

Amador Fire Safe Council – REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
2024 AFSC- CALFIRE Private Roads Ingress & Egress Project



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
FOR CONTRACTED SERVICES TO THE AMADOR FIRE SAFE COUNCIL
2024 AFSC- Ingress & Egress Project

April 2024

RELEASE DATE: April 11th, 2024

SITE VISIT/PRE-PROPOSAL TOUR: It is highly encouraged, but not mandatory, that the contractors attend the pre-proposal tour. The pre-proposal tour will take place April 23, 2024. Contact Gordon Long, project manager, to RSVP for the pre-proposal tour. gordon@amadorrcd.org

CLOSING DATE: Proposals must be submitted electronically – via email - to:

Gordon Long- Forestry Programs Manager, Amador Fire Safe Council
Email Address: gordon@amadorrcd.org

Proposals must be received no later than **April 30, 2024 5 pm**

Project Contractor will be selected and announced no later than **May 7, 2024**

PROJECT TITLE: “2024 AFSC- Ingress & Egress Project”.

CONTACT PERSON: Project Forester

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INTRODUCTION:

The Amador Fire Safe Council (AFSC) has received an INGRESS-EGRESS/FUELBREAK Grant from the CalFire in which all work must be completed no later than August 1st, 2024. The preference of the AFSC is that the work will start ASAP.

The purpose of this Request for Proposal is to solicit proposals to hire one or two Fuels Reduction Contractor(s) in order to complete the herein described project.

SCOPE OF WORK:

Proposed Action: Vegetation in the project area includes a scattered conifer/oak/maple/buckeye/madrone overstory with an understory of smaller diameter trees, and numerous brush species, such as manzanita, coyote brush, willow, poison oak, and ceanothus. The objective of the treatment is to reduce surface and ladder fuels for improved ingress/egress to protect private property from a wildfire conflagration. The project area will not include grassy areas or areas where a Right of Entry has not been received. Treatment will include 20 feet off the drivable surface one or

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both sides of the road or until a fence line. Certification of completed work will be determined by AFSC staff and/or contracted RPF.

Signed permission granting right of entry agreements will/have been obtained from each participating landowner for this work to be performed. Fiddletown Park has a Homeowners Association, so individual ROE's are not required. At the time of this RFP release, AFSC has all the required ROE's that are needed to accomplish the project, though that can change during the period of contracting period. This Project will NOT include any work for fire safe clearance work required by Public Resources Code 4291 of Government Code 51182 which is the full responsibility of each private property owner. The general project areas have been delineated on the attached maps. Environmental clearances have been obtained for this project. Any sensitive areas that need to be avoided will be flagged by the AFSC forester prior to operations.

PROJECT AREA & PRESCRIPTION FOR TREATMENT:

Mileage was determined via GPS routing lineal distance on each side of the road with an average treatment width of 20 feet, or until a fence is reached. No work is to be done inside intact fences. All projects are located along private roads in Amador County, California (Quartz Mine Road is the one exception- it is a public county road).

Roadways to be treated- up to 20 per side from the edge of the traveled road, or until a fence is reached:

Unit 1

Andrews Lane- .75 Miles
Quartz Mtn/Meath/Twin Pines- 5.71 miles

Unit 2

Nina & Hampton Roads 1.47 miles
Fiddletown Park – 4.6 miles

The prescription for treatment is the same for all 4 road sections, except the unit that includes Quartz Mountain Road. Quartz Mountain Road is a public county road, and mastication is not allowed. Therefore only hand work can be accomplished on Quartz Mountain Road. The other road sections are private roads, which can have a mastication component. The treatment area is 20' on **one or both sides** of the specified project roads as measured from the edge of the traveled surface, or until an intact fence is reached.

The following are the specifications for fuels treatment within 20' or up to the fence if fence is closer on each side as measured from the traveled surface of the road.

