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Bingaman: Tesuque Company Awarded a Nearly \$1.3 Million Federal Grant

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WASHINGTON – U.S. Senator Jeff Bingaman today announced that Local Energy, Tesuque, has been awarded \$1.28 million from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Bingaman said that the company will use the project to study and design a system to use the forest thinning waste in the Santa Fe watershed to burn and provide heat to hotels and other large buildings in Santa Fe. The heat can be delivered in a city through steam pipes.

"This grant is a major investment in our state. But this funding will not just support good jobs, it also will help advance research in a key renewable energy source: biomass," Bingaman said.

Bingaman voiced strong support in favor of the company's grant application.

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