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FOREST SERVICE OFFERS GRANTS TO ENCOURAGE USE OF SMALL-DIAMETER TREES

Springerville, AZ.... The Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests have announced the availability of grant funds intended to encourage the utilization of small-diameter trees. The \$100,000 funding comes from the National Forest County Partnership Program which was also instrumental in obtaining an additional \$750,000 to thin more acres of trees this year on these Forests.

Grant funds are intended for small businesses, non-profit entities, or local governments for equipment, supplies, or processes that will facilitate the use of small-diameter trees and which will help to stimulate the local economy. Requests for grant proposals are now being accepted.

Proposals must be sent to the Forest Supervisor's Office, PO Box 640, Springerville, AZ 85938 no later than Monday, July 19, 2004, and must be less than \$100,000. A grant application packet which details the required information needed is available at this same address or a mailed copy can be requested by calling (928) 333-4301, or the packet is available on the Forests' web page at www.fs.fed.us/r3/asnf.

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