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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

Contractor to provide Mechanical Fuels
Treatment For 637 Acre Fuel Reduction Project

Questions Due: June 26, 2020

Responses Posted on Website: June 30, 2020

Question 1

Clarify how the Northern Spotted Owl (NSO) Limited Operating Period (LOP) impacts this Project? In the RFP the excerpt from the NEPA document on Page 6 stated LOP applies to all units on the Project while the map included as Attachment A, 4 stated the LOP does not apply to “Unit I” which is 102 acres.

- A Limited Operating Period (LOP) for the northern spotted owls will be applied to all units, except for “Unit I” which is 102 acres, from **February 1 to September 15** unless current protocol-level surveys indicate that they are unnecessary. Note, the map is correct.

Question 2

On Page 10 it stated “soils scientist will need to assess conditions prior to mechanical equipment off road operations after significant rainfall (greater than one-quarter inch) from October 15 – April 15”. Are there any guarantees that a soils scientist will be available to make such an assessment within the minimum 48 hour minimum cessation period following a ‘significant’ rainfall?

- US Forest Service - Mendocino staff will be responsible for this and will do everything possible to meet the minimum time requirements. The goal is to not hold up the contractor to ensure work is completed within the timeframes.

Question 3

Does the equipment to be utilized on the Project need to strictly meet, or exceed, the specifications outlined on Page 11? What is the mechanism and/or process of certification, if any, to allow a contractor to use a machine that is outside of the specifications listed?

Original RFP Language:

(a) Equipment prime power unit – Shall be a tracked unit with maximum outside width of 10 feet (3 meters) and a maximum ground pressure of 8 pounds per square inch (PSI).

Correct Language:

- Equipment may be any swing design machine of modern design that may exceed 10 feet overall width to a maximum width of 11 feet, and equipment may exceed ground pressure rating of 8 pounds per square inch (PSI).

All other specifications (b) through (h) apply in RFP.

(b) Equipment shall have a boom mounted independently adjustable, mechanically or hydraulically powered cutter head and housing that controls the height and angle of shredding heads. Must be able to raise cutter head a minimum of 3 feet (0.9 meters) above ground level.

(c) Equipment shall have an articulated boom capable of reaching material 20 feet (6.1 meters) from the center of the machine in all directions while the tracks are stationary.

(d) Equipment shall be capable of working continuously on 0 to 45 percent slopes and on pitches up to 50 percent. With articulating arm capable of reaches up to 50 percent slope while tracks are not driven over a 45 percent slope.

(e) Equipment shall have a power supply to shredder/cutter/chipper that maintains constant rpm's to shredder/cutter/chipper head regardless of power unit.

(f) Equipment shall have a maximum cutter head cutting width of 6 feet (1.8 meters) no minimum width.

(h) All equipment must be in good running condition with no excessive fluid leaks or

overheating. The contractor shall be responsible for all fuel, lubrication, repair, and replacement for equipment.

Question 4

On Page 8 it stated the contractor shall “remain on Project area for at least two (2) hours after cutting to be sure that a fire has not started.” Is this two (2) hour fire watch required regardless of the Project Activity Level (PAL)?

- After further research it may only apply to Project Activity Levels C, D, and Ev.
- How to Obtain Current Project Activity Levels prior to contractor Project work: call the Mendocino National Forest Contractor Activity Phoneline at (530) 934-1240 to receive the current Project Activity Level (PAL).

Question 5

The RFP specifically states the Project comprises 637 acres of mechanical thinning. Are hands crews allowed to work on the project and, if so, what are their treatment specifications? Is burning allowed?

- This Project is solely for mechanical thinning. There are no hand crews or burning in this particular Project.



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