



RESOLUTION NO. 2021-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF COCONINO COUNTY, ARIZONA, SUPPORTING THE FOREST PRODUCTS INDUSTRY TO ASSIST IN THE PROTECTION OF OUR COMMUNITIES FROM CATASTROPHIC WILDFIRES AND POST-FIRE FLOODING

Whereas, the Coconino County Board of Supervisors has identified catastrophe wildfires and post-wildfire flooding as the number one public safety threat.

Whereas, the County has created a Forest Restoration Initiative, funded by a community-supported tax district, known as the Flood Control District

Whereas, the The Forest Restoration Initiative was developed to positively affect our County's communities by protecting our natural resources from catastrophic wildfires and post wildfire flooding.

Whereas, the Forest Restoration Initiative through direct funding for forest restoration projects, funding of scientific studies on watersheds and forest health.

Whereas, the Forest Restoration Director works in direct partnership with national, state and local governments and private industry to facilitate strategies that promote forest health.

Whereas, the Forest Restoration Director promotes and cultivates new forest industry and increase existing forestry industry in Coconino County.

Whereas, the increase of forest restoration treatments produces large amounts of biomass (non-merchantable tops, branches and needles), which the majority of biomass must be removed from the forest landscape.

Whereas, the lack of forest industry that consumes (utilizes) biomass is creating a bottleneck, crippling the pace and scale of forest restoration projects.

Whereas, the Coconino County Board of Supervisors supports forest and biomass industry growth through coordinated supportive activities by the Forest Restoration and Economic Development operations of Coconino County.


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Coconino County Board of Supervisors that forest restoration is the effective way to reduce catastrophic wildfires and post-fire flooding in our County.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it be a policy priority to support the forest products industry through economic development programs, planning and zoning, and legislative actions, as industry is critical to the success of the Coconino County Forest Restoration Initiative and US Forest Service's Four Forest Restoration Initiative (known as 4FRI).

PASSED and ADOPTED this 22nd day of June, 2021

AYES: 5
NOS: 0
ABSENT: 0

COCONINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



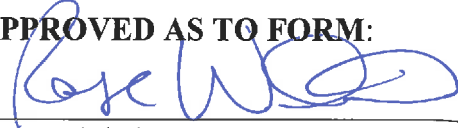
Matt Ryan, Chair

(SEAL)



ATTEST:


Lindsay Daley, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Rose Winkeler, Deputy County Attorney