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Pertinent Dates

March 1, 2017 – RFP Released

**March 13, 2017 10:00 AM – Show Me
Tour (meet at Beaver Ranch)**

March 20, 2017 5:00PM – Bids Due

**March 27, 2017 5:00PM – Awarded
contractor will be notified**

Dec 31, 2016- Phase 3 deadline

Project Location: **11369 S. Foxton Rd. Conifer, CO 80433**

RFP Contents:

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Project Overview:

79 acre of forest restoration treatment in 2 units. Both units present a mixed conifer composition, and one has some ponderosa reserves. Each unit has different prescriptions and goals. Details are included in the attached prescription document.
A pre-bid site inspection is required to be eligible to bid on this project. Work involves forest stand improvement and fuels reduction in a ponderosa pine, Douglas-fir, and mixed conifer forest via mechanical mastication and hand felling. Project managers, prior to the beginning of work, will complete sample markings of treatments.

*****Note:** The bids and payments for the desired work will be based upon the listed acreage figures whether there is actually more or less acres treated as a part of the project.

Phase 3 will commence in April 1, 2017.

The project includes (additional Specification provided below)

- Forest Restoration, modification of stand structure and downed fuels removal per CUSP prescription.
- Companies who perform tree work must be capable of technical removal.
- Slash chipping and/or mastication.
- Burn pile construction

Project Timeline:

This project has a significant time period, due to heavy recreational use, where operations will have to occur in outlying areas only. (late-May to Sept, 15). For this reason, bids may be for the complete project, or any section within the project. The project completion date is December, 31 2017. No extensions will be granted. A completion Bond will be required. Self-issued completion Bonds will not be acceptable.

Due to Park events Black Out dates will occur on some weekends during the operational period due to special events and weddings. These dates, if not complete at signing time will be declared, in writing, at least 14 days in advance. Monday thru Friday scheduling is recommended, but many weekends will be available as well.

****Note:** If site conditions are poor (overly wet ground) project may be delayed until site conditions ensure minimized resource damage.

Site Description:

Beaver Ranch Community Park covers 450 acres of Jefferson County Open Space land. It is operated by the Beaver Ranch board, a 501(c)(3) non-profit. It is a free, open to the public Open Space, with baseball fields, a “Bark Park”, Colorado's’ longest Zip-line, and a Nationally ranked Frisbee Golf course. It is located in Conifer, CO. The site is accessible from two separate entrances off of Foxton Rd, south of Hwy 285, in Jefferson county.

Overall Prescription:

The treatment will cover 79 of the 450 acres of the entire Beaver Ranch Community Park. The overall forest type is dry mixed conifer with pockets of ponderosa pine and aspen. This prescription will focus on a restoration treatment framework favoring restoration of aspen stands and ponderosa pine. A detailed prescription document is attached with this Request. For additional reference CUSP will use the following documents as guidance. It is recommended to familiarize yourself with the general concepts presented within.

- GTR 310 – Restoring Composition and Structure in Southwestern Frequent-Fire Forests: A Science-Based Framework for Improving Ecosystem Resiliency (by Richard Reynolds, Andrew Sanchez Meador, James Youtz, Tessa Nicolet, Megan Matonis, Patrick Jackson, Donald DeLorenzo, and Andrew Graves; available for download at: http://www.fs.fed.us/rm/pubs/rmrs_gtr310.html)

- Desirable Forest Structures for a Restored Front Range (by Yvette Dickinson and the Spatial Heterogeneity Group of the Front Range Roundtable. Available for download at: http://coloradoforestrestoration.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/FrontRangeDesiredConditions_CFRI-TB-1402.pdf)

Pre-treatment composition for the entire area:

Lodgepole pine - 54% of trees counted numerically,

Douglas Fir – 28%

Ponderosa pine – 9%

Aspen – 3%

Spruce – 6%

Trees vary from over 700 to 100 TPA, with BA ranging from 64 to 163 ft²/ac. The treatment units are configured to support ease of access to those areas with greater, or similar, slopes.

Contract Period and Operational Period:

- Hours of operation are limited to daylight hours of 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; seven days a Week except for these pre-determined black out dates: **TBD**
- The startup of chainsaws and mechanized equipment is not allowed before 8:00 a.m.
- No work on holidays unless approved by the Project Administrator
- Work is to be completed between April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017. Extensions will not be considered.

