

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

FUELS TREATMENT PROJECT

LOWER MANZANITA PHASE II

Alpine Fire Safe Council
P.O. Box 67
Markleeville, California 96120

1. RFP OVERVIEW

The Alpine Fire Safe Council (AFSC) is soliciting proposals from qualified licensed contractors to provide fuels treatment services within the Lower Manzanita Phase II project area in Eastern Alpine County, California. The purpose of this Request for Proposal (RFP) is to identify a contractor capable of performing vegetation management and fuels reduction services in accordance with grant requirements, applicable regulations, and project specifications. The Alpine Fire Safe Council reserves the right to award all or portions of the work described herein and to reject any or all proposals received.

2. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

RFP Release Date: June 23, 2026
Mandatory Site Visit Deadline: July 8, 2026
Proposal Submission Deadline: July 17, 2026, 3:00 PM
Contractor Selection Notification: On or about July 24, 2026
Estimated Project Start: To Be Determined following contract execution

3. PROJECT COORDINATOR CONTACT INFORMATION

Richard Burchiel an independent contractor of Trees at Work LLC
Project Coordinator / Grant Administrator
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4. INTRODUCTION

The Lower Manzanita Phase II Project is intended to reduce hazardous fuel loading, improve wildfire suppression opportunities, enhance defensible space around homes and outbuildings, and increase overall community resilience to wildfire.

5. BACKGROUND

The Alpine Fire Safe Council has successfully managed and completed multiple fuels reduction projects throughout Eastern Alpine County and continues to implement strategic vegetation management projects that reduce wildfire risk while preserving environmental and aesthetic values.

6. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

- Nine parcels total
- Seven residential units with multiple outbuildings
- Approximately 42.5 acres
- Acreage is provided for reference only
- Contractors shall provide pricing for treatment of all project parcels

7. SCOPE OF WORK

- Approximately 70% vegetation reduction
- Retention of approximately 30% vegetation utilizing a mosaic pattern
- Preservation of visual diversity and natural site characteristics
- Improvement of wildfire suppression opportunities
- Reduction of ladder fuels and excessive fuel loading

Property owner preferences shall be incorporated whenever consistent with grant requirements, environmental compliance measures, and project objectives. Trees designated for retention shall have ladder fuels removed by pruning lower branches up to fifteen feet above ground level where appropriate.

8. TREATMENT METHODS AND REQUIREMENTS

- Mechanical mastication shall be the primary treatment method
- Maximum soil disturbance shall not exceed five inches
- Bobcat-type skid steer with forestry mastication drum or approved equivalent
- Commercial-grade chipper and chainsaw equipment
- Hand cutting in rocky, steep, sensitive, or inaccessible areas
- No pile burning permitted
- Chips placed as directed when practical
- Maximum chip depth three inches unless approved
- Work hours Monday–Friday, 7:30 AM–5:00 PM
- Water truck minimum 500 gallons with operator
- ABC fire extinguisher in each operating piece of equipment
- Fedco backpack pump in each operating piece of equipment
- One shovel per on-site worker
- Equipment decontamination where applicable

9. ENTRANCE AND EGRESS

Contractors shall utilize only Alpine Fire Safe Council-approved entrance and egress routes and maintain resident and emergency vehicle access at all times.

10. CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Provide qualified personnel and supervision; comply with safety regulations; maintain communication; remove debris; restore damage; maintain daily records; participate in coordination meetings; provide estimated schedule.

PLEASE NOTE: All invoices for work completed shall include a short description of work completed as well as the dates work was started and completed.

11. CONTRACTOR QUALIFICATIONS AND LICENSING

- Valid California Licensed Timber Operator (LTO) certification or a valid California C-49 contractor license
- Relevant fuel load reduction and defensible space experience
- Current Workers' Compensation Insurance
- Commercial General Liability Insurance with coverage for bodily injury, property damage, and fire suppression/fire damage liability resulting from the contractor's operations, equipment, or personnel of not less than \$2,000,000/\$4,000,000.
- No subcontracting without prior written approval

12. CARB COMPLIANCE

All applicable equipment shall comply with current CARB and PERP requirements. Documentation shall be provided upon request.

13. EVALUATION AND SELECTION

Qualifications and experience; ability to meet project requirements; safety record; proposed schedule; cost effectiveness; completeness of proposal. AFSC, Trees at Work, LLC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

14. CONTRACT BUDGET AND PAYMENT

Payment shall be made within 45 days following receipt and approval of a proper invoice.

15. PROPOSAL FORMAT REQUIREMENTS

Letter of Interest; company qualifications; references; proof of LTO certification; proof of contractor licensing; workers' compensation documentation; liability insurance; W-9; cost

proposal; proposal schedule. Certificate of Insurance as noted in item 11 above and name Alpine Fire Safe Council, Trees at Work LLC and Richard Burchiel as Additional Insureds.

16. PROJECT TIMELINE

Project completion shall not exceed four weeks from the approved project start date unless otherwise authorized by AFSC.

17. PROPOSAL SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Submit by July 17, 2026 at 3:00 PM.

Email: reburchiel@gmail.com

Mail: Alpine Fire Safe Council, P.O. Box 67, Markleeville, CA 96120

18. NON-DISCRIMINATION COMPLIANCE

The contractor shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local non-discrimination laws and regulations.

19. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS AND INDEMNIFICATION

The contractor shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless its Board Members and Staff of Alpine Fire Safe Council, Richard Burchiel an independent contractor of Trees At Work LLC, and participating property owners from claims arising from contractor operations.

20. PROPOSAL OWNERSHIP AND PUBLIC RECORDS DISCLOSURE

Proposals shall become the property of Alpine Fire Safe Council. Proposals selected shall be available to the public upon written request.

ATTACHMENTS

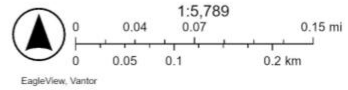
Attachment A – Project Area Map

Lower Manzanita Phase 2



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Lower Manzanita Phase 2 Ingress/Egress Map

