

**Request for Proposals**  
**Camp Hale Restoration - Cultural & Heritage Support Project**  
**Eagle-Holy Cross Ranger District**  
**White River National Forest, Eagle County, Colorado**

**Background and Statement of Work:**

On October 12, 2022, Colorado's historic Camp Hale and Tenmile Range were designated within a new National Monument by President Biden. The Camp Hale Continental Divide National Monument (CHCDNM) is 53,804 acres located in central Colorado and managed by the White River National Forest (WRNF). Camp Hale, located within the monument along the headwaters of the Eagle River, is the former training site of the famed 10th Mountain Division - an Army mountain-infantry division that fought during WWII. Veterans of the 10th Mountain Division became some of the founders of the ski industry, as well as important members in the conservation and outdoor education movements. Camp Hale is also an important cultural site for the Ute Tribal Nations.

Monument designation has spurred the need to preserve the legacy of this area. The WRNF and its partners are working on designing, developing, and implementing projects related to restoration and watershed enhancement in Camp Hale. The high alpine wetlands of this area are unique and important for wildlife but have been degraded due to river channelization and historical development of the area as a military training site. The WRNF and stakeholders have been planning for river and wetland restoration of the Eagle River valley in Camp Hale for many years. Proposed actions for the river and wetland restoration, and associated asbestos mitigation, now need thorough review to move forward. To start this work, it is crucial that existing cultural resources are thoroughly documented.

To facilitate efficient compliance with federal laws and regulations, particularly Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and its implementing regulations (36 Code of Federal Regulations Part 800), and the directive in the Forest Service Heritage Manual, Camp Hale is in need of a Cultural Resources Plan that allows for the identification, evaluation, protection, and mitigation of and for historic properties in compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and its implementing regulations (36 Code of Federal Regulations Part 800). Reports and the management plan will provide the policy and procedures to ensure that actions taken within Camp Hale comply with all of the local, state, and federal laws and regulations related to cultural resources management, including NHPA, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990, and the Archaeological Resources Protection Act. In partnership with the WRNF, the National Forest Foundation (NFF) is seeking a contractor to perform a Class I Literature Review to assess existing cultural information for Camp Hale, perform Class III surveys in critical locations, and prepare a Cultural Resources Plan.

### **Proposal Submission:**

Proposals must be received no later than **5 pm on June 5, 2025**. The bid must include: 1) Price Quote, and 2) Service Proposal. All documents must be submitted in portable document format (PDF) via email to Emily Kasyon, ekasyon@nationalforests.org. The Price Quote must be attached in a separate PDF from the Service Proposal. The email must clearly identify: 1) Name of Contractor, 2) Contact Information of Contractor, and 3) Name of the Project (Camp Hale Restoration - Cultural & Heritage Support Project). NFF assumes no responsibility for delays or other failures, whether caused by internet or system failure or any other event.

### **Certification:**

By submitting a proposal, the Contractor certifies that the Contractor has read and understands the documents that were provided, has become familiar with the conditions which might directly or indirectly affect provision of the service, has identified any questions or concerns regarding provision of service, and has ensured that all questions are fully clarified.

The Contractor certifies its ability to provide the service as set forth in this Request for Proposals and the Contractor's proposal, based on detailed review of the information provided herein and any other information acquired by the Contractor and represents that this Requests for Proposals is sufficient to determine the cost of the service and to provide the service outlined in this Request for Proposals.

## **I. PROJECT OVERVIEW AND REQUIREMENTS**

### **General Specifications**

- (a) Description of Work – This Request for Proposals is for cultural/heritage support and services related to the Camp Hale Stream and Wetland Restoration Project (Restoration) on the White River National Forest. The Restoration seeks to restore a more natural river channel form, pattern, and function with associated wetlands, within the historic footprint of the pre-Camp Hale Eagle River alignment (Appendix B: Project Maps). The Restoration will involve a Priority 1 (Rosgen, 1997) Natural Channel Design (NCD) restoration of approximately 7.1 miles of the Eagle River and 71 acres of wetlands. The Restoration will also endeavor to avoid, minimize and mitigate impacts to heritage and cultural resources to the greatest extent possible. Detailed project specifications are listed in Appendix A. As such the WRNF and NFF are collaborating on a Cultural Resources Plan that will include, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Class III Surveys
  - i. This includes a Class I Literature/Resource Review. The Class I Literature/Resource Review will investigate, describe, quantify, and contain clear descriptions of where Class III cultural surveys have been completed and where they are still needed. A prioritized list of all areas

needing Class III surveys will also be included to inform what areas should be surveyed first.

- ii. These surveys will focus on 531 acres across the areas within the Restoration footprint that either have not been surveyed or need additional focused attention. These will most definitely include the Proposed Asbestos Containing Materials (ACM), Fill Disposal Areas (FDA), as well as additional FDAs that will be utilized for excess material from excavation of the restoration floodplain footprint.
- iii. Contractor will submit shapefiles, photographs, completed inventory forms, and completed report directly to the WRNF within 30 days of completion of fieldwork.

## 2. Cultural Resources Plan

- i. The Cultural Resources Plan will include a process for the USFS to follow for consultation, cooperation, and approval from the Colorado State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) relating to heritage/cultural resources on all Proposed Actions associated with the Restoration.
- ii. Within 60 days of completion of fieldwork, the Contractor will submit a draft plan directly to the WRNF for review. The Contractor will meet with the NFF and WRNF for final review of the draft and incorporate edits and comments as necessary. The Contractor will submit a final plan directly to the WRNF within 30 days of draft submission.
- iii. The Cultural Resources Plan shall include, at a minimum, standard operating procedures (SOP) for:
  - 1. Identifying and evaluating resources that are 45 years of age or older (in anticipation of their turning 50) and resources less than 50 years old that may have exceptional significance in accordance with Section 106 and 110 of NHPA.
  - 2. Reassessing resources that have previously been determined eligible or ineligible for listing in the NRHP prior to their turning 50 years of age to address the passage of time, changing perceptions of significance, subsequent changes to the property, or incomplete prior evaluations.
  - 3. Identifying, evaluating, and treating the effects of all undertakings of the Restoration on historic properties through Section 106 of NHPA consultation to include the public, Native Americans, SHPOs/THPOs, and other consulting parties in a manner that reflects the nature and complexity of the undertaking and its effects on historic properties.
  - 4. Develop a detailed and comprehensive section, or separate plan, to be utilized by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) during their remediation of Regulated Asbestos Containing

Material (RACM) within the Restoration footprint that complies with all law, policy and regulation, to include SHPO concurrence.

