

UPPER MOKELUMNE RIVER WATERSHED AUTHORITY

PRE – RFP (Pre – Request for Proposals)

Forest Projects Plan - Phase 1 **Arbor and Birch Fuel Reduction Projects**

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PURPOSE OF THIS PRE-RFP

The purpose of this Pre-RFP is to inform potentially interested forest fuel treatment contractors that Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority (UMRWA) intends to issue 2 Requests for Proposals on or about May 24, 2024 (date of issuance could be delayed if project areas are inaccessible due to snow) for hand and mechanical fuel reduction work in the Eldorado National Forest – Amador Ranger District. This Pre-RFP provides preliminary details of the two projects (the Arbor Project and the Birch Project) for which UMRWA plans to issue RFPs and related information.

SCOPE OF PROJECT

UMRWA intends to issue 2 Requests for Proposals on May 24, 2024 (this date will be dependent on field conditions) for two Fuel Reduction Projects, Arbor and Birch. Each project will be subdivided into two or three bid items by geographic area and/or work type and thus allow interested contractors to bid on one or more bid items fitting their skills, production capability, and availability. Bidders will need to identify any planned subcontractors when submitting their proposals. UMRWA anticipates awarding up to 5 contracts, which may be awarded to one or more contractors. Portions of the two project areas are currently under snow and UMRWA is still in the process of field verification of units and treatments. **Therefore, the subdivided treatment acres identified below are preliminary and may change with issuance of the RFPs.**

The terms of the contracts to be awarded are expected to begin on the date the contracts are executed by the Authority (anticipated no later than July 31, 2024) and terminate on November 15, 2027.

Potentially interested contractors are encouraged to email Kelly Kahling at kkahling.landmark@outlook.com with their contact information to ensure proper electronic transmittal of the RFP when it is issued.

These projects lie entirely within Eldorado National Forest Lands, on the Amador Ranger District. The Authority is implementing these projects under a Supplemental Project Agreement pursuant to Master Stewardship Agreement #16-SA-11052000-065 between the Authority and the Forest Service, and grants from Cal-Fire and the Sierra Nevada Conservancy.

The project areas generally consist of natural forested stands of varying density. In all areas, live and dead brush, dead trees, and live coniferous trees generally less than 10" diameter breast height (DBH) would be treated to reduce fuel loading which is leading to increased wildfire severity, intensity, and frequency. Treatments will consist of mastication and hand thinning which will vary by location, slope, and access.

Approximate bid items and acres are described in the table below. Project maps are provided separately. For the Arbor Project Items 1 and 2, mastication is the primary treatment with hand treatment prescribed for small inclusions of slopes >40%, streamside buffers, and sensitive wildlife areas. North Birch and South Birch have substantial areas of hand treatment as indicated in the footnotes. Hand Treatments in Birch and Arbor (Bid Item 3) are generally areas >40% slope and areas inaccessible to mastication equipment.

Bid Item Number	Description	Unit	Estimated Quantity¹
ARBOR PROJECT			
1 Arbor: Roadside Mastication	Mastication with inclusions of hand treatment	Acres	1040
2 Arbor: Mastication	Mastication with inclusions of hand treatment	Acres	1326
3 Arbor: Hand Treatments	Hand Treatment Only	Acres	767
Total Arbor Project		Acres	Estimated Total 3133
BIRCH PROJECT			
1 North Birch	Mastication Hand Treatment ²	Acres	1104
2 South Birch	Hand Treatment ³ Mastication	Acres	491
Total Birch Project		Acres	Estimated Total 1595

¹Estimated Quantity is based on GIS analysis and may vary up to 20%.

³Hand treatment is approximately 26% of North Birch

³Hand treatment is approximately 62% of South Birch

ANTICIPATED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For process flexibility and uncertain field conditions that may restrict site access, please note that all CALENDAR dates below are subject to change.

EVENT	DATE/LOCATION
RFPs to be Issued	Friday, May 24, 2024
Pre-Proposal Meeting	Thursday, June 13, 2024, 1:00 p.m., LOCATION TBD.
Response/Proposal Due	Friday, June 21, by 12:00 p.m. PDT
Contract Awards	July 26, 2024
Anticipated Start Date	August 1, 2024
Pre-work Conference	No less than 7 days prior to start of operations
Contract Termination Date	November 15, 2027