



July 22, 2013

The Honorable Jeff Flake
368 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Flake,

Please accept this letter from the Flagstaff Chamber of Commerce, the Economic Collaborative of Northern Arizona, and the City of Flagstaff thanking you for your leadership in helping to reduce wildfire risks to our state through your bill S. 1300, the Stewardship Contracting Reauthorization Act of 2013.

We commend your efforts to see that the Forest Service is able to enter into strong stewardship contracts to help protect our forests. As a community that is very much involved with the Four Forest Restoration Initiative (4FRI), we understand the need for this legislation and you have our support. The citizens of Flagstaff proved their commitment to forest thinning in November 2012 by overwhelmingly voting for a \$10 million bond to conduct forest thinning in conjunction with 4FRI.

Thank you for your strong representation of the interests and concerns of Northern Arizona. Rest assured that you can call on us for further support, discussion and leadership in helping your bill pass.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie Pastrick".

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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jerry Nabours".

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Bowen".

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