5. Protecting archaeological resources.
6. Responding to inadvertent discovery of archaeological resources.
7. Procedures for the treatment of human remains and funerary objects.
8. Curating archaeological collections and records of historic properties.
9. Emergency procedures in the event of natural or other disasters.
10. Safeguarding locations of archaeological resources in accordance with the requirements of existing ARPA and NHPA regulations.
11. Identifying the location of and management archaeological collections and associated records in facilities that meet the requirements of 36 C.F.R. Part 79.
12. Provide access to and use of sacred sites in order to accommodate ceremonial use by Indian religious practitioners. (See Exec. Order No. 13007.)

(b) Project Location – Camp Hale, Eagle - Holy Cross Ranger District, Eagle County, CO, White River National Forest. See Appendix B: Project Maps.

Project Name	Acres and Locations
Camp Hale Restoration - Cultural & Heritage Support Project	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Asbestos Fill Disposal Areas: 88 acres</li> <li>2. Stream and Wetland Restoration Footprint: 326 acres</li> <li>3. Camp Hale Memorial Campground: 110 acres</li> <li>4. Camp Hale National Historic Site: 7 acres</li> </ol>

The topography of the project area is diverse, some areas can be described as moderate slopes above stream valley, spruce-fir forest with aspen, grasses, and forbs with relatively flat benches to steeper rocky areas. The elevation of the project area ranges from approximately 9,000 to 13,000 feet.

(c) Work Schedule – Below is a chart of the NFF and WRNF’s ideal timeline for complete surveys. If bidding on the project and the timeline below does not work, please propose an alternative timeline for completion.

The work schedule is based on weather conditions, access, and ground visibility (remaining snow load) within the project area. The area must be 90% snow-free and reasonably dry before the commencement of fieldwork.

<b>Task Name</b>	<b>Target Completion Date</b>
Class I Literature Review	11/01/2025
Class III Surveys	09/30/2026
Cultural Resources Plan	12/31/2026

**Other Project Requirements and Specifications**

(a) Utilities – In these 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. The town of Leadville, CO is the closest town with options for accommodation.

a. Hazardous Materials - Contractor must provide adequate safety provisions for surveys conducted in areas with known asbestos presence; see Figure A2

(b) Specifications – Project work shall be accomplished in accordance with the following:

- Appendix A – Project Specifications, Appendix C – Federal Flowdown Provisions
- The Contractor shall furnish all personnel, facilities, equipment, materials, supplies and services and otherwise do all things necessary for, or incident to, the satisfactory performance of this proposal in strict accordance with project specifications, for intensive survey and report and site form deliverables located on Forest lands within Region 2 of the USFS, specifically on the White River National Forest.
- In addition, all USFS Permit Stipulations listed in the Region 2 (Rocky Mountain Region) Archaeological Permit for conducting archaeological investigations and any required state-specific cultural use permits must be followed. Information about the permit is referenced below.
  - Region 2 of the Forest Service issues region-wide permits to qualified consulting firms planning to work on National Forest System (NFS) lands. These permits are for non-ground-disturbing surveys including limited testing (e.g. shovel tests, scrapes, probes). These permits are special use authorizations issued under the Organic Act (16 U.S.C. 1 2 3, and 4) that allow consulting firms to conduct archaeological inventories on National Forests and Grasslands in Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming administered by the Rocky Mountain Region. This type of permit does not cover research, evaluations, or mitigation requiring excavations or extensive testing; a permit authorizing such activities must be obtained separately under the authority of the Archaeological Resources Protection Act (ARPA) from the forest where the project is located.
  - Instructions to apply for a permit can be found online at: [https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\\_DOCUMENTS/fseprd891017.pdf](https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd891017.pdf)

**Insurance Requirements**

Upon selection of the winning bid, the Contractor agrees that it has and shall maintain the following insurance coverage indicated below. The effective date of all coverage shall precede

the start of any work.

- a. State minimum workers' compensation insurance coverage for its employees, if any.
- b. 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 a certificate of insurance evidencing such coverages, prior to the initiation of the Scope of Services.
- c. If the Scope of Services includes professional services as identified herein, Contractor shall also provide professional errors and omissions liability insurance. Professional services for purposes of this section include, but are not limited to performing architecture, engineering, landscape architecture, land surveying or planning, preparation and signing or stamping of drawings, maps, surveys or construction specifications, or design and development of computer software, programs or websites by the Contractor or by subcontractors on behalf of the Contractor, for which professional liability insurance would typically be required. The minimum coverage limits required are \$1,000,000 for each claim and \$1,000,000 annual aggregate.

### **Prohibited Telecommunications Services and Equipment**

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

### **Payment/Performance Security**

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, to assure completion of the work required under any subsequent 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. Contractor may incorporate required associated costs into mobilization costs or other approved expenses.

- a. Work that is classified as construction in accordance with the Miller Act or Little Miller Act or if required per conditions of the funding source, payment and performance bonding will be required in the full amount of any Agreement. For the purposes of this Request for Quote, construction is defined as "any contract greater than \$100,000 for the construction, alteration, or repair of any public building or public work where the federal government is the owner", or
- b. If Contractor is not self-performing at least 85% of the total contract value or if the cost of materials is in excess of the larger of \$100,000 or 50% of the contract total, payment and performance bonding will be required in the full amount of the agreement, or
- c. If the value of the agreement is in excess of \$250,000, Contractor will be required to post financial security in a form acceptable to the NFF in the amount of 5% of the total agreement value up to \$250,000 in total financial security.

**Federal Exclusion Verification**

The selected Contractor will be required to affirm that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.

**Federal Flowdown Provisions**

Flowdown Requirements: Any Agreement associated with this RFQ may be subject to flowdown requirements under associated federal or state funding agreements, which are included and made part of by this reference.

**Competitive Bid Range**

The expected competitive range for bids to this solicitation is up to \$275,000.

**II. REQUIRED COMPONENTS**

**Technical Quote**

Please provide a detailed technical approach to the work.

The Contractor shall identify what 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.

