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*Providing community leadership, resources and a forum to improve wildfire preparedness and prevention in Eastern Alpine County.*

**NOTE: AMENDMENT ADDED TO END OF DOCUMENT ON 1/23/25****REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL****FOR FUELS TREATMENT PROJECT ALPINE FIRE SAFE COUNCIL**

**RELEASE DATE:** January 18,2025

**CLOSING DATE:** Proposals must be received and post marked by USPS mail at the Alpine Fire Safe Council P.O. Box by 3:00pm on February 21,2025, or via email {PDF protected} to Project Manager by February 21,2025 3pm.

NOTE: Deadline for inquiries to the Project Manager is February 13,2025 5pm

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**INTRODUCTION**

The Alpine Fire Safe Council has received funding for Fuels Treatment projects in Eastern Alpine County. One or more qualified businesses will be contracted to conduct fuels reduction. The funding is available for contracted services until the funding runs out. To ensure that all applicants are receiving the same information, bidders may submit questions to the Project Manager in writing at [khartnet@hotmail.com](mailto:khartnet@hotmail.com) and all answers (with corresponding questions) will be posted on the AFSC website listed above. Questions submitted after 5:00 pm February 13,2025 will not be answered.

**BACKGROUND**

The AFSC has a history of successfully managed various fuels reduction projects on the Eastern slope of Alpine County since its inception. The primary purpose of this project is to assist residents of eastern Alpine County and the community as a whole in vegetation management. This project will also assist in accessibility of emergency equipment personnel in the event of a wildland fire. A licensed contractor will perform the work designated in the Project section below.

**PROJECT**

The name of this project is **Bacon fuels reduction project.**

AFSC requests that contractors submitting proposals fully understand there are three interrelated and contingent project components:

1. Fuels reduction
2. Hauling of tree parts

### 3. Entrance & Egress improvement & restoration

The Total proposal cost shall not exceed **\$165,000.00** No change orders or other contingent costs will be entertained.

The project is in Markleeville in Alpine County; cross street timber lane. The project area is appx 42 acres. This is a fuels treatment project. The natural forest fuels in the project area consists of various types of Conifer trees and brushes. A project area map is included.

All work to be performed is on private property, for which the AFSC has obtained "Right of Entry authorization" from all affected property owners. No one may enter the project area without prior authorization from Alpine Fire Safe Council, Project Manager.

Treatment prescriptions are 70% / 30% mosaic.. this means...70% reduction

Machine mastication of brushes is the required prescription.

Hand tree felling, and machine logging are both required prescriptions

Where applicable chipping of brushes and tree parts will be done on site, chipped materials shall be broadcast at a depth no greater than 3".

Work for this project can only be performed Monday-Friday 7:30am-5:00pm.

No pile burning of abated forest fuels, will be entertained.

Contractor shall include costs for street cleanup of project work where applicable, and onsite water truck minimum 1000 gallons with operator is required.

Proposal shall include all costs associated with and attributable to, hauling of tree parts to Turtle Rock park in Alpine County. This particular cost item shall be broken out in the proposal as timber hauling, with defined costs for labor & equipment. Proposal shall include a complete description of work to be performed. Proposal costs while broken out as a project element will be part of the total cost proposal.

Proposal shall include all costs associated with and attributable to project entrance and egress, enhancement and restoration and protection of private property associated with this access point. A map is included of the defined entrance/egress location. No alternative proposals to the depicted entrance/egress location will be entertained. The costs for this portion of the proposal shall be broken out and clearly defined for labor, materials, and equipment used. Proposal shall include a complete description of work to be performed. Proposal costs while broken out as a project element will be part of the total cost proposal. It is recommended the Contractor contact the Project Manager for an in-depth discussion and or site visit. Interested Contractors may review project area M-F, prior to submission of proposal, with prior arrangements through the Project Manager.

### **PROPOSAL**

A Licensed contractor(s) C-27 or C-49 and including LTO (A) will be hired to conduct these services for fuels treatment. This Request for Proposal (RFP) is to contract with qualified

businesses capable of providing the work for this project. All proposals must be submitted in the format detailed below, to the Project Manager by the deadline of 3:00pm on February 21, 2025.

No subcontracting will be entertained.

The AFSC & the Project Manager will review and evaluate the proposals. Any proposal that does not contain all of the required elements may not be selected. All proposals become the sole property of the Alpine Fire Safe Council. Proposal submission does not equate to award.