- Fuels to be treated include removal of ground fuels, brush, and small trees (up to 10" diameter at breast height) and pruning of ladder fuels (along the bole, at least 10' from ground level). Annuals such as grasses should not be targeted for treatment.
- Trees within the treatment area shall be cut flush at the ground level and all material shredded (chipped) and blown back as evenly as possible onto the treatment site. Chips cannot be blown into roadside ditches or other drainage structures.
- Limbs of trees shall be pruned along the bole vertically at least 10 feet from the ground level. Limbs overhanging the road shall be treated (removed/chipped). All pruned limbs must be removed/chipped.
- The treatment method is the use of hand-held devices: chainsaws, pruners, pole saws, and chippers (for shredding fuels within the treatment zone). Chipper and driven equipment shall not leave the drivable surface.
- Hazards include barbed wire fences, dogs, poison oak, power lines and vehicles.
- Traffic control will be required to warn vehicles of active fuels treatment operations; all traffic control and signs will be the responsibility of the Contractor and shall conform to Amador County requirements. Any road lane

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closures may require flagmen. No traffic control plans are required for this project, but traffic control measures will need to be addressed by all bidders in their proposals.

- Landscape vegetation may be retained depending on landowner preferences. Such retention designation will be noted with the use of plastic flagging.

Identification of Protected Species or Other Critical Resources With all environmentally sensitive areas, identification and avoidance during project implementation is important. If any sensitive resources are located during project implementation, the area shall be avoided until consultation with the appropriate agencies can review the situation. Known areas to be avoided/not treated will be designated prior to operations.

PROPOSAL PRESENTATION: Proposals shall reflect costs for the project based on a “*per mile*” basis per project. Proposals may cover Unit 1 and/or Unit 2. Contractor may provide a different cost/mile rate for each road unit. Contractor may also provide a cost/mile rate for all roadways as a combined project if that number differs from the individual roadway rates.

| Project Costs | |
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| Project Area | Proposal Price Per Mile |
| Unit 1: Andrews Lane - .75 miles Quartz Mountain/Meath/ Twin Pines - 5.71 Miles Total: 6.46 miles | 6.46 x \$ _____ / mile = Total for Unit 1 \$ _____ |
| Unit 2: Nina & Hampton Lanes - 1.47 miles Fiddletown Park – 4.6 Miles Total: 6.07 miles | 6.07 x \$ _____ / mile = Total for Unit 2 \$ _____ |
| Units 1-2: Total of 12.53 miles of treatment | TOTAL BID \$ _____ |

Contractor Responsibilities include:

- Contractor will work cooperatively with the Project Manager, AFSC Forester, Landowners, Amador Fire Safe Council (AFSC), and CalFire Representatives to ensure compliance with the guidelines, conditions, and criteria of the grant.
- Contractor will include enough layout time and supervision time in proposal to assure public safety and compliance with AFSC requirements.
- Contractors will include full-time hours worked and number of crew members engaged in project work on each invoice.
- Contractor will retain area/vegetation designated for retention or protection.
- Contractor will be responsible for crew’s safety and sanitation needs.
- Contractor will be responsible for ensuring protection of structures, property improvements, power lines and other utilities.
- Residual trees will be protected from skin ups and damage while Contractor determines and implements the treatment of trees and brush within the project area.
- Contractor will be responsible for implementation fire risk mitigations measures. Contractor must abide by all fire prevention rules. This includes all provisions listed in Public Resources Code 4427-4442, which establishes minimum standards for fire tools to be on-site. Contractor will be prohibited from working

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during extreme fire hazard periods, which include “Red Flag Warning” days established by the National Weather Service and CalFire, and/or other days determined by AFSC to be high fire hazard days.

- All traffic control and signs will be the responsibility of the Contractor..

