Post-fire Trail Assessments
Statement of Work and Request for Proposals
Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests

Background and Statement of Work: The National Forest Foundation (NFF) and the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland (ARP) are seeking proposals pertaining to a post-fire trails assessment and planning project throughout the forests. The contractor will conduct trail assessments and planning on the Canyon Lakes Ranger District (CLRD) and Sulphur Ranger District (SRD). 226 miles of trail lie within the Cameron Peak, East Troublesome, and Williams Fork fire perimeters. Post-fire impacts to trail infrastructure vary and range from an acceleration of erosion impacts requiring an increase in stabilization measures (construction of water bars, check dams, retaining walls, etc.), to a total loss of infrastructure requiring complete replacement and realignment.

The CLRD and SRD have focused recovery efforts on trail stabilization and replacement in-kind of infrastructure in FY21/22. Both districts have experienced major infrastructure loss including large bridges and entire sections of trail during post-fire flooding events, both before and after implementing treatments. Although these initial treatments are an important measure needed to protect infrastructure, they do not address long term trail sustainability, connectivity, or changing use patterns from fire related displacement or the ever-growing population seeking recreation opportunities on the ARP. Thorough and strategic assessments of trail systems impacted by the 2020 fires will deliver a great benefit to the ARP. Quality assessments will accomplish holistic analyses of these trail systems and set the ARP up for success for future planning processes. To pursue these assessments, the NFF and ARP are seeking proposals for this scope of work.

Information Requested
If interested in this project, please provide a bid for the above statement of work by providing approach, work experience, and cost. Please also include your capacity for this project and efficiency in Post-fire planning, recreation, and / or infrastructure projects on public land in the past, if any.

This is a request for proposals only and bids furnished are not offers. This request does not commit the National Forest Foundation to pay any costs incurred in the preparation or submission of the quotation or to contract for supplies or services.

General Specifications
(a) Description of Work – This Request for Proposals is for Post-fire trail assessments, restoration recommendations and performance of trail layout and design of trail sections requiring significant reroutes including the following:
• Phase 1: District Recreation and Hydrology Staff brief contractor and establish priorities. Assess 134 miles of trail located in high to moderate soil burn severity corridors. Recommend reroutes and analyze use patterns.

• Phase 2: Assess remaining 92 miles of trail within fire perimeters. Recommend reroutes and analyze use patterns.

• Phase 3: District Recreation Staff review contractor findings and establish priorities for trails outside of the fire perimeters. Assess trails experiencing post-fire displaced use. Assess potential for connectivity and sustainable expansions. Recommend corridors for future resource allocation. Produce findings and recommendations report.

The Contractor shall identify which they can supply in terms of materials, labor, equipment, supplies, supervision, quality control, and incidentals required to complete the work described. The Contractor shall perform all work in a safe and conscientious manner.

(b) Project Location – Canyon Lakes Ranger District and Sulphur Ranger District of the Arapaho & Roosevelt National Forests
See Maps A through D by clicking this link: https://nff.files.com/f/79bcf93e2b2568e6

(c) Work Schedule – 2023 - 2026

Pricing Schedule
The contractor shall price work according to the schedule below. Prevailing wages are required per conditions of funding sources.

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Other Project Requirements and Specifications
(a) Utilities – In many locations there will be no or limited sanitation, water, electrical or housing services available. The Contractor shall make its own arrangements for temporary facilities if needed.

Contractor Qualifications
(a) References – Please provide three references.

(b) Past Experience – Please provide a brief explanation of previous work experience with land management agencies.
**Insurance Requirements**

Upon selection of the winning bid, chosen contractor will be asked to affirm that it has and shall maintain State minimum workers’ compensation insurance coverage for its employees, if any. The selected contractor shall also maintain broad form general liability, property damage, and automotive liability insurance in the minimum amount of $1,000,000 for bodily injury, death, or damage to property of any person and $2,000,000 for bodily injury, death, or damage to property of more than one person. The Contractor shall name NFF an Additional Named Insured and provide NFF with documentation evidencing such coverages.

**Prohibited Telecommunications Services and Equipment**

The Contractor is responsible for compliance with the prohibition on certain telecommunications and video surveillance services or equipment identified in 2 CFR 200.216.

**Performance Security**

Chosen contractor shall post cash, a letter of credit, bond, or other financial security that is easily convertible into cash in a form acceptable to the NFF in its sole determination in the amount of 5% of the amount due to contractor, not to exceed $250,000 dollars, to assure completion of the work required under this Agreement and payment of all amounts lawfully due to all persons supplying or furnishing to the Contractor or Contractor’s subcontractors with labor, laborers, materials, rental machinery, tools or equipment used or to perform the work. As work is completed in integrated component parts, inspected, approved and, if applicable, conveyed to NFF, the Performance Security shall be released in a proportional amount, unless a lesser amount of release is necessary to maintain 5% Performance Security.

**Bid Submission**

Submit bids via email to jpritchard@nationalforests.org by August 31, 2023.

**Contractor Selection Process**

The NFF will use the Evaluation Factors below to review each submitted bid. Based on the outcomes of that selection process, the NFF will notify successful and unsuccessful bidders by September 11, 2023 and will prepare a separate contract document.

**Point of Contact**

For questions about the details of producing the bid, please contact:

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Evaluation Factors and Relative Importance

Level 3 Criteria
- Price / cost
- Equipment and contractor capability
- Timing of when contractor can begin and/or finish the project
- Past performance, references, and USFS feedback

Level 2 Criteria
- Technical proposal / proposed approach to project
- Overall strategic benefits to meeting NFF goals and grant needs, requirements, and timelines

Level 1 Criteria
- Benefits to the local community
- Relationship to local community

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