

Invitation for Bid
Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR)
Department of Natural Resources
WILDLIFE PROGRAM

Date: 03/05/2025

Project Title/Number: Pre-commercial thinning using mechanical mastication on Tátwin (formerly Rainwater) Wildlife Area **423-023/IFB01**

Delivery Date/Time: Project is scheduled to begin on approximately **May 1, 2025**, completed by **June 25, 2025**

To: Prospective Contractor

Subject: Seeking bids to pre commercially thin and masticate approximate 40 acres at the Tátwin (Rainwater) Wildlife Area in Columbia County Washington.

Important dates:

Interested bidder project tour date (optional): April 1, 2025 (weather permitting)

Interested bidder question submission deadline: April 7, 2025

Bid submission deadline: April 11, 2025

Contractor selected: April 15, 2025

A bid tour will be provided by CTUIR Rainwater staff at 9 am April 1, 2025. If attending pre-bid tour please notify project administrator RaeAnn Oatman via email (raeannoatman@ctuir.org) by March 21, 2025. Parties interested in pre-bid project tour will meet at the junction of Robinette Mountain Road and South Touchet Road. Attendance is optional.

Please submit bids on the enclosed Bid Sheet with appropriate signature and date, and send to the following email or mailing address by **April 11, 2025**:

raeannoatman@ctuir.org (please CC geraldmiddel@ctuir.org)

CTUIR, DNR, Wildlife Program
Attn: RaeAnn Oatman
46411 Timine Way
Pendleton OR 97801

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All bids should be labeled in the email subject line or the outside of the envelope with “Bid for Precommercial Thinning by Mastication at Tátwin Wildlife Area.” A contractor will be selected by **April 15, 2025**.

By submission of a bid the contractor agrees if the bid is selected, to enter into a contract with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Department of Natural Resources and to complete all work as specified in the IFB for the proposed costs and within the contract time frame as indicated in this IFB.

The bid must be arrived at independently, and be prepared in accordance with the enclosed instructions. To assist in arriving at a bid, all contractors are encouraged to participate in a site tour.

Unless otherwise specified in the IFB, the contract will be awarded to the lowest aggregate responsive, responsible bidder with fair consideration given to Indian-owned, other minority, woman or disabled-based enterprises.

Contractors should be advised that, prior to award of any contract, the CTUIR Department of Natural Resources -- Wildlife Program reserves the right to conduct a pre-award survey for the purpose of determining the contractor’s responsibility and capacity to perform the contract. This survey may include review of prior subcontracting agreements, financial capacity, and quality of work performed on other contracts.

All bids must be signed and dated; if a joint venture is submitting the bid, each joint venturer must sign the bid. All bids must include IFB # **498-022/IFB03**.

In order to ensure maximum fairness to all contractors, any and all pertinent questions regarding the attached IFB must be submitted by email or in writing by 4:00 p.m. prevailing local time on, **April 7, 2025** and directed to:

CTUIR, DNR Wildlife Program
46411 Timine Way
Pendleton OR 97801
Attn: Jerry Middel
Email: geraldmiddel@ctuir.org
(541) 969-9925 (cell)

Sincerely,

RaeAnn Oatman
Administrative Manager
DNR Environmental Planning/Rights Protection, Range, Ag & Forestry, Water Resources and
Wildlife Programs

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION

The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR), Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Program is requesting bids for precommercial thinning of forest by mechanical mastication on the Tátwin Wildlife Area in Columbia County, Washington, located south of the town of Dayton.

Timeline:

Project begins: May 1, 2025 (or as soon as native-surface roads to be traveled are no longer at risk of eroding).

Project completion: June 25, 2025.

SCHEDULE A: Scope of Work

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION

The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR), Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Program is requesting bids for masticating previous thinned units on the Tátwin Wildlife Area in Columbia County, Washington, located south of the town of Dayton.

Timeline:

Project begins: May 1, 2025 (approximate depending on condition of roads)

Project completion: Due to funding requirements, CTUIR strongly prefers that this work be completed prior to June 25th, 2025.