**Contractor Qualifications**

- (a) Past Experience – Please provide a brief explanation of previous work experience with land management agencies.
- (b) References – Please provide three professional references that can speak to past performance.

**Pricing Schedule**

Contractor shall price work according to the schedule below.

	<b>Task/Item</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Unit Cost</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Extended Cost</b>
(a)	Class III Surveys	Each		TBD	
(b)	Cultural Resources Plan	Each		1	
				<b>Total Bid</b>	

**Partner Coordination and Payment Approval**

As outlined Appendix A. Section 120 – Confidentiality and Ownership of Materials, the selected contractor shall make the information and materials produced in the course of this contract

available **only** to the USFS Point(s) of Contact listed in the awarded contract. When a deliverable is submitted to the USFS Point(s) of Contact, the selected contractor shall notify the NFF Representative via email that a deliverable has been submitted. The work will be approved for payment upon notification from the USFS Point(s) of Contact that the deliverable is satisfactory and meets the project specifications.

Sequencing, approval of work, and payment will follow the below schedule.

<b>Task</b>	<b>Submittal</b>	<b>Review Window &amp; Payment Approval</b>	<b>Percent Payment</b>
Completion of Class I literature review and fieldwork	Contractor will submit one copy of the fieldwork summary to the USFS Point(s) of Contact.  NFF Representative will be notified of the submission.  See Appendix A for details on the Preliminary Findings Report requirements.	The USFS Point(s) of Contact will:  (1) inspect and provide comments on the draft survey for contractor/s finalization  (2) approve/deny payment of deliverable by NFF	15% of task/item total upon completion
Draft Report	The contractor/s will send one copy of the draft survey report, photographs, forms, maps, etc. to the USFS Point(s) of Contact.  NFF Representative will be notified of the submission.	The USFS Point(s) of Contact will:  (1) inspect and provide comments on the draft survey for contractor/s finalization  (2) approve/deny payment of deliverable by NFF.	15% of task/item total upon completion
Final Report	After the USFS review window, the contractor/s will have make changes and submit the final survey reports and all project records.  The NFF Representative will be notified of the submission.	USFS Point(s) of Contact will accept the final report and notify the NFF Representative of the acceptance.	No payment will be issued at this time
Completion of Section 106	The USFS Point(s) of Contact will submit the required documentation to SHPO for approval of Sec. 106 concurrence. The selected contractor will have no contact with SHPO.  The USFS Point(s) of Contact will be responsible for	Upon acceptance of the final report and documentation from SHPO, the USFS Point(s) of Contact will notify the contractor and NFF Representative of final approval and payment will be authorized.	15% of task/item total upon completion



<b>Task</b>	<b>Submittal</b>	<b>Review Window &amp; Payment Approval</b>	<b>Percent Payment</b>
	submission to Compass records (CHS-OAHP).		
Cultural Resources Plan Draft	The contractor/s will send one copy of the draft Cultural Resources Plan to the USFS Point(s) of Contact.  NFF Representative will be notified of submission.	The USFS Point(s) of Contact will:  (1) inspect and provide comments on the draft plan for contractor/s finalization  (2) approve/deny payment of deliverable by NFF.	15% of task/item total upon completion
Final Cultural Resources Plan	The contractor/s will send one copy of the draft Cultural Resources Plan to the USFS Point(s) of Contact.  NFF Representative will be notified of submission.	USFS Point(s) of Contact will accept the final report and notify the NFF Representative of the acceptance.	40% of task/item total upon completion

### **III. SUBMISSION, EVALUATION, AND CONTACTS**

#### **Contractor Selection Process**

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

The NFF may, in its sole discretion, choose not to award a contract based upon received proposals and availability of funding. No work is guaranteed until a separate contract has been signed by all parties.

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 June 20, 2025, and will prepare a separate contract document.

#### **Evaluation Factors and Relative Importance**

The following criteria will be used in the evaluation of submitted proposals, ordered from highest weighting (level 3) to lowest weighting (level 1).

### 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

### **Point of Contact**

Please submit any questions about the project via email to the Point of Contact.

Emily Kasyon  
National Forest Foundation, White River National Forest Program Coordinator  
ekasyon@nationalforests.org

Responses will be shared with known interested parties by email or otherwise posted at <https://www.nationalforests.org/rfp>.

### **Bid Submission**

Submit bids via email to ekasyon@nationalforests.org by **5 pm MST on June 5, 2025**.

### **Equal Opportunity Provider**

In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, the National Forest Foundation is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, political beliefs, or disability.

**APPENDIX A**  
**2025 CAMP HALE RESTORATION - CULTURAL & HERITAGE SUPPORT PROJECT**  
**CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS**

**DIVISION 100 - GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS**

**110 - Scope of Contract**

The Eagle-Holy Cross Ranger District of the GMUG National Forests is planning a variety of management actions associated with restoration of Camp Hale. A cultural survey of the area is required before this work can begin.

Standards for the survey are specified in Division 200.

Cultural survey(s) of the proposed project areas are required before this work can begin. The contractor shall perform Class III archaeological inventory of the proposed project area and reevaluate previously recorded cultural resources. These sites are both prehistoric and historic; but are predominated by historic resources. Compass records (CHS-OAHP) online database system, as well as Land Records (e.g., GLO, MTP) for historical records will also be reviewed and incorporated into survey design and plan of work and the final resource reports. Maps of project locations are attached.

These will also be reviewed by the selected contractor at the pre-work meeting and incorporated in the Plan of Work/Class I literature review.

The selected contractor shall provide the qualified personnel, transportation, supplies, equipment and facilities to complete the following:

- Conduct Class III inventory of the specified areas. Surveys will be in the following bid options:

**Definition of Bid Item: CAMP HALE RESTORATION - CULTURAL & HERITAGE SUPPORT PROJECT – 531 acres.**

- For all items (i.e., Bid Items) the selected Contractor will be required to produce a Plan of Work (POW) and a Field Work Authorization (FWA) that includes a Class I Literature Review. These documents shall detail the known resources and previous work in the area along with the proposed areas/methods for survey prior to commencement of fieldwork.
- Produce a Preliminary Findings Report with GIS information after completion of the fieldwork for each specific Bid Option.
- Request CHS-OAHP report and site numbers directly from SHPO, request FS Numbers from the USFS Heritage Specialist.
- Produce a draft Cultural Resource Inventory Report for the inventory that meets CHS-OAHP and Forest Service guidelines by November 30, 2025.
- Produce draft Colorado CHS-OAHP site and isolated forms per CHS-OAHP and Forest Service guidelines including management recommendations concerning the proposed action near or within the sites.

