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Request for Proposal (RFP) for Registered Professional Forester Services

Issued By: Fire Safe Council of Nevada County

Project Title: Deer Creek Shaded Fuel Break

Issue Date: 5/13/2025

Proposal Submission Deadline: 5/30/2025

1. Introduction & Overview

The Fire Safe Council of Nevada County (FSCNC) is seeking proposals from qualified Registered Professional Foresters (RPF) to provide forestry consulting services for the Deer Creek Shaded Fuel Break Project. This project is funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), and all procurement and contract activities must comply with applicable federal regulations, including 2 CFR Part 200.

The selected RPF will oversee fuel reduction prescriptions, ensure compliance with environmental regulations, and support the implementation of sustainable forestry management practices.

2. Project Description & Goals

2.1 Project Description

The Deer Creek Shaded Fuel Break Project is designed to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire along the Deer Creek corridor by implementing strategic fuel reduction treatments. The project spans approximately 1,600 acres and includes 201 eligible parcels, of which 122 are developed. An updated number of confirmed participant applications will be announced during the scheduled site walk. The project area consists of mixed conifer and hardwood forests, with an emphasis on removing hazardous fuels while maintaining ecological balance. The project will involve thinning overstocked stands, removing dead and dying trees, and managing understory vegetation to create a more fire-resilient landscape.

2.2 Project Timeline

The Deer Creek Shaded Fuel break consists of 2 Phases. Phase 1 activities will include the development of education and outreach material, landowner outreach, landowner application and right of entry execution, property assessments, treatment prescriptions, CEQA exemption forms, and the development of a participation parcel list, including photos of homes and parcels. Phase II activities include all groundbreaking activities and any implementation of treatment prescriptions.

2.3 Project Goals & Outcomes

- **Wildfire Risk Reduction:** Decrease fuel loads to minimize the intensity and spread of wildfires.
- **Ecosystem Health:** Improve forest resilience through selective thinning and habitat enhancement.
- **Community Protection:** Enhance the safety of residents by reducing fire hazards near homes and infrastructure.

- **Regulatory Compliance:** Ensure all work meets state and federal environmental and forestry standards.
 - **Sustainable Land Management:** Implement long-term strategies for maintaining fire-adapted landscapes.
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3. Scope of Services

The selected RPF will provide professional forestry services, including but not limited to:

3.1 Fuel Reduction Planning & Prescription Development (phase I)

- Develop and implement vegetation treatment prescriptions, including thinning understory fuels and pruning lower limbs, mechanical services
- Define spacing and removal criteria for trees and shrubs based on fire behavior models and best forestry practices.
- Conduct field assessments to determine appropriate treatment zones with considerations to topography, archeological finds, landowner accommodations, etc.

3.2 Environmental Compliance & Permitting (phase II)

- Ensure compliance with NEPA regulations.
- Obtain necessary permits for forestry and fuel reduction activities as needed.
- Coordinate with tribal representatives regarding potential cultural resource impacts.

3.3 Project Implementation Support (phase II)

- Provide oversight for hand crew and mechanical thinning operations.
- Monitor treatment effectiveness and adjust prescriptions as needed.
- Ensure adherence to best management practices and safety regulations.

3.4 Coordination & Reporting (phase I & II)

- Collaborate with FSCNC Project Manager to ensure landowner participation and necessary documentation has been collected
 - Coordinate with Landowners to access parcels for assessments
 - Provide prescriptions and necessary maps for each parcel participating in the Deer Creek Shaded Fuel Break
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4. Proposal Requirements

Interested firms or individuals must submit a proposal that includes the following:

4.1 Cover Letter

- Summary of qualifications and interest in the project.
- Contact information of the primary proposer.

4.2 Qualifications & Experience

- Proof of current California RPF license.

- Relevant project experience in fuel reduction and wildfire mitigation.
- Knowledge of state and federal forestry regulations.

4.3 Project Approach

- Proposed methodology for achieving project goals.
- Timeline for prescription development and implementation support.
- Strategies for ensuring regulatory compliance and stakeholder coordination.

4.4 Cost Proposal

- Detailed breakdown of fees and anticipated costs.
- Hourly rates for key personnel.
- Any additional reimbursable expenses.

4.5 References

- Contact information for at least three recent clients.

4.6 Federal Compliance and Conflict of Interest Disclosure

- Proposers must disclose any actual or potential conflicts of interest. No employee, officer, or agent of FSCNC shall participate in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by federal funds if a conflict of interest, real or apparent, would be involved. Contractors must not be debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in federal assistance programs.

5. Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

Evaluation Criteria	Weight
Relevant experience & qualifications	25%
Understanding of project scope & approach	30%
Cost proposal	15%
Availability & capacity to complete work	10%
References & past project performance	10%
Compliance with regulatory requirements	10%

Note: The selected contractor will be required to sign a contract that includes all applicable federal contract provisions under 2 CFR Part 200, Appendix II. These include Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), the Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment, Clean Air and Clean Water Acts (if applicable), Debarment and Suspension, Contract Remedies, and Termination clauses.

6. Submission Instructions

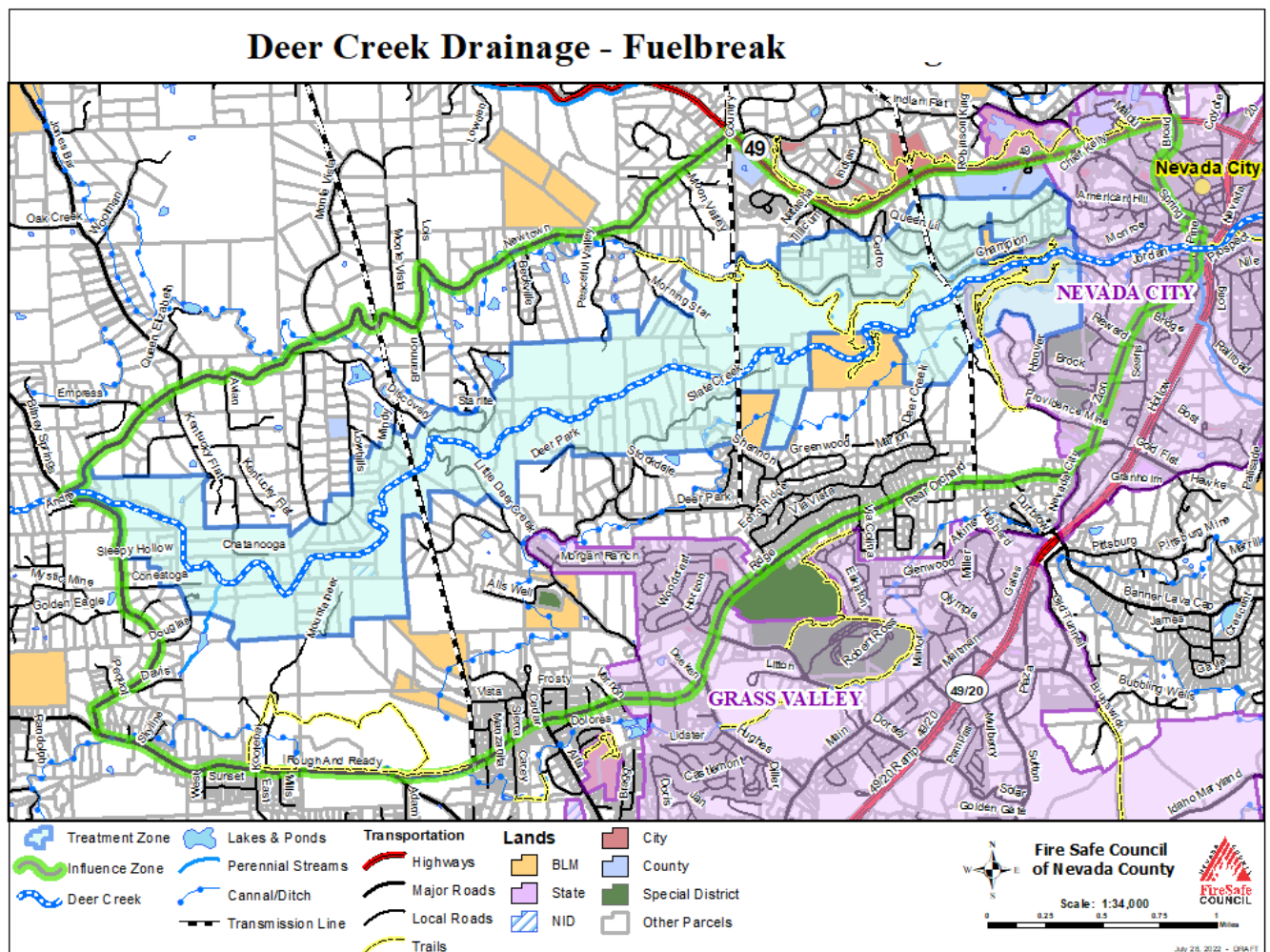
Proposals must be submitted electronically to chris@areyoufiresafe.com by **MAY 30, 2025 at 5PM**. Late submissions will not be considered.

NOTE: A site walk will be held on **May 23rd at 11:00 AM**. The meeting location and further instructions will be provided upon RSVP. Please RSVP to chris@areyoufiresafe.com by May 20, 2025.

