

SUCCESS STORY—WHITE MOUNTAIN STEWARDSHIP GROUP FUTURE FORESTS, LLC—FOREST ENERGY CORP—WALKER BROTHERS

WB Contracting, Inc. has been performing forest thinning work in the Southwest for over 20 years. They specialize in forest landscape restoration including thinning, piling, chipping, transporting and marketing of wood fiber, seeding, waterbarring, and contour falling. Forest Energy Corp of Show Low, AZ, in operation over 15 years, utilizes the residues from thinning to produce densified wood pellets used for fuel that provides heat to over 20,000 residences and commercial facilities in the Southwest. Also produced is animal bedding, kitty litter, absorbents and densified wood logs for use in home fireplaces. In August of 2004, the USDA Forest Service awarded Future Forest LLC the White Mountain Stewardship Contract on the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest in Arizona. Under this contract, Future Forest is charged with managing the treatment (thinning) of approximately 5,000 to 25,000 acres of forest land per year over the 10-year term of the contract.

Future Forest contracts with experienced logging companies such as WB Contracting, Inc., its primary subcontractor, to thin the forests; then markets the wood to local businesses, such as Forest Energy Corp, for processing. As steward of the Apache-Sitgreaves Forest lands, Future Forest is working closely with the Forest Service to create healthier forests, reduce the threat of wildfires to our communities and help develop new markets for wood residue to improve our local economies stoves and campfires.

