
Re: Biomass Meeting

From Malena Hannah <mhannah@mhcadp.com>
Date Tue 6/30/2026 11:58 AM
To Britney Reynolds <b.reynolds@eagaraz.gov>
Cc Brannon Eagar <b.eagar@eagaraz.gov>; Preston Raban <praban@apachecountyaz.gov>

Brittney,

It really is and thank you. If the opposition was more willing to take a moderate approach instead of scorched earth, we might get somewhere.

Thanks,
Malena



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From: Britney Reynolds <b.reynolds@eagaraz.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2026 11:30 AM
To: Malena Hannah <mhannah@mhcadp.com>
Cc: Brannon Eagar <b.eagar@eagaraz.gov>; Preston Raban <praban@apachecountyaz.gov>
Subject: Re: Biomass Meeting

Malena,

That is tragic for our entire area but understand their valid concerns to move forward. I truly appreciate your work and the update.

If there is something we can do as staff to ease their apprehensiveness toward development, please do not hesitate to let me know. I know I have talked to several of the "red coats" and they are truly against wind-

based projects but are open to others.

Have a great day,

Britney Reynolds

Community Development Director

Town of Eagar

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From: Britney Reynolds <b.reynolds@eagaraz.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2026 9:10 AM

To: Malena Hannah <mhannah@mhcanp.com>

Cc: Brannon Eagar <b.eagar@eagaraz.gov>

Subject: Re: Biomass Meeting

Good morning,

Fw: Biomass Meeting

From Brannon Eagar <b.eagar@eagaraz.gov>

Date Wed 7/1/2026 8:23 PM

To Guy Phelps <g.phelps@eagaraz.gov>; Marsha Tucker <m.tucker@eagaraz.gov>; Ray Hamblin <r.hamblin@eagaraz.gov>; William Greenwood <w.greenwood@eagaraz.gov>; Bryce Burnham <b.burnham@eagaraz.gov>; Brandon Slade <b.slade@eagaraz.gov>; Titan Merrill <t.merrill@eagaraz.gov>

Cc Jessica Vaughan <j.vaughan@eagaraz.gov>; Britney Reynolds <b.reynolds@eagaraz.gov>

Please read the email below to Britney. It looks like the strong opposition and the negativity over the wind mills will negate our chances for a biomass plant.

Brannon Eagar

Town Manager

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From: Britney Reynolds <b.reynolds@eagaraz.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2026 12:48 PM

To: Brannon Eagar <b.eagar@eagaraz.gov>

Subject: Fw: Biomass Meeting

See attached about biomass

Britney Reynolds

Community Development Director

From: Malena Hannah <mhannah@mhcanpd.com>

Sent: Tuesday, 30 June 2026 11:25:26

To: Britney Reynolds <b.reynolds@eagaraz.gov>

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Good morning,

Wanted to reach out and touch base as there is a CUP being asked for the "old sawmill" property next month. Staff is still waiting on documentation, but I was wondering if you knew if your potential buyers were still looking at the area or if there were any updates you could provide to us on the group. Appreciate your work.

Thank you and Happy 4th of July,

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From: Britney Reynolds <b.reynolds@eagaraz.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 3:03 PM
To: Malena Hannah <mhannah@mhcanp.com>
Cc: Brannon Eagar <b.eagar@eagaraz.gov>
Subject: Re: Biomass Meeting

Hi Malena,

The Town of Eagar was recently awarded an EDA grant for the development/engineering of our industrial area. I am currently working with NAU, who is conducting an economic impact study for this grant, and would like to obtain information from your biofuel group, if possible, as I am still hoping they will continue to look at Eagar as a viable option for their project. Could you provide me with a company name and address where I can send a letter asking about this information?

Appreciate the assist,

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RealAZ Meeting July 16th

From Preston Raban <praban@apachecountyaz.gov>

Date Mon 6/29/2026 1:21 PM

To will.r@plutusv.com <will.r@plutusv.com>; jordan.h@plutusv.com <jordan.h@plutusv.com>; ccosgrove@iti-plc.com <ccosgrove@iti-plc.com>

Genlemen...

It's been a while since we last spent some time together, and I hope that you are all doing well! I know you've probably been invited to the July 16th RealAZ meeting by some of your other cohorts, but as a member of the executive board of RealAZ, I want to personally invite you to witness the most prolific body of economic development professionals in the entire region. Come and let us feed you, both physically and cerebrally, as you associate with those who are the real 'engines' driving economic progress in Apache and Navajo counties.

Based on your interest in the Eagar "Old Sawmill" site, you will be excited to know that the Town of Eagar will be showcasing their efforts and successes as of late... these are the same people who would be walking you through the process if you were to establish your project there. These are the most progressive, proactive, and pro-biomass individuals you will find in this region, and folks who want nothing more than to bring your project home. Come get to know them better, see what this group has done, and see what they're capable of... I think it might motivate you all to see the fruits of their efforts.

I know that Apache County seems like a "hot zone" right now, and if you are a wind energy company, that truly is the case. But it's also important that you know this:

- **Unanimous Community Support:** There isn't ONE member of the opposition to the wind energy projects who wouldn't 100% support a project that maintains and bolsters our forest health. Apache County has a rich, 100-year logging and forestry legacy, and biomass aligns perfectly with our community's core values.
- **Streamlined Municipal Permitting:** You would be dealing directly with the Town of Eagar (and not Apache County) when it comes to all necessary permitting in order to get your project off the ground. These folks are personal friends of mine, and they work with an incredibly supportive planning and zoning commission, as well as a pro-growth Town Council. (I couldn't hand-pick a better team for you to work with in this situation.)
- **Exceptional Value:** Eagar is a low-overhead haven for businesses with low logistics dependencies. Your startup fees, property costs, and corporate tax rates will drastically beat the US average.

I hope to be able to meet you all there and introduce you to some of the most impactful folks behind the scenes of success in our county.

What: RealAZ Economic Development Meeting

Where: Northland Pioneer College Campus, 1611 South Main St., Snowflake, AZ 85937

When: July 16th, 12:00pm–2:00pm (Lunch served upon arrival)

Thanks for your time!

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