

**Pine Canyon Phase I  
Statement of Work and Request for Proposals  
Tonto National Forest, Arizona**

**Background and Statement of Work:**

The Pine Canyon Restoration Project is located near the town of Pine, Arizona. Due to years of fire suppression, Pine Canyon exhibits extremely dense forests, posing an increased risk of high severity wildfire and subsequent detrimental impacts to water quality and post fire flooding impacts to the local community. The goal of the overarching Pine Canyon Restoration Project is to restore forest structure, increase overall forest and watershed health, and protect the primary watershed and community of Pine, Arizona. Phase I of the project will involve the construction of roads, crossings, and landing routes, for upcoming forest restoration work. The U.S. Forest Service and NFF have planned a potential feasible temporary road system (Appendix C) with estimated and feasible sections of roads and individual features labeled, and specific sites numbered; however, interested bidders will be required to walk each route and must be able to demonstrate the ability to supply the minimum specified material listed in Appendix B.1 (B.1.1 - B.1.9) and any additional materials needed in specific areas to become an eligible bidder. Road systems constructed during Phase I operations will allow for future forest restoration activities in the canyon to occur. Future treatments totaling 473 acres will include traditional ground-based mechanized thinning, pre-commercial thinning, biomass removal, and helicopter logging.

**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 road work projects 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 proposal or to contract for supplies or services.

**General Specifications**

- (a) Description of Work – This Request for Proposals is for restoration activities related to forest road construction services, including the following:
  - a. Temporary Road Construction (10,942 ft).
  - b. Landing Route construction (9,880 ft).
  - c. Steep Grade Access Road construction at 5 locations (2,755 ft).
  - d. Temporary Crossing construction (4 total).

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 – Work will be conducted on the Payson Ranger District of the Tonto National Forest. See attached Appendix A for project maps. The project is located just north of (adjacent to) Pine, Arizona. The main access route is located via Pine Creek Canyon Drive, through Camp LoMia (Private Land).

(c) Work Schedule – Work may begin as early as October 1, 2023, following contract finalization and signature. It is expected work will be completed no later than February 28, 2024. Portions of the project area are constrained by seasonal Mexican Spotted Owl (MSO) restrictions and Camp Lomia private land access restrictions. Additionally, there will be no access at the below times:

- March 1 – September 1 annually (MSO LOP's)
- March 1 – September 30 annually (Camp Lomia restrictions)
- 5pm – 7am daily
- Friday – Sunday during the month of October
- Sundays, holidays, or holiday weekends throughout the year
- The speed limit in the project area is 10mph.

(d) Pre-Bid Tour – A pre-bid tour is scheduled for **Thursday, May 11, 2023, at 9:00 am**. Contractors are encouraged to attend the pre-bid tour to get a better understanding of the layout of the project and how it relates to the scope of work and expectations. **Contractors must contact Caio Vissicaro** at [cvissicaro@nationalforests.org](mailto:cvissicaro@nationalforests.org) no later than **Wednesday, May 10, 2023**, to be placed on the RSVP list.

### Pricing Schedule

Contractor shall price work according to the schedule below

Description	Unit	Unit Cost	Quantity	Total Cost
<b>Temporary Road Construction</b>	1 foot		10,942	
<b>Landing Route Construction</b>	1 foot		9,880	
<b>Steep Slope 1A – Steep Slope 1B (313')</b>	-		1	
<b>Steep Slope 2A – Steep Slope 2B (647')</b>	-		1	
<b>Steep Slope 3A – Steep Slope 3B (400')</b>	-		1	
<b>Steep Slope 4A – Steep Slope 4B (1,166')</b>	-		1	
<b>Steep Slope 5A – Steep Slope 5B (229')</b>	-		1	
<b>Crossing 1</b>	-		1	
<b>Crossing 2</b>	-		1	
<b>Crossing 3</b>	-		1	

<b>Crossing 4</b>	-		1	
<b>Total</b>				

**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.
  
- (b) Specifications – Project work shall be accomplished in accordance with the following:
  - a. Work and machinery shall be confined within project boundaries as indicated on the Project Map found in Appendix A.
  - b. Road work shall follow the general specifications and details provided in the Detailed Information Sheet in Appendix B.1 and Estimated Roads and Features Tracker in Appendix B.2.
  - c. Contractors shall adhere to Timber Removal and Road Building Specifications as described in Appendix D.
  - d. Contractor shall follow the Guidelines for Operations in Appendix E.
  - e. All work shall be in accordance with all project appendices and other applicable local, state and/or federal regulations.

**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.

**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 [cvissicaro@nationalforests.org](mailto:cvissicaro@nationalforests.org) by **Wednesday, June 7, 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 **Wednesday, June 14, 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

### **Equal Opportunity Provider**

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