

**Fuels Reduction Implementation Contractor  
Sierra Valley Fire Protection Project  
Statement of Work and Request for Proposals  
Tahoe National Forest, California**

**Background and Statement of Work:**

The National Forest Foundation (NFF) and the USDA Forest Service (USFS) are working together to protect and restore the Tahoe National Forest. In 2022, the NFF and the Sierraville Ranger District (SRD) of the Tahoe National Forest are collaborating on the 525-acre Sierra Valley Fire Protection Project. The Sierra Valley Fire Protection Project is designed to reduce fuel loading around the rural communities of Sierraville, Sattley, and Calpine, improve forest health and resilience, and provide safe ingress and egress on existing roads and for the public and emergency response personnel in the event of wildfire. The implementation contractor will collaborate with the oversight forester, SRD, and NFF to implement forest health treatments across the project area.

**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 overseeing forest health and fuel reduction projects in the past, if any.

This is a request for proposals only and quotations 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**

Description of Work – This Request for Proposals is for thinning and piling and mastication operations. Additional information, requirements, and specifications for each item are provided in the attached appendices. Please see APPENDIX E for specific operating considerations within each unit.

Item 1a – Randolph WUI: Thin and machine pile on up to 251 acres. This item includes up to 211 acres of thin / machine pile, up to 33 acres of mastication, and up to 7 acres of hand thin / hand pile.

Item 1b – Sattley Calpine WUI: Thin and machine pile on up to 182 acres

Item 2 – Randolph WUI - RCA: Thin and machine pile on up to 84 acres

Item 3 – Sattley Calpine: Hand thin and hand pile on up to 8 acres

The Contractor shall identify which efforts and materials 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.

- (a) Project Location – The Sierra Valley Fire Protection Project area is composed of two distinct project sites, Randolph WUI and Sattley Calpine WUI. Randolph WUI is located in eastern Sierra County, California, west of State Route 89, south of Highway 49 and south of the Town of Sierraville. Sattley-Calpine WUI is also located in eastern Sierra County, California, west of State Route 89, north of Highway 49 and in between the communities of Sattley and Calpine.
- (b) Work Schedule – Project implementation is planned for spring 2023. Anticipate delays each summer and fall for Project Activity Level (PAL) days where limited work is allowed. Snow cover and wet ground may prevent hand or equipment work during the winter months. All work must be completed by December 15, 2024.

**Pricing Schedule**

Contractor shall price work according to the schedule below.

Description	Unit	Unit Cost	Quantity	Total Cost
<b>Item 1a – Randolph WUI: Thin and machine pile or masticate</b>	Acre		251	
<b>Item 1b – Sattley Calpine WUI: Thin and machine pile or masticate</b>	Acre		182	
<b>Item 2 – Randolph WUI - RCA: Thin and machine pile or masticate</b>	Acre		84	
<b>Item 3 – Sattley Calpine - Manual thin and manual pile</b>	Acre		8	

**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. The NFF Representative will assist the contractor in identifying a camping area near the project site if spiking is the desired option.
- (b) Specifications – Project work shall be accomplished in accordance with the following:
  - APPENDIX C – General Project Maps
  - APPENDIX E – Schedule of Items and Specifications
  - APPENDIX G – Guidelines and Operations
  - APPENDIX H.1 and H.2 – Fire Plans

**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, the 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**

If the contract awarded will be over \$250,000 the 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 \$50,000 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.

### **Project Tour**

NFF and the USFS will host a project tour to help interested contractors better understand the project and field any questions. Though not required, attending the tour is strongly recommended if you plan to submit a proposal. The bid tour will be begin at 8AM on Thursday, November 17, 2022. It will begin at the Sierraville District Office before touring the project area.

Please send an email to [brobinson@nationalforests.org](mailto:brobinson@nationalforests.org) before November 15, 2022 if you would like to be included on the tour.

### **Bid Submission**

Submit bids via email to [brobinson@nationalforests.org](mailto:brobinson@nationalforests.org) by **5PM on December 6, 2022**.

### **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 within approximately 10 business days 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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