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Statement of Work

McCloud Flats Road Maintenance

Requisition #1157876

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Project
McCloud Flat Road Maintenance

General Information
1.0 Scope of Work
This contract will entail the following tasks:

- Mobilization
- 14.94 miles of Roadway Reconditioning (Compaction Method 2)
- 10 miles of Roadway Obliteration (Subsoiling)(Method 2)
- 2 Roadway Closures (Earth Berms)

2.0 Background
This project is designed to provide watershed resource structural improvements in the Harris and W. Algoma timber sale areas, with a goal of reducing sediment delivery into streams, improving system roads, and maintaining access for fire suppression and timber harvest activities.

3.0 Location
This project is located in the Harris and W. Algoma timber sale areas, east of McCloud, California, and North of Hwy 89. Harris Timber Sale Area: T C 2 E, Sections 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36; T 41 N, R 2 E, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9; T 42 N, R 1 E, Section 1
W. Algoma Timber Sale Area: T 40 N, R 1 E, Sections 18, 19, 30, 31; T 40 N, R 1 W, Sections 13, 24, 25, 35, 36
See Maps Appendix A

4.0 Estimated Start Date / Period of Performance
June 1, 2026 – August 29, 2026 (90 days)

5.0 Drawings and Specifications
[X] This contract incorporates by reference the Federal Highway Administration's FP-14 *Standard Specifications for Construction of Roads and Bridges on Federal Highway Projects*, including:
- FP-14 Section 303 Roadway Reconditioning
- FP-14 Section 211 Roadway Obliteration
- FP-14 Section 157 Soil Erosion and Sediment Control

6.0 Restrictions on Work

- In accordance with the fire plan, included in Appendix A.
- When the Contracting Officer (or designated representative) determines that adverse weather has made access too dangerous or that continued vehicular travel would cause unacceptable road damage.
- Contractor is responsible for the security of their tools and equipment at all times.
- All trash and loose materials shall be secured by the contractor daily.

6.0 Camping and Housing
Housing Is not available

Camping is not permitted in US Forest Service campgrounds. Contractor [X] will [ ] will not be permitted to camp elsewhere on US Forest Service land. Camping on Forest Service land is not a right; permission may be revoked for failure to comply with the terms of the permit.

7.0 Required Submittals

The contractor is required to provide monthly written progress for the duration of actual work during the period of performance. The original and 1 copy are required. The progress report shall cover all work completed during the specified period and shall present the work to be accomplished during the subsequent period. This report shall also identify any problems that arose and a statement explaining how the problem was resolved. This report shall also identify any problems that have arisen but have not been completely resolved and provide an explanation.

Contractor Requirements

8.0 Technical Requirements / Tasks

The Federal Highway Administration's *Standard Specifications for Construction of Roads and Bridges on Federal Highway Projects, FP-14* is included by reference. The requirements contained in these specifications are hereby made a part of this solicitation for the specified pay items and any resultant contract. The FP-14 can be downloaded here: http://www.wfl.fhwa.dot.gov/design/specs. The contractor will also be responsible for maintaining current licenses, permits, and insurance to perform work on federal lands and in the State of California.

Pay Item 15101 – Mobilization

Pay Item 30315 – Roadway Reconditioning; This workwill conform to The Federal Highway Administration's *Standard Specifications for Construction of Roads and Bridges on Federal Highway Projects, FP-14 Section 303– Roadway Reconditioning,* and consists of the re-establishment of drainage features, constructing leadouts, grading and shaping existing road to provide better drainage, and clearing vegetation and debris within road prism as shown in the road reconditioning typical.

303.01 This work consists of reconditioning ditches, shoulders, roadbeds, aggregate surfaces, or the entire road.

303.02 Conform to the following Subsection:

Water 725.01(c)

303.03 Ditch Reconditioning. Remove slide material, sediment, vegetation, and other debris from existing ditches and culvert inlets/outlets. Reshape ditches and culvert inlets/outlets to achieve positive drainage and uniform ditch width, depth, and grade. Dispose of waste at designated sites or according to Subsection 204.14.