- Produce a Final Cultural Resource Inventory Report wherein all forms, written and maps products, and GIS data meet CHS-OAHP and Forest Service requirements for submittal.
- As a condition of final approval and invoicing attain official concurrence on the Area of Potential Effect (APE), Determination of Eligibility (DOE), Finding of Effect (FOE), and management recommendations.
- Attend a virtual pre-work meeting and monthly virtual or onsite meetings with NFF and the USFS Points of Contact(s).

**120 – Confidentiality and Ownership of Materials**

To protect site information from unauthorized disclosure, all site location and content information must be kept in the strictest confidence. The selected contractor must take whatever internal measures are necessary to ensure that confidential material is protected. This is to ensure compliance with several federal laws that protect sensitive information about historic properties and archaeological resources, in particular Section 304 of the NHPA and Section 9 of the Archeological Resources Protection Act.

The selected contractor shall make the information and materials produced in the course of this contract available only to the USFS Point(s) of Contact listed in the awarded contract. All site-specific records, photographs, and maps generated, including original field maps and notes, will be considered United States Forest Service (USFS) property and will be turned over to the USFS Point(s) of Contact upon completion of the project. The selected contractor's point of contact listed in the awarded contract will be responsible for ensuring that all excess site-specific documents, maps, and site forms, (i.e., those not submitted as deliverables, internal review drafts, etc.) are properly disposed of upon completion of the project.

The selected contractor shall not communicate with State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), Tribes, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, or any other consulting party regarding the project, except for procuring Class 1 literature search data and Smithsonian numbers from SHPO. The selected contractor shall have no communication with any consulting party after the NFF and USFS have accepted the report for review.

**130 - Description and Location**

Project Description: The Camp Hale Restoration Project is located near the Town of Minturn, Colorado on the Eagle-Holy Cross Ranger District (EHX RD) of the WRNF. The results will help the EHX RD plan for restoration activities. (See Attached Maps in Appendix B). The legal description is:

<b>Table1: Legal Locations – Camp Hale Project Area</b>		
<b>Township</b>	<b>Range</b>	<b>Sections</b>
7S	80W	3,4,9,10,15,16,21,22,23
<b>USGS 7.5' Quad Sheets - Colorado</b>		
Leadville 7.5' Quad		

The topography of the project area is diverse, some areas can be described as moderate slopes above stream valley, spruce-fir forest with aspen, grasses, and forbs with relatively flat benches

to steeper rocky areas. The elevation of the Project Area ranges from approximately 9,000 to 13,00 feet.

The USFS Point(s) of Contact and the NFF Representative reserves the right to modify areas to be surveyed by the Contractor. If such survey changes are necessary, adjustments will be mutually agreed to by the USFS Point(s) of Contact, the NFF Representative, and Contractor.

#### **140 – Furnished property**

The NFF Representative will coordinate with the selected contractor and the USFS Point(s) of Contact to provide relevant project information for the corresponding survey work, including but not limited to GIS shapefiles of the general project areas, scheduling a pre-work conference after the contract is awarded, and site walk-throughs as requested.

#### **150 - Property furnished by the Contractor**

The contractor will furnish all other supplies and equipment needed to accomplish the fieldwork and site form documentation according to the specifications of this contract. This includes GPS equipment, computer programs, compasses, and cameras.

#### **160 – Contractor Qualifications**

The Principal Investigator for the project(s) must hold a valid R2 Forest Service Cultural Resource Use Permit for the White River National Forest and meet Secretary of Interior Standards (SOI).

The **Crew Chief** of each survey crew must have the following minimum qualifications:

- A graduate degree in anthropology, specializing in archaeology, or equivalent archaeological experience.
- Must be listed as a crew chief on the Principal Investigator's valid FS Cultural Resource Special Use Permit.
- At least 16 months of professional experience and/or specialized training in archaeological field work, artifact analysis, and administration.
- At least 6 months experience in archaeological survey or excavation within the intermountain region of Colorado.
- Demonstrated competence in collecting, handling, analyzing, evaluating, and reporting archaeological data.
- Demonstrated ability to plan, equip, staff, organize, and supervise a cultural resources survey.
- The demonstrated ability to accurately plot archaeological site locations on topographic maps and to map sites using GPS.

- Demonstrated competence in identifying and describing artifacts including identification of prehistoric ceramics found within Colorado, using published type descriptions.

Each **crew member** must have the following minimum qualifications:

- At least 18 semester hours of credit in archaeology, anthropology, and/or history courses. Courses must include information on the conduct and theory of archaeological survey and excavation.
- At least 3 months field experience in archaeological survey. Crew members must work under the direct field supervision of a certified crew leader or project supervisor.

All individuals proposed to work as principal investigators, project directors, or in other supervisory capacities must notify the NFF Representative and the USFS Point(s) of Contact and discuss any special conditions which may apply to this project before beginning field work.

Any issues or concerns encountered during field work or in production of report, site forms, and GIS data that would result in a delay or unusual circumstances must be brought to the attention of the NFF Representative and USFS Point(s) of Contact prior to the completion of the project.

## **DIVISION 200 - TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS**

### **210 - Survey techniques**

The contractor shall commence work by coordinating with the USFS Point(s) of Contact to schedule an appointment to conduct a record search at a USFS Office location.

The following fieldwork restrictions for snow cover apply: all survey areas must be 90% snow-free and reasonably dry. Provisions for extension on fieldwork dates can be made for unusual or prolonged weather delays only.

The project areas can be accessed by vehicle and then by foot. Field personnel will be required to keep all motorized vehicles on existing roads. Limits of the survey areas are not marked in the field. Overall, survey areas will require accurate location, orientation, and assessment of field conditions prior to inventory.

As a minimum, the Contractor shall perform the following:

1. Prior to conducting fieldwork, the contractor will prepare a Plan of Work (POW), a Class I Literature Review, and a Field Work Authorization (FWA), that details the previous survey and site documentation within the proposed project area in from the USFS Heritage files, Government Land Office plats, Colorado Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation and all other pertinent files or records available. It must also outline the proposed area for the survey, methodology, transect spacing, conditions that must be met for the survey, and the level of survey required.