## **SCOPE OF WORK**

The awarded contractor will be responsible for the following:

1. Providing completely articulated description of the work to be conducted:
2. Brush mastication Note: mastication and chipped products shall stay on the ground.
3. Felling & Removal of identified flagged trees
4. Tree decking where applicable for preparation for hauling
5. Project site clean up:
  - a. Ruts caused by wheeled and tracked equipment
  - b. General debris
  - c. Trash/etc.
6. Chipping on site of tree parts. Chipping equipment shall be minimum Peterson Pacific 3310 24" capacity.
7. Provision of flagging personnel and flagging equipment
8. Onsite 1000 gallon Water truck for fire suppression while work is in progress
9. Street cleanup if applicable of paved streets adjacent to the project area
10. Improvement and restoration of entrance/egress to project area

In the event of fuel or oil spills from Contractor machinery/equipment, Contractor bears entire cost and responsibility for soils removal to a recognized waste facility and replacement of removed soils to the original grade, to the satisfaction of AFSC.

Access to computers, internet, phones, tools, vehicle and personnel safety equipment and adequate and appropriate personnel to fully implement the service efficiently and safely

Complete the work within three (3) weeks of project start date

Contractor(s) will arrive at the work site as scheduled. If there is a scheduling delay beyond the time work is scheduled. Contractor will notify the Project Manager immediately, and will agree to a revised schedule.

Document field personnel dates of service, number of crew members, job start times, end times, and time required to complete the project. No employees under the age of 18 are permitted on the project.

Access roads within the project area are to remain completely accessible to residents during work, any and all damage to the project site by wheeled or tracked equipment shall be restored to original condition

Report to the Project Manager should any issues that may arise in the performance of their services

Provision of a plan executing cleanup of the project work area and adjacent streets

## **QUALIFICATIONS AND SELECTION CRITERIA**

The Project Manager and AFSC will review and evaluate the proposals and make the contractor selection based on the following criteria:

1. Contractor's responsiveness in thoroughly addressing the "Responsibilities and Scope of Work" and preparing a comprehensive proposal. All tasks and proposal format questions must be answered/included in your proposal to be considered.
2. Proposed hourly crew and equipment cost.
3. Contractor's equipment. Must be capable of a finished result per guidelines outlined above.
4. Contractor's experience in fire prevention practices (CPRC 4291), fuel load reduction, and access to Defensible Space development equipment.
5. Possession of all required insurance and licenses (detailed in Proposal Format below)
6. For utilization of chippers in performance of work under this agreement, California Air Resources Board requirements must be met. As a requirement of the California Air Resources Board (CARB) Statewide Portable Equipment Registration Program, all chippers used must be permitted through CARS. If contractors do not currently have a Statewide Portable Equipment Permit, then the contractors are required to submit proof of starting the process by submitting a copy of the Letter of Completion by CARS within 30 days of being awarded the contract. If the chipper engine is 50 brake horsepower or less, it is exempt from the permitting process. For questions regarding attaining a CARS Statewide Portable Equipment Registration Permit, please call CARS at (916)874-4884.
7. Minority and women-owned businesses are encouraged to apply.

## **EVALUATION**

The Project Manager and AFSC will evaluate the proposals. Notification of Contractors' selection will be made by the Project Manager.

## **AVAILABLE FUNDS**

Funding available for contract(s) awarded under this project is estimated not to exceed \$165,000 total. Contract budget and potential award will be based on comprehensive proposals. AFSC will pay Contractor directly via USPS within forty-five days following receipt of the invoice, at the address provided to AFSC by the awarded Contractor. There will be no exceptions to the provisions to remit payment.

## **PROPOSAL FORMAT**

A qualifying proposal must address the following:

1. Letter of Interest: with a statement that the contractor will perform the services outlined in this RFP and including :
  - a. Title of Project
  - b. Name & address of contracting company
  - c. Contact person, telephone number, fax number and email address
2. Understanding of the Project: Contractor shall provide a brief response that demonstrates an understanding of the project and their knowledge of the California Public Resources Code 4291. Contractor shall briefly outline how their proposal will be responsive to the "Scope of Work".

3. Qualifications of Key Personnel: Contractor shall provide the names of the key people who will be working for the contractor, their role in the project and a synopsis of their experience relevant to these roles.
4. Previous Experience: Contractors shall list all relevant work performed for the past five (5) years within California or Nevada.
5. Business License: Please submit a copy of your current business license and Current contractor License either Calif or Nevada and/or Licensed Timber operator type A and or C27 or 49.
6. Current Driver's License: Please provide the list of personnel operating motor vehicles and their current DL classifications and endorsements.
7. Proof of Insurance: Please provide proof of insurance as follows: Commercial General
8. Liability Insurance of \$1,000,000 per occurrence, Note: insurances provided shall be in or stated as under the same name as the Name of the Contractor License.
9. Worker's Compensation (California only) Note: In the name of the contractor
10. Automobile Insurance for vehicles used to complete this project
11. Cost of Proposal: Contractor shall provide a proposal based on an hourly rate for equipment and crew. This rate is to include travel, overhead and administrative costs.

