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## Three Springs is Home for Region's First Construction Recycling Center

### *Phoenix Construction Recycling Center Now Open*

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Phoenix Construction Recycling LLC has opened a state of the art construction waste recycling facility at Three Springs. As the first facility of its kind in the Four Corners region, Phoenix will provide services to recycle those materials of environmental value found in construction waste. "Annually, builders in the United States generate approximately 31.5 million tons of construction waste, almost 24 percent of the total municipal solid waste in this country. When over 50% of that waste can be recycled there is no reason for it to go into the landfill," says Alex Arribau, who owns the business with her husband Mark Thompson.

The Phoenix facility at Three Springs will be the first of its kind in Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah. To find a similar recycling center, one might travel as far as Portland, Oregon, or Austin, Texas, where green building campaigns are prevalent. According to Arribau, "Construction waste is a very clean waste stream with materials like wood, aggregates, metals, and cardboard available for recycling. Builders and contractors toss all construction site waste into Phoenix's on-site dumpsters and the recycling crews sort by hand or heavy equipment at the new facility."

"The establishment of such a facility at Three Springs fits well into the vision of the Three Springs Sustainable Development Program," said Patrick Vaughn, President of GF Properties Group LLC, developer of Three Springs. "We have made a commitment to seek and implement innovative methods of green construction standards from the start, and certainly, construction recycling has an immediate and favorable impact on the environment."

The benefits of construction recycling are numerous. Recycling the 600 pounds of cardboard waste from construction of a 2,000 sf residence may save seven grown pine trees from harvest. In addition, carbon emissions may be reduced by 75% by avoiding truck trips to the landfill.

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Phoenix projects recycling over 10 million lbs, or 5,000 tons of waste during the build-out of Three Springs. “This is a win-win for everyone involved,” added Vaughn. Three Springs is pleased to having forged this alliance with Phoenix Construction Recycling and looks forward to continued discovery of means to reduce construction waste for our project and for the county.”

Phoenix also serves other builders in La Plata County including the Tierra Group, Dyerbilt, Habitat for Humanity, Tom Gorton Construction and Classique Custom Homes.

Phoenix Recycling was founded by Arribau and Mark Thompson in 2001. They were awarded the Green Business of the Year from the Chamber of Commerce in 2005.