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**North Yuba Hazard Trees and Resiliency Project**  
**Statement of Work and Request for Proposals**  
**Yuba River Ranger District, 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 through targeted efforts in the NFF's Tahoe Headwaters Treasured Landscape site. The North Yuba Hazard Trees and Resiliency Project is designed to mitigate hazard trees and ladder fuels to create safer and more resilient forests in and around Tahoe National Forest campgrounds. The implementation contractor will collaborate with the oversight forester, Yuba River Ranger District, and the NFF to implement forest health treatments across the project area.

The purpose of this project is to hand-fell, transport, and treat the stumps of designated hazard trees and downed trees within the Ramshorn Campground, Sierra Campground, & Yuba Pass Campground. The trees targeted for removal cover a wide variety of species, size, and complexity. Species may include Jeffrey pine, lodgepole pine, red fir, white fir, and Douglas fir. Sizes range from small/medium trees up to very large mature trees. Equipment and vehicles are prohibited off designated routes and hardened campground roads and spurs. Only hand work may be utilized in some areas where equipment access is limited or impossible.

**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 designing, preparing, and overseeing hazard tree mitigation 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**

- (a) Description of Work – This Request for Proposals is for restoration services related to hazard tree removal, timber hauling and general fuels reduction including the following:
  - 1. Ramshorn Campground
    - a. Hazard Tree Felling
    - b. Removal of felled trees to disposal site
    - c. Stump Treatment
  - 2. Sierra Campground
    - a. Hazard Tree Felling
    - b. Removal of felled trees to disposal site

- c. Stump Treatment
- 3. Yuba Pass Campground
  - a. Hazard Tree Felling
  - b. Removal of felled trees to disposal site
  - c. Stump Treatment
- 4. Hauling of material from campground disposal sites to Gardnerville
  - a. All trees will be transported from the campground disposal sites to the designated processing facility.

(b) Additional Requirements and Considerations –

- 1. All trees requiring removal have been marked in blue or green paint on Ramshorn Campground and Sierra Campground.
- 2. Yuba Pass Campground will be treated with a full overstory removal of red fir and white fir by removal of all trees 10.0” diameter at breast height or greater that are within the facility boundary.

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.

(c) Project Location – Work areas are in the Yuba River Ranger District of Tahoe National Forest.

Ramshorn Campground is located on Forest Service Road (FSR) 0049-39 roughly 1 mile west of Goodyears Bar, CA on California Highway 49.

Sierra Campground is located on Sierra Campground Rd roughly .10 miles west of Haskel Creek Homesites on California Highway 49.

Yuba Pass Campground is located on Yuba Pass CG Rd (NF-12) roughly 1 mile east of Haskel Peak Rd (FSR-09) on California Highway 49.

(d) Work Schedule – Work will commence as early as October of 2022 and run year-round (weather permitting). Anticipate delays each summer and fall for Project Activity Level (PAL) days where limited work is allowed. Snow cover and wet ground will most likely prevent hand or equipment work during the winter months (November – May). All work must be completed by December 2023.

**Pricing Schedule**

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

Description	Unit	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total Cost
<b>1. Ramshorn Campground</b>				
a. Hazard Tree Felling	Tree	74		

b. Removal of felled trees to disposal site	Lump Sum	1		
c. Borate stump treatment	Each	74		
<b>2. Sierra Campground</b>				
a. Hazard Tree Felling	Tree	102		
b. Removal of felled trees to disposal site	Lump Sum	1		
c. Borate stump treatment	Each	102		
<b>3. Yuba Pass Campground</b>				
a. Hazard Tree Felling	Acre	26.69		
b. Removal of felled trees to disposal site	Lump Sum	1		
c. Borate stump treatment	Acre	26.69		
<b>4. Transporting of material to processing facility (one way)</b>				
	Mile	124		

### 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 F – Timber Removal Specifications
  - APPENDIX G – Guidelines For Operations
  - APPENDIX H – Fire Plan

### 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 [cclark@nationalforests.org](mailto:cclark@nationalforests.org) by October 7, 2022, by 5PM PST.

## **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 10 business days of the bid closing date and will prepare a separate contract document.

## **Point of Contact**

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

Carson Clark  
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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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