2. Conduct Class III pedestrian surveys of the project area. The maximum transect width per surveyor will not exceed 15 m. (49 ft.) when conducting Class III surveys. Spacing may be increased as needed by slope, vegetation, and ground cover on some steeper units. Map and compass or GPS shall be used to ensure systematic, even coverage of the survey areas. A GPS shapefile of the transect tracks will be submitted to the USFS Point(s) of Contact with the Preliminary Findings Report.

3. Each crew must be directly supervised by a crew leader who meets the Section 160 requirements for crew leader.

Sites: For this contract, a cultural resources site is defined as a locus of prehistoric or pre-1975 historic human activity at a level of intensity normally involving evidence of purposeful behavior beyond the level of one or a few (less than 25) accidentally deposited artifacts. Paleoindian projectile points and prehistoric pottery are considered important information and may require recordation as a site. Minimal site identification criteria include at least one of the following:

- a. One or more features,
- b. One formal tool if associated with other cultural materials or more than one formal tool,
- c. An occurrence of three or more types of artifacts or materials,
- d. Two types of artifacts or materials in a density of at least ten items per 100 square meters,
- e. A single type of artifact or material in a density of at least 25 artifacts in a definable area,
- f. Culturally modified or scarred trees (typically Ponderosa pine) are considered to be eligible sites on the GMUG National Forests.

Isolated Finds: Occurrences of artifacts at less than the above shall be classified "Isolated Finds" (IF), including "Scatters" (less than 25 artifacts) or "Isolated Artifacts" (an occurrence of a single item). Isolated occurrence descriptions will, include at least one photograph and be evaluated on a Colorado OAHIP Isolated Find Form. The isolate will receive a Smithsonian trinomial number. However, a "broken glass bottle" is considered to be a scatter, even if it contains more than 25 shards. A "Feature" is a construction that due to its recent nature or lack of association is not designated as a "site". Examples would be an isolated trash dump, abandoned road, non- historic fence line, or a recent campfire ring. Such features may or may not be recommended for protection from project activities.

Exclusions: Certain constructions (modern fence lines, recreational and hunter camps, and modern campfire rings, logging roads, skid trails, modern isolated trash dumps, and modern abandoned roads) may be excluded as sites due to their recent nature, lack of association, and minimal scientific importance.

#### Additional Documentation Provisions

Each site and isolated occurrence discovered shall be plotted with a GPS unit and transferred to 1:24,000 scale U.S.G.S. topographic maps, and identified with its Smithsonian number and with a Forest Service site number. Original copies of the maps with isolated finds and sites will be provided by the contractor to enable the USFS Point(s) of Contact to inspect the results of the survey. The shapefiles for the GPS locations, using the Forest Service attribute fields, will also be provided by the contractor. All file names will be compatible with the Colorado MoveIt system of file transfers.

All locational information will be provided as GIS shapefiles and on a hard copy of the USGS topo map to the Forest Service with the draft site forms.

GPS locations are required at site datum points. The site boundaries of sites are greater than 0.1 acre in size will also be recorded with a GPS unit.

All GPS data gathered will meet the following accuracy standards:

- GPS Standard: NAD83, reported in UTM coordinates
- Locational point/polygon accuracy of 3 meters or less
- Submission of GPS data in two formats: data upload in Forest Service Pinyon (Box) drive on 1:24000 USGS topo maps and shapefiles (or feature classes) in a projected coordinate system compatible with ArcGIS
- Attribute data will include Smithsonian numbers and meet OAHP standards

At least two photographs (film or digital) taken from different bearings, for each site. Photographs should show identifying site characteristics and important landmarks for relocating the site. Photographs will be included with the OAHP site forms and will include provenience information. Photographs may also be embedded in the report but photographs should be provided to the USFS Point(s) of Contact per Section 221 - Transmission of Submittals and Reports.

1. Each newly discovered site shall be recorded on the appropriate standard Colorado Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (OAHP) forms. Information contained on the site form is to be consistent with the instructions as listed on the (OAHP) website. Location and access information will also be detailed in writing for each site on the site form.
2. Sites and Isolated finds shall be plotted, described, and designated by a Smithsonian site number.
3. Previously recorded unevaluated sites within the survey areas will be relocated and re-evaluated on official Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation Re-evaluation Forms with maps and photographs. ***If the existing site forms for these sites are older than 10 years, the sites must be re-recorded on current site forms that include all applicable forms.***
4. ***Need data and unevaluated sites, both previously recorded and newly discovered, within the project areas will have limited testing (shovel or trowel) to determine site eligibility.*** All sites will be evaluated as being eligible or not eligible. No sites will be evaluated as needing data or unevaluated. Testing will



consist of a minimum of auger testing and one 1m x 1m. excavation square. If the site size exceeds 1-acre additional excavation squares may be necessary.

5. Historic trails will be documented as such on official Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation Site Forms. Associated features such as sheepherder arbolgyphs along a stock driveway will be recorded as sub-features of the historic trail if appropriate.

6. Draft maps and shapefiles of the site locations will be provided to the appropriate GMUG NFs point of contact/s after the completion of field work.

7. The contractor shall cease work upon discovering any human remains and associated funerary objects and shall immediately notify the authorized USFS Line Officer (District Ranger or Forest Supervisor) and USFS Point(s) of Contact. Work in the vicinity of the discovery may not resume until the authorized officer has given permission.

### **211 - Artifact Collection and Analysis**

As a minimum, the Contractor shall perform the following:

1. The Contractor shall not collect any artifacts, except for Paleoindian projectile points and prehistoric pottery, these are exceptional artifacts that are at risk and cannot be reasonably protected in the field. These exceptional artifacts may include exposed fragile perishable materials at risk of being destroyed or extremely significant diagnostics artifacts that are in immediate danger of being looted. All other analyses shall be done in the field.

2. Ceramic Analyses: In-field analysis of ceramic materials will be done using standard regional published typologies to assign cultural affiliation and occupation dates, unless such artifacts are at risk as described in number 1 above.

3. All collected items will be turned over to the White River National Forest and will be labeled and packaged according to the curation standards for the Museum of Western Colorado.