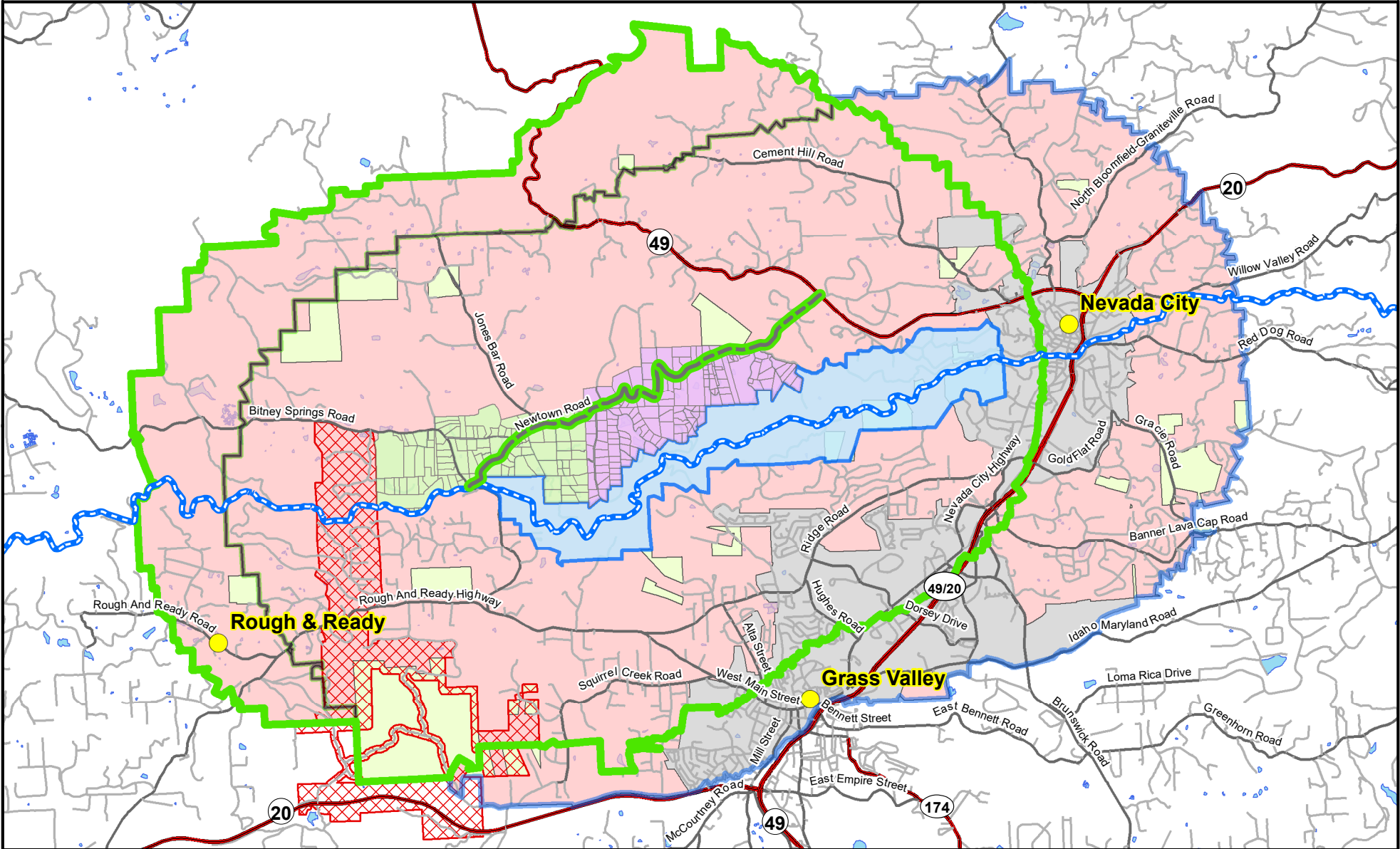
For questions or clarifications, contact:

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We look forward to reviewing your proposal and working together to enhance wildfire resilience in Nevada County



Deer Creek Shaded Fuel Break



- Deer Creek Flowline
- Newtown Rd
- Ponderosa II Project Area

- Fuel Breaks**
- Deer Creek CAL FIRE West - 675 ac
 - Deer Creek CAL FIRE East - 779 ac
 - Deer Creek FEMA - 1,601 ac

- TIZ Zone - 27,710 ac**
- Deer Creek FEMA - 23,529 ac
 - Deer Creek CAL FIRE - 20,962 ac
 - Deer Creek FEMA + CAL FIRE overlap - (16,781 ac)

- SRA**
- Federal Response Area - 1,482 ac
 - Local Response Area - 3,999 ac
 - State Response Area - 22,229 ac

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Scale: 1:72,000

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