

**Amador Fire Safe Council – REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**  
2022 AFSC- CALFIRE Ingress & Egress Project



**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**  
**FOR CONTRACTED SERVICES TO THE AMADOR FIRE SAFE COUNCIL**  
**2023 AFSC- Ingress & Egress Project**

**November 2023**

**RELEASE DATE:** November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**SITE VISIT/PRE-PROPOSAL TOUR:** Pre-proposal tour will be held on November 29<sup>th</sup>, 11am Contact Gordon Long to RSVP for more information.

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

Gordon, Project Manager  
Email Address: [Gordon@AmadorRCD.org](mailto:Gordon@AmadorRCD.org)

Proposals must be received no later than **December 6th, 2023, 5pm**

Project Contractor will be selected and announced no later than **December 11<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**PROJECT TITLE:** “2023 AFSC- Ingress & Egress County Roads”.

**CONTACT PERSON:** Amador Fire Safe Council – Forestry Project Manager

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(209) 213-2016  
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**INTRODUCTION:**

The Amador Fire Safe Council (AFSC) has received an INGRESS-EGRESS Grant from the CalFire in which all work must be completed no later than June, 2024 or the declaration of fire season by CalFire, whichever comes first.

The purpose of this Request for Proposal is to solicit proposals to hire a Fuels Reduction Contractor in order to complete the herein described project.

**SCOPE OF WORK:**

**Proposed Action:** Vegetation in the project area includes a scattered conifer overstory with an understory of live oak and a brush component of manzanita and chemise. 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 is divided into 3 projects.

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All work will be performed in the County Right of Way. The general project areas have been delineated on the attached map.

**PROJECT AREA & PRESCRIPTION FOR TREATMENT:**

Mileage was determined via GPS routing lineal distance with an average treatment width of 20 feet on each side of the project area roadways. All projects are located along county roads in Amador County, California.

Segment #	Road Name	Sections	Mileage	RFP Section
1	Sutter Creek Volcano Rd.	0.00- P.M.- 11.75	11.75	1
2	Steiner Rd.	P.M.- 1.40- P.M.- 2.04	0.64	1
3	Ostrum Rd.	P.M.- 0.00- P.M.-2.35	2.35	1
4	Lawrence Rd.	P.M.- 0.00- P.M.- 2.18	2.18	1
5	Upton Rd.	P.M.- 0.00 - P.M.- 1.30	1.3	1
6	Ridge Rd.	P.M.- 3.15 - P.M.- 5.25	2.1	1
7	Clinton Rd.	18709 to End	2.91	2
8	Butte Mtn. Rd.	0.00- P.M.- 4.28	4.28	2
9	Spagnoli Mine Rd.	0.00- P.M.- 1.59	1.59	2
10	East Clinton Rd.	P.M.- 0.00- P.M.- 1.49	1.49	2
11	West Clinton Rd.	P.M.- 0.00- P.M.- 1.93	1.93	2
12	Irishtown Rd.	P.M.- 0.00- P.M.- 1.94	1.94	2
13	Irish Hill Rd.	P.M. 1.00 - P.M. - 2.00	1	2
14	Coal Mine Rd.(Harrah's Casino to Buena Vista Rd.)	P.M.- 1.60 - P.M. - 2.41	0.81	2
15	Fiddletown Rd	12850 to End	13.57	3
16	Shakeridge Rd.	P.M. 1.69 - P.M. 1.69 - P.M.- 3.31	1.62	3
17	Hale Rd.	P.M.- P.M. 0.00- P.M. - 6.28	6.28	3

Project	Total Miles
1	20.32 Miles
2	15.95 Miles
3	21.47 Miles

**Project 1: Includes segments 1-6. This project includes sections of: Sutter Creek Volcano Rd., Steiner Rd. Ostrum Rd., Lawrence Rd., Upton Rd. and Ridge Rd. for a total of 20.32 miles of road.**

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**Project 2 includes segments 7-14. This project includes sections Clinton Rd., Butte Mtn. Rd., Spagnoli Mine Rd., East Clinton Rd., West Clinton Rd., Irishtown Rd., Irish Hill Rd., and Coal Mine Rd. 15.95 miles of road.**

**Project 3 includes segments 15-17. This project includes sections of Fiddletown Rd, Shakeridge Rd., and Hale Rd. for a total of 21.47 miles of road.**

**The prescription for treatment is the same for all 17 road sections with the 3 projects.** The treatment area is 20’ on both sides of the specified project roads as measured from the edge of the traveled surface.

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 all existing 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 and bear clover 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 against fences or against residual trees. Chips must be kept out of roadside drainage structures and all watercourses.
- 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).
- 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. Mastication will not be considered for this project.
- 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.
- Landscape vegetation may be retained depending on landowner preferences. Such retention designation will be noted with the use of plastic flagging.
- Blackberries and poison oak will be treated along with the other brush species.

**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. Note that the “per mile” basis includes treating both sides of the road. Proposals may cover all or any combination of project 1, 2, and/ or 3.

Project 1 Costs	
Project Area	Proposal Price Per Mile
Project 1: Segments 1-6: 20.32 miles	
<b>TOTAL: 20.32 Treatment Miles</b>	<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST:</b>

Project 2 Costs	
Project Area	Proposal Price Per Mile

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Project 2: Segments 7-14: 15.95 miles	
<b>TOTAL: 15.95 Treatment Miles</b>	<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST:</b>

<b>Project 3 Costs</b>	
<b>Project Area</b>	<b>Proposal Price Per Mile</b>
Project 3 – Segments 15-17: 21.47 miles	
<b>TOTAL: 21.47 Treatment Miles</b>	<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST:</b>

Contractor Responsibilities include:

- Contractor will work cooperatively with the Project Coordinator, Landowners, Amador Fire Safe Council (AFSC), Amador County, and CalFire Representatives to ensure compliance with the guidelines, conditions and criteria of the grant.
- Contractor will provide an over all work schedule prior to the project start date and will provide updates to the schedule, at least, a week in advance of treatment on a particular segment of road.
- 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, number of crew members engaged in project work, and service dates 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 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. Contractor will need to file a traffic control plan with Amador County.

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

Proposal shall be submitted as a single work document, emailed to Gordon Long [gordon@AmadorRCD.org](mailto:gordon@AmadorRCD.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.

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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. **The Proposal must cover project start date and estimated workdays for completion.**
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 **total project cost as well as a per mile cost** that covers all work and responsibilities described in the Project Description and Scope of Work. **The Contractor may submit a bid for all or any combination of Project 1, 2 and/or 3.**
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
Release request for proposal	November 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2023
Pre-bid Tour	November 29 <sup>th</sup> , 11am 2023
Proposals Due	December 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2023, 5 pm
Review and Selection of Contractor(s)	No later than December 13 <sup>th</sup>
Agreement Signed	December 15 <sup>th</sup> 2023
Work Begins	No later than January 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2024
Contract Ends	June 1 <sup>st</sup> 2024

**CONTRACTORS PROPOSAL SUBMISSION:**

Proposal package shall be received by AFSC no later than December 6th, 2023, 5pm. Address any questions to Gordon Long at (209) 213-2016 or Gordon@Amadorrcd.org.

**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 mileage. 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.

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All Invoices and Correspondence pertaining to this contract shall contain **2023 AFSC- Ingress/Egress County Roads Phase 2** 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, number of crew members engaged in project work, and service dates on each invoice.
- 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:**

PDF georeferenced projects maps can be downloaded from the AFSC website:  
[www.amadorfiresafe.org/employment-opportunities](http://www.amadorfiresafe.org/employment-opportunities)