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LETTER OF AFFIRMATION

To Whom It May Concern:

This Letter of Affirmation is to confirm that Northern Arizona University is implementing a diversely supported biomass feasibility study. The Coordinating Committee for Campus Sustainability (CoCoSus) helped to coordinate this \$65,000+ effort.

We believe this is an innovation because:

- 1) A huge collaborative internal effort acquired funding through multi-departmental collaboration. Funding was provided by: Ecological Restoration Institute, Enrollment Management and Student Affairs, Finance and Administration, Office of Research, Office of the Provost, Green Fund. Letters of support came from James Allen, Executive Director of the School of Forestry, Karin Wadsack, Project Manager at the Institute for Sustainable Energy Solutions (ISES), Jennis Burton, Vice President of Finance and Administration, Dr. William Grabe, Vice President for Research, David Bousquet, Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs, Laura Huenneke, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Diane Vosick, Director of Policy and Partnerships for the Ecological Restoration Institute.
- 2) One of the reasons NAU is interested in utilizing biomass is to assist in the regional Four Forest Restoration Initiative (4FRI) which is a collaborative effort to restore forest ecosystems on portions of four national forests - Coconino, Kaibab, Apache-Sitgreaves, and Tonto - along the Mogollon Rim in northern Arizona. <http://www.4fti.org/>
- 3) The largest project being assessed is a 10MW biomass plant that would make NAU carbon neutral.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ellen Vaughan".

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