PROPOSAL FORMAT: A qualifying proposal must address all of the following items:

Proposal shall be submitted as a single work document, emailed to Gordon Long- gordon@amadorred.org

1. Cover Sheet with the following contact information:
 - a. Title of Proposal, Name and Address of Firm, Contact person, Phone Numbers (landline and cellular), Email Address and Fax Number, as applicable.
2. Understanding of the Project: The Contractor shall provide a brief response that demonstrates an understanding of the fuels treatment within the project area that clearly describes his or her ability to reduce hazardous fuel loads in the project locations. This should include a statement of how the proposal will perform the necessary services for each section that is being bid on. **The Proposal shall state the estimated production rate/day as well as the estimated start date and end date of the work.**
3. Equipment and Objectives: The Contractor will also provide a description of equipment to be used in accomplishing the contract and describe how the equipment will achieve treatment objectives.
4. Qualifications of Key Personnel: The Contractor shall provide the names of the key people who will be working on this project, their role in the project, and a synopsis of their experience relevant to these roles. Expertise in prior fuels reduction work is highly desirable.
5. References: The Contractor shall provide a minimum of three (3) references from similar or related projects, including an appropriate contact name, telephone number and email address (if available) and location and address of previous projects.
6. Cost Proposal: The Contractor shall provide a **per mile cost** that covers all work and responsibilities described in the Project Description and Scope of Work. **The contractor may bid on Unit 1 and/or Unit 2.. The Contractor may also provide a cost/mile rate for all roadways as a combined project if that number differs from the individual roadway rates.**
7. Driving Record and Insurance: Contractor must maintain a valid driver’s license. The successful applicant must provide proof of current auto, liability, and workman’s compensation insurance upon award are contract.
 - Automobile Liability Insurance of not less than \$500,000 is required in the event motor vehicles are used by the Contractor. One million dollars (\$1,000,000) per accident for bodily injury and property damage combined single limit.
 - Workers Compensation coverage: Contractor shall maintain workers’ compensation insurance for all of its employees during the life of the project.
 - Commercial General Liability Insurance of not less than Two Million dollars (\$2,000,000) combined single limit per occurrence for personal injury liability, bodily injury and property damage. Two million dollars (\$2,000,000) aggregate.

PROJECT TIMELINE:

| Milestone | Timeline |
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| Release request for proposal | April 11 th , 2024 |
| Pre-proposal Tour (contact AFSC forester to RSVP) | April 23, 2024 |
| Proposals Due | April 30, 2024 5pm |
| Review and Selection of Contractor(s) | No later than May 7, 2024 |

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| Agreement Signed By | May 14, 2024 |
| Work Begins | ASAP (weather dependent) |
| Contract Ends | August 1 st 2024 |

CONTRACTORS PROPOSAL SUBMISSION:

Proposal package shall be received by AFSC no later than April 30th 2024, 5pm to Gordon Long at gordon@amadorrcd.org

Address any questions to Gordon Long (209)213-2016, gordon@amadorrcd.org or Ed Struffenegger (209) 304-2045, edstruff@volcano.net

PAYMENT:

The AFSC shall make payment to the Contractor within 30 days of the AFSC receipt of an acceptable invoice. Payment will be based on actual/measured treated acreage based on slope distance. In order to receive reimbursement under the described Project, the Contractor shall provide an “Invoice for Services” detailing services performed by task and actual costs.

All Invoices and Correspondence pertaining to this contract shall contain **2023 AFSC- Ingress/Egress CalFire Project** in the heading.

- Rates: In consideration of Contractors fulfillment of the promised work, the AFSC shall pay Contractors at a Per Mile Rate accepted and authorized by the AFSC.
- Documentation: Contractors will include full-time hours worked and number of crew members engaged in project work on each invoice. This information will be provided on a “Jobs Reporting Form” supplied by the AFSC.
- Expenses: No travel or other expenses will be reimbursed by AFSC.
- Budget Contingency Clause: If funding is reduced or deleted for purposes of this program or if project area is decrease due to not receiving Rights of Entry, the AFSC shall have the option to either cancel this Agreement with no liability occurring to the AFSC or the AFSC, or offer an agreement amendment to Contractor to reflect the reduced amount.

