



PROJECT SNAPSHOT

Project Andrew (Healing Haven)

Status: Work In Progress

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Sub-Grantee:	N/A	Grant Award:	\$0
Project:	Prescott, AZ	Grant Dollars:	\$0
Project Term:	9/25/2017 - 9/25/2027	Planned Match:	\$0
Funding:	Other	Current Match:	\$0
Federal Grant #:	NRCS EQIP 2017	Total Project Value:	\$0

Project Abstract

This Plan serves the forest stewards of a 19 acre neighborhood situated on the southern boundary of Prescott municipal and USFS lands. The project is named in honor of Andrew Ashcraft and the Granite Mountain Hotshots. This project is a part of the Joint Chiefs Cross Boundary, Prescott Basin Cross Boundry Project. Implementation will be coordinated with the adjacent USFS School House Integrated Resource Timber Contract (2018) and the High Valley fuel break (2018). The single-storied ponderosa pine stand with an oak understory is in an unmanaged condition. The current basal area is approaching 200 ft²/acre and will be reduced by about half significantly reducing risk of encroaching wildfire. This project exempfies cross bounday work and coloboration. There has been incredible support between the public and private partnerships and the Ashcrafts have led the charge to make change in their community. The forest stewardship program was the catylst in bringing the groups together and laying out a plan for lona term forest managemement.

Project Objectives

- Reduce wildfire hazard. Sustain forest health.
- Improve public safety. Enhance aesthetic quality.
- Reduce erosion and build soil. Promote wildlife.

Project Accomplishments

Plans are in place and coordinated cross boundary forestry practices are scheduled to begin in early March, 2018.

Picture 1: Granite Mountain 19 Memorial



Picture 2: Unmanaged Ponderosa / Oak Stand





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Project Discussion

PLANNING

Cross boundary private to private with lot sizes ranging from one to eight acres. Individually none meet the Forest Stewardship Program minimum of ten acres; aggregated to 19 acres they do. The NRCS Conservation Plan identifies resource concerns, specifies practices and provides incentive funding to connect the two. Cross boundary private to Forest Service integrates the Project Andrew Forest Stewardship Plan with the adjacent Schoolhouse IRTC and High Valley Fuel Break projects.

COORDINATION

Cooperators include the landowners and residents of Project Andrew, the Prescott Area Wildland Urban Interface Commission (PAWUIC), the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management, the Natural Resource Conservation Service, the US Forest Service, Arizona Public Service, and Dakota Logging and Timber Company. The ADFFM has played a coordinating function with: USFS - identified necessary trees to skid and landing location; APS - integrated safety zone into silvicultural prescription; PAWUIC - technical assistance with NRCS contract development and MOU with private land owners; NRCS - technical assistance with development of the Conservation Plan and the forest stand improvement practice specification; Dakota Logging - project review; and private land owners to develop and sign the FSP, layout and mark, and prework including flagging hazards and calling for Blue Stake.

IMPLEMENTATION

Forest practices will begin in early March 2018 and will include mechanized thinning, designated tree removal from along the APS power lines, technical tree removal from around structures and other obstacles, activity slash chipping, and removal of all harvested material from site. Certain harvested trees will be skidded tree-length to the south onto adjacent FS land. Processing and slash disposal will occur at this landing. The majority of the harvested material will be hauled out of the neighborhood on Hidden Valley Road to White Spar Road (Hwy 89).





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