Scope of Work

Overview

The intent of this sub-contract is precommercial thinning and slash treatment (mastication thinning) on 3 forested stand units. The total area for thinning is approximately 40 acres. This work is to be completed prior to June 25, 2025 due to funding limitations.

The Tátwin Wildlife Area is owned and managed by the CTUIR. CTUIR desires that the forest that make up Tátwin Wildlife Area become more resilient. These forest stands are considered moist mixed conifer made up of larger ponderosa pine, Douglas-fir, grand fir and some western larch

Project Goals

- A. Reduce the number of conifer trees less than 8 inches in diameter.
- B. Provide conditions favorable for safe broadcast burning.

Project Location

The thinning units are within the Rainwater Wildlife Area with the legal description of: T08N, R39E: Sections 28 and 33 of the Willamette Meridian in Columbia County. Unit location is highlighted on attached access maps (see Appendix).

Project Specifications

Unit 1 (Stand 171)

Unit 1 is about 4.8 acres. The current stand condition consists of mostly coniferous regeneration and native brushes in the understory with some larger overstory scattered throughout the unit. The unit contains a mix of species including grand fir, Douglas-fir, ponderosa pine, and western larch.

Unit 2 (Stands 177/190)

The unit is about 30.5 acres. The current stand consists of mostly coniferous regeneration and native brushes in the understory with some pockets of larger overstory. The areas with larger overstory have dense coniferous regeneration coming in underneath. Parts of this unit contain a high amount of downed woody debris. A mix of species is present including Grand Fir, Douglas-fir, ponderosa pine, Engelmann spruce, and western larch.

Unit 3 (Stand 97)

The unit is about 4.5 acres. The current stand condition consists of dense coniferous regeneration in the 4-7" range, with some areas of larger overstory present. A heavy layer of grand fir regeneration is present in the areas with a larger overstory component. The unit is heavy to grand fir and Douglas-fir with some ponderosa pine and western larch present in lesser amounts.

Prescription

We propose using mechanical mastication techniques to complete this prescription. In all units, conifer regeneration is to be thinned, and the created slash masticated. In areas with an existing heavy overstory, trees within overstory driplines should be thinned/removed. Conifer regeneration in overstory openings is to be thinned to a spacing of 12'x12' – 14'x14' which equates to about 250-300 trees left per acre. Places with a heavier component of more shade tolerant species can be left at tighter spacing while areas with more shade intolerant species can receive wider spacing. Trees under 2' can be ignored. In descending preferential order, select western larch, ponderosa pine, and Douglas-fir as leave trees. The maximum DBH of trees to be thinned is 8". Select diseased, damaged, deformed, and suppressed trees for removal. Selection for leave trees should be based on dominance. The tallest trees with good leader growth, full crowns/high live crown ratios, large diameter, and good form should be selected as leave trees. Unit boundaries are not flagged on the ground but are shown on the maps.

Residual Spacing: 12'x12' – 14'x14' (250-300 TPA)

Primary Determinant: Leave tree species are western larch, ponderosa pine, Douglas-fir and Englemann spruce. Grand fir should only be retained when no other species are available.

Secondary determinant: Favor dominance (height) when selecting leave trees. Also select trees with full crowns, good form, and little to no defect.

Maximum tree to thin: 8-inch DBH

Minimum tree height to thin: 2 feet tall

Slash Treatment: Slash will be treated via mastication in areas where operationally feasible. Where unfeasible, slash will be lopped and scattered to no more than 20" above ground level. Hand-thinned pine should be cut to $\leq 3'$ lengths to prevent bark beetle infestation.

Areas with Heavy Overstory: Thin out all trees within overstory dripline, while leaving trees established in overstory openings.

Care around Leave Trees

Care must be taken to limit the amount of damage to leave-trees by debris thrown from masticator. Care must also be taken to avoid damaging leave trees with the masticating equipment boom, tracks, counterweight, and cutting head.