4. Lithic Analysis: The Contractor should expect to encounter artifacts manufactured from sandstone, quartzite, rhyolite, basalt, obsidian, chert, petrified wood, calcedony, and other siliceous and igneous materials. The Contractor shall explain the typology used in classifying the lithic artifacts in the final report. Lithic materials may consist of both ground and chipped stone varieties, and should, at a minimum, be assigned to functional and material categories. For example, manos should be identified by material and whether they are "one-hand" or "two-hand" in size and whether they are unifacially or bifacially worked.

### **220 - Survey report**

At a minimum, survey reports shall follow OAHP guidelines. The report shall include a Forest Service project number, a OAHP number, a project map with site locations plotted, a map with

known previously documented sites and surveys, a separate project map with the locations of isolated finds plotted, both on 1:24,000 scale USGS topographic quadrangles. All typing and illustrations used in the report must be of suitable quality to provide a clear, legible copy when used on a duplicating (xerox) machine --- even when black and white copies are produced.

The Smithsonian site number will be the primary site reference number used in the report. The report will include a table of the cultural sites (both previously recorded and newly discovered). The table will also include Smithsonian number, site type, cultural affiliation, dates, eligibility recommendation, and management recommendations.

## **221 – Transmission of Submittals and Reports**

All submittals, reports, photographs, maps, and other files should be submitted to the USFS Point(s) of Contact through a secure and encrypted digital file sharing service such as Box.com.

The contractor must notify the USFS Point(s) of Contact of upcoming file submissions at least two weeks prior to the submission to allow the USFS Point(s) of Contact to reserve adequate time for reviewing the submission.

*Preliminary Findings Report:* Upon completion of the fieldwork, the Contractor shall submit one copy of the Fieldwork Preliminary Findings Report to the USFS Point(s) of Contact. The Preliminary Findings Report/Fieldwork report must include:

- CHS-OAHP and FS report numbers;
- the number of sites documented;
- the field assessment of their conditions and eligibility; and
- draft maps and shapefiles of the site locations and transects

*Draft Survey Report:* The Contractor must submit a copy of the Draft Survey Report, including photographs, forms, maps, etc. to the USFS Point(s) of Contact no later than November 30, 2025. Upon submission of draft survey documents, the USFS Point(s) of Contact will inspect and provide comments on the draft survey documents within 20 days of the Draft Survey Report submission. Upon receipt of the comments, the Contractor must make any requested changes or revisions within 14 days and submit the Final Survey Report.

*Final Survey Report:* The contractor shall submit the Final Survey Report and all project records. Final submission must include: One the final survey report and all associated maps, photos, site forms, and other documents. Submission of the Final Survey Report and associated documents must be received by the USFS Point(s) of Contact no later than 14 days following the USFS comment period for the Draft Survey Report.

A summary of the report submission and review period timelines is included in the table below.

Once under contract, a timeline for report submission will be established.

## **222 - Future use of survey data**

All field notes, maps, electronic data, photographs or digital images, negatives, and artifacts collected or generated from this procurement shall be the property of the United States and will be submitted to the USFS COR with the final inventory report at the conclusion of the project.

During the course of the project, reasonable precautions will be taken to avoid the disclosure of site locations to all unauthorized personnel.

### **Division 300 - Inspection and Acceptance**

Field research, artifact analysis (in field only), and report are to meet professional archaeological standards set forth in the Colorado Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation Guidelines as determined through review by the USFS Heritage Specialist.

Reports must contain the information mentioned above and must be written in a style that is clear, concise, and most importantly, well organized, and easy to use. Poor writing, organization, production, insufficient information, and so forth are grounds for rejection of the report. Legal descriptions in the report must agree with those shown on maps and figures.

All inventory locations, sites, scatters, isolated artifacts and features mentioned in the report must be shown on the report and/or site maps and vice versa. All diagnostic artifacts, artifact concentrations, and features must appear on the sketch maps and be discussed with the text of the forms.

Appropriate knowledge of the prehistory and history of the Forest must be demonstrated by use of correct terminology, dating, citation of classic standards as well as the most recent publications pertinent to the cultural resources of the Forest.

Additional standards and requirements may be established at the time the contract is awarded and will be discussed by the NFF Representative, the USFS Point(s) of Contact, and the Contractor at the time the contract is issued.

### **Division 400 – Payment**

Fifteen percent of the contract will be approved for payment upon completion of the field work.

Fifteen percent will be approved for payment once the draft report and site forms are submitted for review.

