

Request for Bid for Yosemite West Defensible Space Project Area YW-004

Dear Prospective Contractor:

The Fire Safety Committee of Yosemite West Property & Homeowners, Inc. (<http://www.yosemitewest.org/firesafe.htm>) invites you to bid on a fuel reduction project as part of our *Yosemite West Community Wildfire Protection Plan*. Please refer to the Yosemite West CWPP at <http://www.yosemitewest.org/ywcpwp.pdf> for additional information about this project. The project (#2) is summarized in Appendix H - Projects Summary #2. Refer to the Parcel Map in Appendix B and the Phase I Projects/Parcel Map in Appendix H.

Funding is provided by a National Fire Plan grant from the National Park Service through the California Fire Safe Council, so all federal working conditions and insurance requirements must be followed. Prevailing wage rules do not apply.

The goal of the project is to create a shaded fuel break on 39.00 acres in Yosemite West using hand crews with chainsaws, pole saws, other appropriate hand tools, and a chipper. (Mastication and other ground-disturbing mechanical treatment is not permitted.) The project will treat three privately owned, unbuilt parcels:

APN 006-150-002, 31.99 acres less 2.45 acres previously treated = 29.54 acres

APN 006-150-003, 7.26 acres less 3.00 acres previously treated = 4.26 acres

APN 006-130-048, 5.20 acres, no acres previously treatment = 5.20 acres

The project is in compliance with all federal environmental and cultural resource laws - Endangered Species Act, Migratory Bird Treaty Act, and National Historic Preservation Act. The project is not subject to the National Environmental Policy Act. No additional federal compliance work is needed.

The scope of the work will include:

- Removal of ladder fuels to a height of 10 feet or higher on steeper slopes, coniferous trees up to 6 inches in diameter at breast height (dbh) measured 5 feet from base, and dead trees regardless of dbh; deciduous/hardwood trees (dogwood, oak, big-leaf maple, willow, alder) and single specimen trees are excluded.
- Cutting trees and small snags larger than 6 inches dbh if they act as a ladder fuel, tall brush, any logs suspended in the air, and any logs greater than 4 inches diameter into lengths of 4 feet or less and separating them from each other.
- Using a chipper on all cut material, and dispersing chipped debris into the forest.

All work must be completed by July 15, 2012. Preference will be given to contractor's ability to start work immediately upon selection of the successful bidder, weather permitting.

Selection of the successful bidder(s) will be based on the best value bid from a responsible and responsive bidder. The work area will be inspected by the YWPHI Fire Safety Committee for completeness of work while the job is underway. Approved invoice(s) will be paid within 30 days

of receipt.

You are invited to submit your capabilities, interest and availability to do this kind of work along with your bid for same by email to the YWPHI Fire Safety Committee at firesafety@yosemitewest.org by 9 a.m. Friday, January 13, 2012.