Quality Inspection-Feedback

A CTUIR forestry contract administrator will provide frequent feedback on the quality of work to the crew foreman, particularly in the beginning of the project. The CTUIR contract administrator will conduct walk through inspections of the completed areas checking specifically for slash depth, stump heights, and residual stand damage caused by the masticating equipment. For example, the CTUIR forester may determine that the contractor is grinding too much or too little. It is required that the crew foremen is able to understand and communicate in the English language, and is receptive and responsive to feedback.

Cultural Resources

Cultural resources are an important part of tribal lifeways and should not be moved or disturbed in any way during this operation. If any cultural resources are removed or damaged during the operation of this project the contract may be terminated and legal action will be pursued. Some examples of cultural resources are: deer and elk shed antlers, mushrooms, berries, arrowhead projectiles, boundary corner posts, and gravesites.

CTUIR Hiring Goals

Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) Code

All vegetation clearing, digging, soil preparing, logging or tree-thinning, reforestation and revegetation activities, environmental and habitat restoration, mitigation activities on CTUIR lands are required to follow the TERO code. The TERO code can be found at <https://ctuir.org/departments/office-of-legal-counsel/codes-statutes-laws/tero-code/>.

Prior to commencing work –

- TERO Tax must be paid in full
- Prime/General Contractor and all subcontractors must have compliance agreements signed by TERO

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- The TERO Compliance Agreement (Section 6.02 of TERO Code) will need to be negotiated for this project prior to the start of operation. TERO compliance agreements shall include: Hiring Goals, Wage Rates, Reporting Requirements, Compliance Tax Rate, Business Directory, Indian sub-contracting hiring goals, and on-the-job training for American Indians

We recommend contacting TERO prior to submitting a proposal for assistance with the requirements of the compliance agreement as they relate to this project. TERO can be reached at: ph. 541-429-7180 or terostaff@ctuir.org.

Contractor Selection

Application of Indian Preference in the Solicitation Process

Per the Tribal Employment Rights Office Code, available at <https://ctuir.org/departments/office-of-legal-counsel/codes-statutes-laws/tero-code/>, any responsive and qualified Indian Owned Business that timely bids on a project and is not the lowest responsive and qualified bid will be awarded the contract if their bid is within the applicable percentages of the lowest non-Indian bidder. In the event of multiple responsive and qualified Indian Owned Business bids, the lowest and most qualified will be awarded the contract. Applicable percentages are as follows:

Contract Price	Adding Bidding Value
Less than 100,000	10% of the lowest bid or a maximum of \$9,000
At least \$100,000 but less than \$250,000	8% of the lowest bid or a maximum of \$20,000
At least \$250,000 but less than \$500,000	6% of the lowest bid or a maximum of \$30,000
At least \$500,000 but less than \$1 million	5% of the lowest bid or a maximum of \$45,000
At least \$1 million but less than \$5 million	3% of the lowest bid or a maximum of \$150,000
At least \$5 million but less than \$10 million	2% of the lowest bid or a maximum of \$200,000
\$10 million or more	1% of the lowest bid, with no dollar limit

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BID SHEET

Proposal # **498-022/IFB01**

Date: _____

Item #	Item Description	Units	Total Units	Unit (Per Acre) Cost	Total Cost
1	Masticate thinning slash	acres	40	\$	\$
Total Cost					\$

Name of Firm: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____

Title: _____

Price Valid for _____ days

Conditions that may make this bid invalid:

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TERO Tax

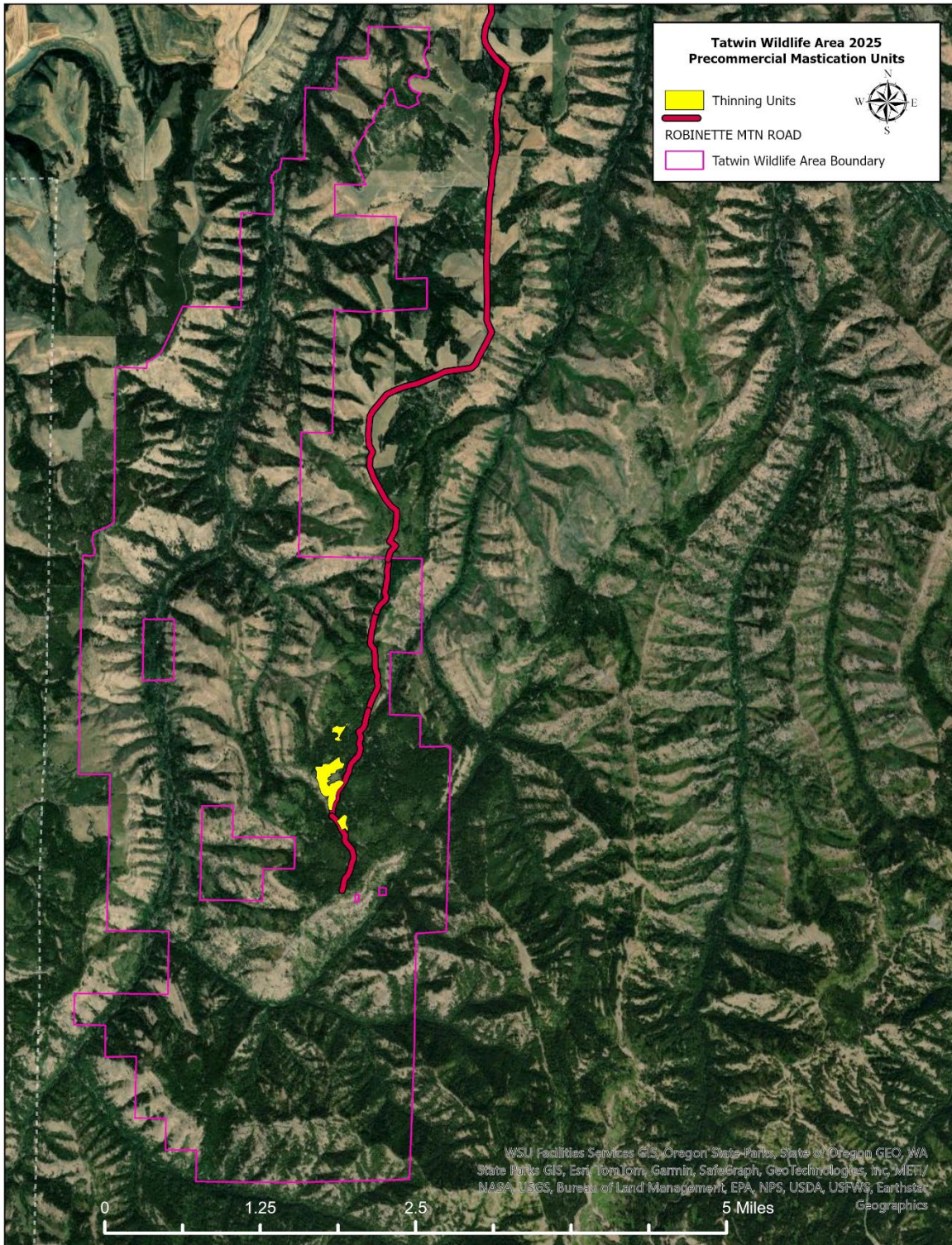
Please review CTUIR Hiring Goals section in this IFB regarding TERO and contact their office directly for more guidance on the TERO compliance tax and whether it will apply to this project. Any tax rates, if applicable, are the responsibility of the contractor and should be factored into the bid rates for the project items.

Section 6.03 of the Tribal Employment Rights Office Code, As Amended through Resolution No. 17-053 (July 17, 2017) outlines the following tax rates based on the project costs:

Project Cost	Tax Rate
\$0 - \$24,999	N/A
\$25,000 - \$99,999	4%
\$100,000 - \$999,999	3%

Appendix

Map 1. General area map of thinning unit location within the Tátwin Wildlife Area.



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Map 2. Close up map of thinning unit location within the Tátwin Wildlife Area.