Project Management:

This project will be required to meet CUSP and CSFS standards. CUSP and/or CSFS representatives will certify work before final payment and closure of contract. The CUSP project manager may specify additional work on a case-by-case basis that may override the above prescription. Additional work will be limited to only single additional tree removals and will not significantly alter the management prescription.

Performance Bond:

A performance bond in the amount of 50% of the Project Value or \$75,000.00, whichever is less, shall be deposited by the PURCHASER upon signing of this agreement. The bond shall be in the form of cash, certified check or a certified bond from a qualified bonding company. The performance bond shall be used, in part or in full for non-performance of any of the terms or conditions of this Independent Services Contract and/or to correct deficiency in any work not completed to agreement specifications. The bond may be used to cover expenses incurred by the Colorado State Forest Service to complete contract obligations, including re-bidding the entire project if necessary.

A Damage Deposit in the amount of **\$7500.00** shall be deposited by the PURCHASER upon signing of this contract. The deposit shall be in the form of cash or certified check. Any damage penalties and charges for damages to soils, improvements or other elements of the forest stand not repaired or corrected by the Contractor shall be deducted from the Damage Deposit.

Contractor Expectations:

The chosen contractor is expected to:

- 1) Carry liability insurance and name CUSP as an additional insured on the policy declaration as required in the Bid Submittal Requirements. And to sign an Indemnification Waiver, provide a duns and Bradstreet identification #, complete a W-9, and provide other provisions as legally required under Federal and CO law.
- 2) Work with CUSP to finalize a Project Implementation Plan prior to project implementation.
- 3) Keep and submit work logs
- 4) Implement project according the Project Implementation Plan and complete the project within the allotted timeframe and budget
- 5) Communicate any problems with project promptly to the Project Manager

Payment Terms: Payment for completed work will be on a reimbursement basis – Per CUSP contract, completed work will need to be certified by CSFS and CUSP Foresters before payment will be processed. Payments may take up to 60 days after certification.

Bid Submittal Requirements:

As part of the bid proposal, please include the following:

- 1) Contractor contact information
- 2) Proposal summary – narrative discussing points mentioned below:
 - a. Previous work experience with similar scope of work.
 - b. Type of equipment to be used, number of personnel.
 - c. Plan for removal of wood from project area.
 - d. List of sub-contractors (if any) and equipment they would use.
 - e. Past client references (please include contact names, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses)
 - f. Price – Cost/acre
 - g. Estimated start and end date
- 3) Documentation of liability insurance.

Note: Complete and timely submittal of all required proposal documents is required for proposal to be considered.

All Bids Must be submitted to ravage@cusps.ws

Fax: 719-302-2852,

TO: CUSP, Attn: J. Ravage, re: Beaver Ranch Bid

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Pre-Bid Site Visit:

Due to the nature of this project, a site visit will be necessary before a bid can be completed. Access to the private property for a "Show Me Tour" has been scheduled for **March 13, 2017 at 10:00 am.**

Bids must be emailed, faxed, or delivered by hand by March 20, 2017 by 5:00 pm.

Contractor Selection Procedure and Criteria:

Bids for the project described herein will be evaluated on the following basis:

- 1) Track record of delivering successful projects that are similar in scope (references)
- 2) Project superintendent's confidence in the contractor's ability to implement the proposed work effectively and with high quality outcomes (combination of experience and references)
- 3) Contractor implementation strategy
- 4) Cost
- 5) Start/end dates

Bids will be weighed against these criteria, as opposed to simply accepting the lowest bid. Cost is only one factor that will be considered in awarding the contract for this project; however, cost is important. In the event that all bid proposals exceed CUSP's project budget, we will use other criteria in selecting a contractor who is willing to downscale the project scope to fit CUSP's budget. ***CUSP retains all rights to refuse any and all bids for any reason.***

The chosen contractor will be notified by March 27, 2017 by 5:00 pm, and may start work immediately upon execution of contract and provision of insurance documents and performance document, or April 1, whichever is later.

Attachment 1 – Map of Treatment Areas

Map illustrates 1 (one) additional small unit and 5 excess acres in unit 2 that will be logged by CUSP and partners. Areas of CUSP work will be flagged off and pointed out at the “Show Me” Tour.

