

Amador Fire Safe Council – Q&A for REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Pine Grove AFSC- PG&E Ingress & Egress Project



**Questions & Answers about the
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
FOR CONTRACTED SERVICES TO THE AMADOR FIRE SAFE COUNCIL
2026 Pine Grove AFSC – PG&E Ingress & Egress Project**

1. *Is this project subject to prevailing wage requirements?*
No. The project is funded through private funds and will be applied along private roads, so prevailing wage requirements do not apply.
2. *Was the pre-proposal tour mandatory to submit a proposal?*
No, any contractor can submit a proposal even if they did not attend the pre-proposal tour.
3. *What height of vegetation should be targeted?*
Vegetation taller than 1 foot high should be treated. Ground cover such as grass, honeysuckle, bear clover, etc. should not be targeted.
4. *Should downed logs be treated?*
Along primary roads in the neighborhood: Treat logs or any portion of downed logs within the 20' treatment area that are larger than what can fit in the chipper by bucking into 16" firewood rounds and stacking neatly on site.
Along secondary back-roads in the neighborhood: Treat logs up to 5' from the edge of the road surface.
5. *Is the treatment area measured by horizontal distance or by slope distance?*
Slope distance.
6. *Must steep drop-offs be treated?*
No, steep drop-offs that begin within the 20' treatment width can be left untreated.
7. *Should riparian vegetation be targeted, such as alder, dogwood, etc?*
Yes, riparian vegetation shall be treated to the same specifications as other portions of the project area. As in the entire project area, landowners may designate plants to leave with orange flagging.
8. *How high should clearance be above the road?*
Prune branches overhanging the road surface to create 16 feet of clearance.
Branches overhanging the 20-foot treatment width beyond the road surface shall be pruned to 10 feet.
9. *Should any smaller trees be left even if not designated as leave trees?*

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On Red Hill Mine Road: contractor may leave scattered healthy trees <10" DBH where larger trees are absent to maintain some residual vegetation. For example, where thickets of regeneration exist, cut all but one or two of the healthiest stems. On the Sunset Heights turn-around, do not leave any <10" stems.

10. What to do about multi-stemmed trees where some stems are greater and some less than 10" DBH?

If the majority of stems are larger than 10" DBH, leave the entire tree.

If the majority of stems are smaller than 10" DBH, cut all the stems of the tree.

Cut all dead stems regardless of size, as is determined by the crew to be safe.

11. Is water available?

On the Sunset Heights turn-around, water access from the fire hydrants can be coordinated with Amador Water Agency as an option for pre-soaking, then mastication. Water use expenses would be paid by the Contractor and incorporated into the per-mile treatment rate.