Additionally, contractor shall include:

1. Costs for "on site" 1000 gallon water truck for wildland fire protection
2. Cost for project work cleanup as required.
3. Costs for entrance/egress to project site and restoration
4. Costs for hauling tree parts to Turtle Rock park

Specific Notation: Contractor shall include: Acknowledgement/recognition of all USFS "No Work on Red Flag Days"

Affirmation of the availability of minimum two types of chipping/mastication equipment (e.g. skid steer masticator ☐ excavator mastication, dedicated tracked chipper, etc.)

Soils Abatement: Contractor shall include a soils abatement plan for soils damaged by spills.

Communication: The majority of communication will be done via email and phone. However, there may be a need to be available during normal business hours and job site visits may occur at times to ensure work quality. Indicate contact cell phone and office numbers as applicable.

Computer Skills and Internet Access: Contractor is expected to possess appropriate computer skills and internet access to ensure communication via email and submission/receipt of related documents or invoices.

Billing invoices submitted shall include the project name, brief description of the work completed, hours work performed on site, and any other related costs to the project.

## **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS WITHIN PROPOSAL**

Contractor must provide:

1. Completed and signed W-9
2. Four (4) references of previous completed fuels treatment projects in California and/or Nevada. These shall be of treatment project a minimum of 30 acres each.

## **PROJECT TIMELINE**

Project completion is a maximum of three (3) weeks (21 days) from project start date. Contractors submitting proposals shall submit a work schedule.

### **PROPOSAL SUBMISSION**

One (1) copy must be submitted and received by 3:00pm February 10, 2025. Proposal may be emailed to [khartnet@hotmail.com](mailto:khartnet@hotmail.com) or mailed to the AFSC at:

Alpine Fire Safe Council  
Attn: Kris Hartnett, Project Manager  
PO Box 67  
Markleeville, CA. 96120

If a proposal is received after 3:00pm on February 10, 2025, it will be disqualified.

### **NONDISCRIMINATION**

The program or activities conducted under this agreement will be in compliance with the nondiscrimination provisions contained in Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 (Public Law 100-259); and other nondiscrimination statutes: namely, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. They will also be in accordance with regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture (7CFR-15, Subparts A&B), which provide that no person in the United States shall on the grounds of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, marital or family status, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance from the US Department of Agriculture or any agency thereof.

### **CONTRACT DOCUMENTS**

The successful Contractor(s) will be expected to enter into a contract detailing the specification of the RFP and agreement.

### **Bacon RFP Amendment**

Date:1-23-25

Subject: Access road to Bacon Project

This project requires the improvement of an access road to the project area. There is only one approved access road, as approved by permit from Lahontan Water Quality Control District & Calif Fish & Wildlife. No alternatives are acceptable, nor will any be entertained. This road is to be used for entrance and exit of the project area, by the contractors equipment.

The Access road to the project area crosses two private properties. The property owners have approved access, with stipulations.

- ✓ One Pine tree must be removed to improve the access road. Tree is approx. 10"DBH. It shall be cut down to a height of no greater than 6" above existing grade. Tree will be cut in lengths of not greater than 6ft. Slash and other tree parts, i.e. branches, pine needles, pine cones, will be chipped with the other project chipping, but with in the project area.

- ✓ Stream protections: a semi-annual active stream exists on the private properties prior to the project area. This stream must be protected, as well as the corrugated metal pipe providing stream direction. Contractor(s) bidding this project may employ one of two methods to protect the stream and corrugated metal pipe.
  - i. Trench plate across the stream, and corrugated pipe, whether the stream is active at the time of the project or not. If using the trench plate method, it shall only be employed if the total gross weight of contractors equipment DOES NOT exceed 11,000 pounds. This trench plate method shall remain throughout the entire project period, and removed within 30 days of completion of the project.
  - ii. If the total weight of contractors equipment exceeds 11,000 pounds, 3" fractured rock is the required alternative for protection of the stream bed & corrugated pipe. Sufficient rock shall be spread at a pitch to convey a drive on access, from either side of the stream and protect the corrugated pipe from damage from equipment. This rock method shall remain throughout the entire project period, and removed within 30 days of completion of the project.
  - iii. In either implementation of the stream crossing protection, the contractor is responsible for stream restoration to its natural state, before the project start. This includes all equipment earth rutting from tires or tracks, repairs to the corrugated pipe, trash removal.
  - iv. If it is determined the contractor equipment weight to implement the fractured rock method is required, when the project is completed, the rock shall be raked away from the stream bed to a distance of 10ft on either side of the stream bed, and left in a spread single layer.

Private driveway, shall be protected where it intersects the County asphalt road.

This project access road comes off an Alpine County asphalt road [Timber lane], and is a part of the Access Road improvements. The County road shall be protected throughout the project period. The Contractor shall include in the bid sufficient cost to repair any damage to the asphalt to restore it to its condition as of the date of project start.