract will be fully awarded, and the contractor can begin work. More details on the FWPP Phase 1 timber sale will be available soon.