NONDISCRIMINATION:

The activities conducted under this agreement will be in compliance with the nondiscrimination provisions contained in Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 (Public Law 100-259); and other nondiscrimination statutes: namely, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and the American's with Disabilities Act of 1990. They will also be in accordance with regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture (7CFR-15, Subparts A & B), which provide that no person in the United States shall on the grounds of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, marital or family status, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Agriculture or any agency thereof.

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MAPS:

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Project Maps are available on the Fire Safe Council Website—www.amadorfiresafe.org
These georeferenced maps allow you to import them into applications such as Avenza.

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Andrews Road Ingress/Egress

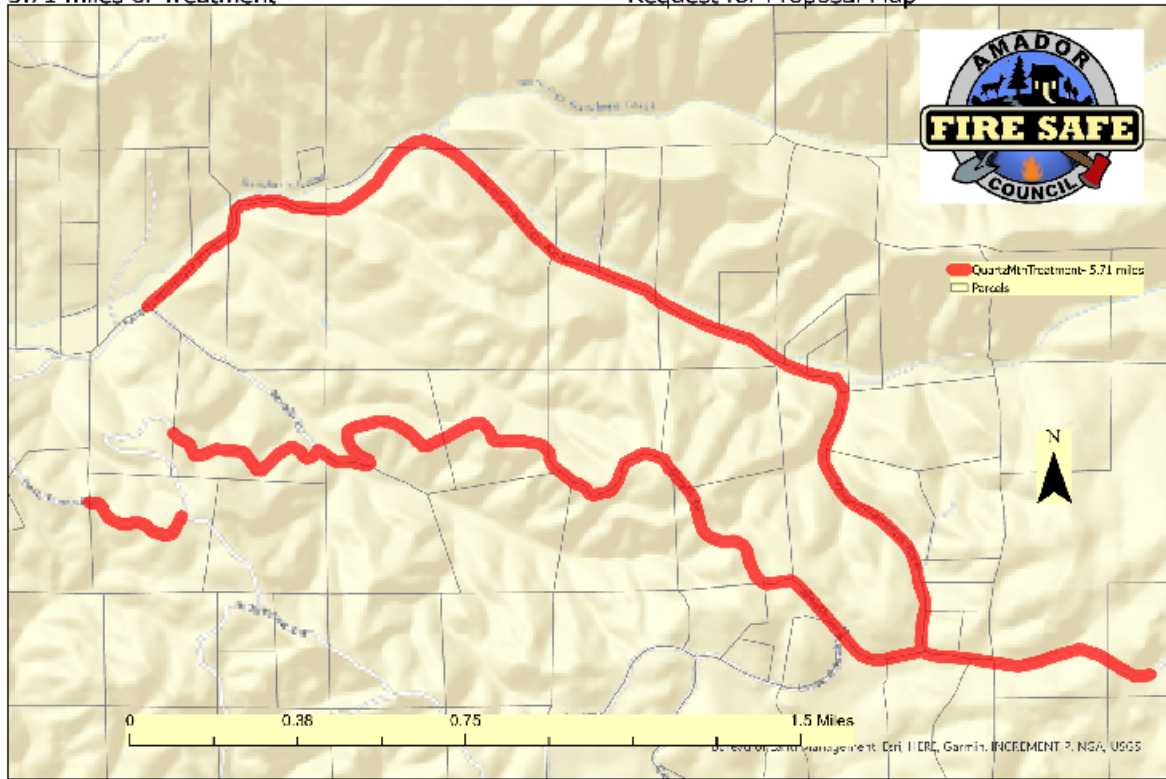


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Quartz Mountain Road, Meath Road, Twin Pine Road
5.71 miles of Treatment

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Nina and Hampton Lanes Map (Roads off Hale Road near Volcano, CA)
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