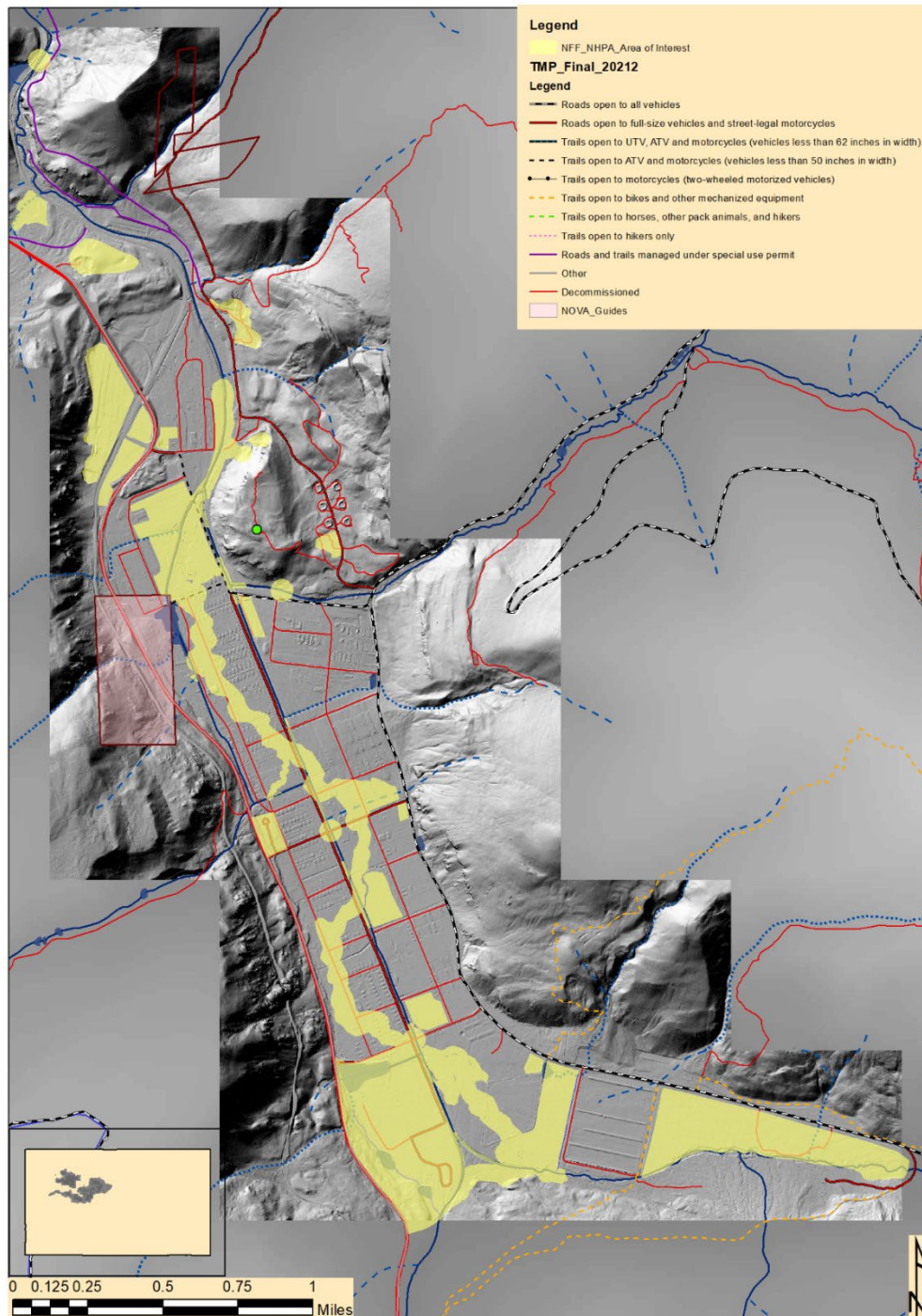
Fifteen percent will be approved for payment upon successful completion of Section 106 concurrence with CO SHPO. The USFS Point(s) of Contact is responsible for submission to CHS-OAHP.

Fifteen percent of the contract will be approved for payment upon submission of the draft Cultural Resources Plan.

The final forty percent will be approved for payment once the final Cultural Resources Plan has been accepted by the USFS Point(s) of Contact.

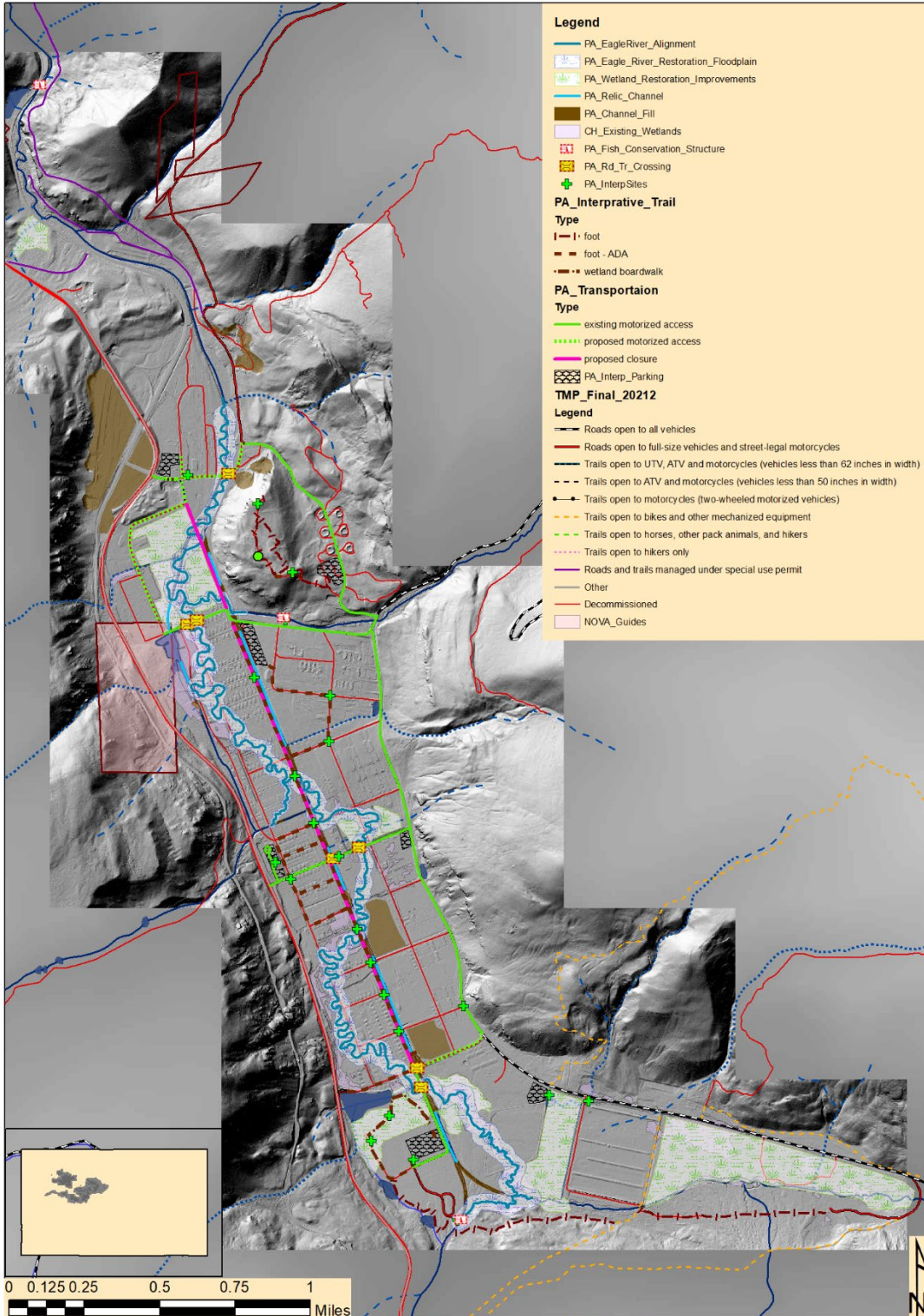
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## Project Maps



