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**With a National Fire Plan Economic Action grant of \$100,000, we helped Eureka Pellet Mills use more waste wood, hire 9 new employees and establish large distribution contracts with Walmart and Home Depot.**

Eureka's plant in Superior, Montana used some of the funds to purchase a new system that bags wood pellets for retail sale. Their new system can bag a ton of pellets every 2 minutes, to be burned for heat in efficient pellet stoves.

Eureka's grant also purchased some duct work and a cyclone, pictured above. ***"Now, we are working very hard to keep up with the demand,"*** said Operations Manager Ed Clinton. ***"This new equipment has increased our viability and allowed us to keep up with our competition."***

The National Fire Plan Economic Action Program helps community businesses that use wood removed in fire hazard reduction. By creating markets for this material, the USDA Forest Service helps reduce the cost of hazard mitigation, while supporting Montana's rural economies. With the help of Montana Department of Commerce, we have delivered over \$1 million through 18 grants to Montana's communities.

