

Redesign for Little Bear, Deer Lakes, and Lake Irwin Campgrounds and Day Use Areas
Statement of Work and Request for Proposals
Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests, Colorado

Background and Statement of Work: Beginning in 2021, the U.S. Forest Service began implementing recreation projects with funding from the Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA). A variety of projects proposed by the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests, have been prioritized through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's list of deferred maintenance projects for GAOA funding. GAOA projects will focus on reducing deferred maintenance and improving infrastructure and thereby will improve the conditions and resiliency of our nation's forests for present and future generations. The National Forest Foundation (NFF) and the GMUG National Forests are joining forces to lead an effort to redesign three campgrounds and day-use areas across the forests under the GAOA. Most infrastructure at the three recreation sites is overdue for a full replacement. This project will lead to improved accessibility, health and safety, and visitor experiences. The three locations are:

1. [Little Bear Campground \(36 units\) and Boating Site](#) east of the Grand Junction on the Grand Mesa National Forest;
2. [Deer Lakes Campground \(12 units\) and Day Use Area](#) east of Lake City on the Gunnison National Forest; and,
3. [Lake Irwin Campground \(32 units\) and Day Use Area](#) west of Crested Butte on the Gunnison National Forest.

The NFF and project partners are seeking a contractor who will:

- Coordinate closely with the NFF and GMUG National Forests to complete the designs for the three recreation sites noted above based on "Appendix A - design narratives".
- Create a design brief to be shared for review and discussion at 30% with a timeline, and subsequent draft plans for review and discussion at 60%, 90%, and 100% final plans for all three sites.

Information Requested

If interested in this project, please provide a bid for the above statement of work by providing approach, timeline, work experience, and cost. Please confirm your availability to complete this project by July 1, 2022, or an alternative schedule if you are unable to complete the project by July 1, 2022. Please also include your capacity for this project and efficiency in landscape architecture/campground redesign 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 of the submission of the quotation or to contract for supplies or services.

General Specifications

- Description of Work – This Request for Proposals is for design services related to Deer Lakes, Lake Irwin, and Little Bear Campgrounds and Day Use Areas (See Appendix A for detailed site location design narratives). The contractor shall be responsible for completing the following deliverables in coordination with the NFF and GMUG National Forests:
 1. Complete designs for all three campground recreation sites and day-use areas.
 - i. Design elements should closely follow “Appendix A – Recreation Site Design Narratives”. The NFF and the GMUG National Forests are available to answer any questions on the design direction outlined in Appendix A.
 - ii. Design elements will include identifying existing infrastructure that needs replacement or reconstruction, including but not limited to; campground road surfaces, site pads, site implements including fire rings and picnic tables, site number identifier posts, campground information board and kiosks, iron range fee collection tubes, toilets, water systems, reservoir and dam infrastructure including spillways, walking paths included in the complex that meet or exceed ADA requirements, and access to day-use sites. Area technical surveys will be available for the selected contractor to review and use in the design process.
 - iii. The design will also include identifying any new structures that need installation to make the campground design function and accommodate future recreation needs of the site.
 2. Create a design brief and subsequent draft plans for review and discussion at 60%, 90%, and 100% for all three recreation sites.
 - i. The brief should be shared at 30% design and outline detailed requirements for the recreation sites and a timeline with milestones including when NFF and GMUG NF staff are needed for 60%, 90%, and 100% design reviews.
 - ii. The NFF and GMUG will work with the contractor to firm up the brief and ensure appropriate design direction prior to seeing 60%, 90%, and 100% design drafts. The 30% brief, 60%, and 90% designs can be shared in pdf. 100% designs should be provided in pdf and dwj/AutoCAD.
 - iii. Design and layout will need to be approved by the NFF and relevant GMUG National Forests staff (staff officers, engineers, district recreation staff, and GOA program coordinator).

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.

- Project Location- Western Colorado, including the Gunnison and Grand Valley Ranger Districts of the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests. The three campground locations are showcased on a Google Map [HERE](https://www.google.com/maps/@38.9833333,-106.9833333,15z) (shorturl.at/oAQ49). Work may be completed remotely, although on-the-ground assessments can be included if the contractor requests these elements in the bid scope. The NFF and GMUG NF can help coordinate site visits if desired/needed.
- Work Schedule- The NFF intends to begin the contract in February 2022. The contractor should propose a timeline with 60%, 90%, and 100% design for review and discussion. The ideal is for final designs to be submitted by July 1, 2022. The final work schedule shall be mutually agreed upon by the NFF and contractor.

Pricing Schedule

Contractor shall price work according to the schedule below. Prevailing wages are required per conditions of funding sources.

Description	Unit	Unit Cost	Quantity	Total Cost
Little Bear Campground and Island Lakes Boating Site design plan	Lump		1	
Deer Lakes Campground and Fishing Site design plan	Lump		1	
Lake Irwin Campground and Fishing Site and Picnic Site	Lump		1	

Other Project Requirements and Specifications

- (a) Utilities - In many locations, there will be no or limited sanitation, water, electrical, or housing services available. If the Contractor anticipates site visits, the Contractor shall make its own arrangements for temporary facilities.
- (b) Specifications - Project work shall be accomplished in accordance with the following:
 - All designs will be based on information provided in *Appendix A - Recreation Site Design Narratives* and discussions with NFF and GMUG National Forests.
 - All final designs will be in AutoCAD, file format dwj, and Adobe pdf. They will need to be stamped by a licensed Landscape Architect.
 - Designs must follow Forest Service Outdoor Recreation (FSROAG) accessibility guidelines.
 - Water system designs must comply with the State of Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment requirements. The contractor will be responsible for acquiring the permits from the State of Colorado for the water systems to be compliant with state requirements/regulations.
 - Designs must meet the 2021 National Electric Code standards.
 - All designs must meet the 2018 International Business Codes requirements.

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.

Bid Submission

Submit bids via email to Maddie Rehn at mrehn@nationalforests.org by Wednesday, February 9, 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 by Monday, February 28, 2022, 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 the local community
- Educational opportunities for workforce development

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