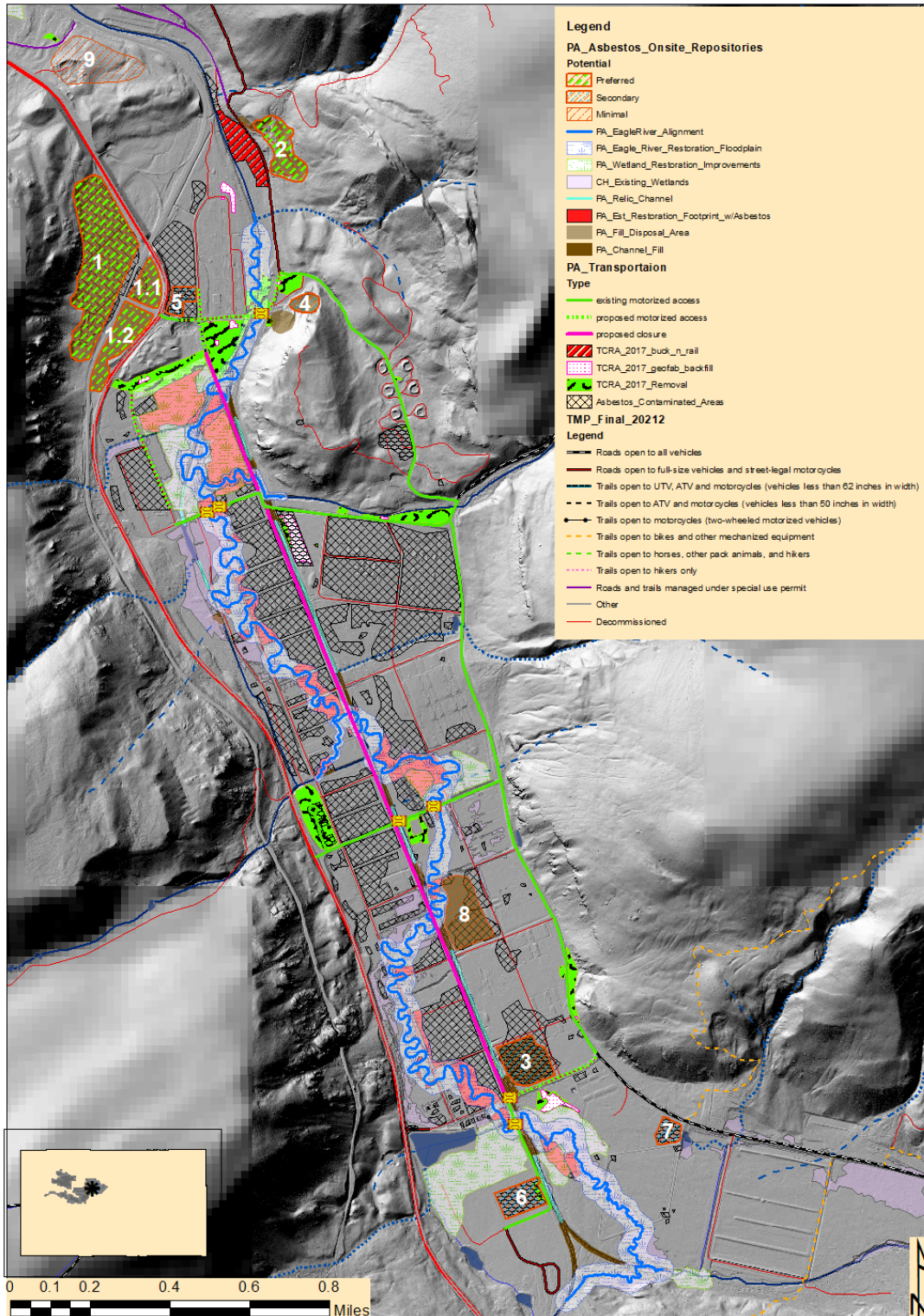
**Figure A6. NFF NHPA Areas of Interest  
Camp Hale Stream & Wetland Restoration  
Eagle - Holy Cross Ranger District  
White River National Forest**





**Figure A1. Proposed Action  
Camp Hale Stream & Wetland Restoration  
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**Figure A2. Known Extent of Asbestos Contamination  
Camp Hale Stream & Wetland Restoration  
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## **Appendix C Flowdown Provisions**

**NFF Funding Code: 1596120**

**NFF Funding Name: PA WRNF Watershed Rest Improv**

**Funder Agreement ID: 23-SA-11020000-064**

### **DAVIS BACON WAGES FOR CONSTRUCTION.**

Following the requirement in Section 41101 of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, P.L. 117-58, Davis-Bacon wage rates must be applied for all laborers and mechanics employed by contractors or subcontractors in the performance of construction, alteration, or repair work on a project assisted in whole or in part by funding made available under this Act. Laborers and mechanics shall be paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing on similar projects in the locality, as determined by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with subchapter IV of chapter 31 of title 40, United States Code (commonly referred to as the "Davis-Bacon Act").

### **PROHIBITION AGAINST INTERNAL CONFIDENTIAL AGREEMENTS.**

All non federal government entities working on this agreement will adhere to the below provisions found in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016, Pub. L. 114-113, relating to reporting fraud, waste and abuse to authorities:

1. The recipient may not require its employees, contractors, or subrecipients seeking to report fraud, waste, or abuse to sign or comply with internal confidentiality agreements or statements prohibiting or otherwise restricting them from lawfully reporting that waste, fraud, or abuse to a designated investigative or law enforcement representative of a Federal department or agency authorized to receive such information.
2. The recipient must notify its employees, contractors, or subrecipients that the prohibitions and restrictions of any internal confidentiality agreements inconsistent with paragraph (a) of this award provision are no longer in effect.
3. The prohibition in paragraph (a) of this award provision does not contravene requirements applicable to any other form issued by a Federal department or agency governing the nondisclosure of classified information.
4. If the Government determines that the recipient is not in compliance with this award provision, it:
  - a. Will prohibit the recipient's use of funds under this award, in accordance with sections 743, 744 of Division E of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016, (Pub. L. 114-113) or any successor provision of law; and
  - b. May pursue other remedies available for the recipient's material failure to comply with award terms and conditions.