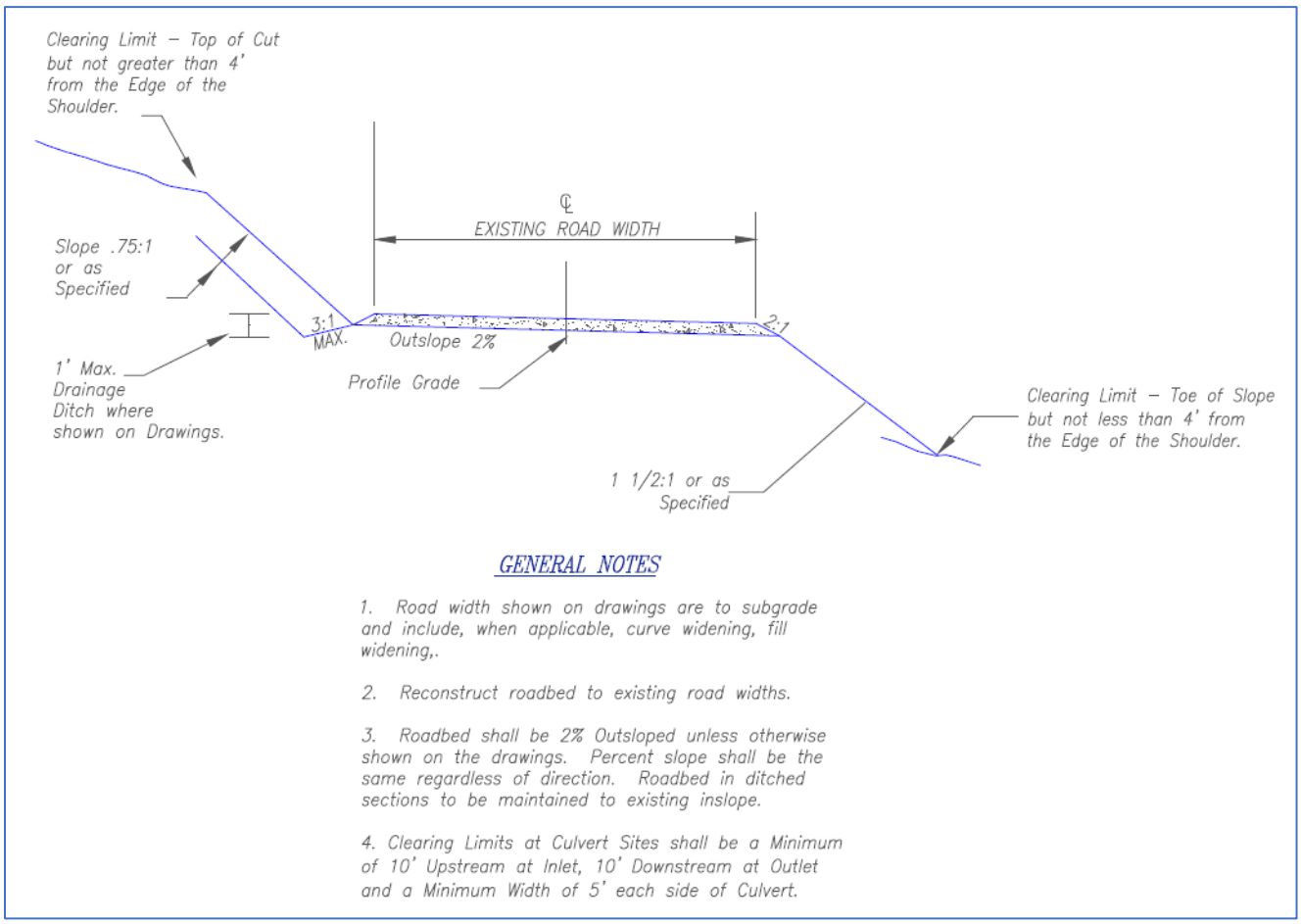
303.04 Shoulder Reconditioning. Remove slide material, vegetation, and other debris from existing shoulders including shoulders in parking areas, turnouts, and other widened areas. Repair soft and unstable areas according to Subsection 204.07. Reshape shoulders to the widths and slopes shown in the plans. Dispose of waste at designated sites or according to Subsection 204.14.

303.05 Roadbed Reconditioning. Remove organic, deleterious, and material larger than 6 inches (150 millimeters) from the top 6 inches (150 millimeters) of subgrade. Dispose of waste according to Subsection 204.14. Repair soft and unstable areas according to Subsection 204.07. Scarify surface to a 6-inch (150-millimeter) depth. Remove irregularities and shape to a uniform surface. Finish earth surfaces to within 0.05 feet (15 millimeters) and rock surfaces to within 0.10 feet (30 millimeters) of required line, grade, and cross-section. Compact according to Subsection 204.11.

303.06 Aggregate Surface Reconditioning. Repair soft and unstable areas to the full aggregate surface depth and according to Subsection 204.07. Scarify the thickness of aggregate surfacing material or to 6 inches (150 millimeters), whichever is less. Remove irregularities and shape to a uniform surface. Finish and compact the surface according to Subsection 302.05.

303.07 Roadway Reconditioning. Perform applicable work described in Subsections 303.03 through 303.06. Maintain existing cross slope and crown or as shown in the plans.

Roadway Typical – Pay Item 30315



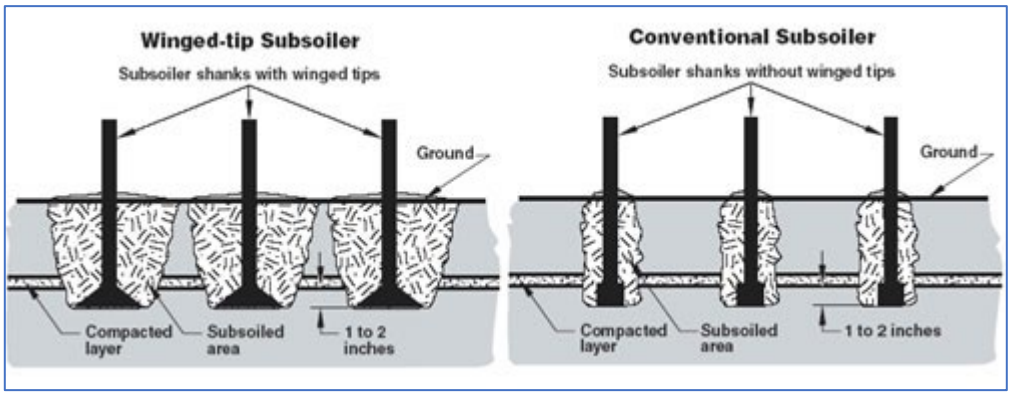
Pay Item 21101 – Roadway Obliteration; This work shall consist of closing designated roads to use by vehicles over 42 inches wide and returning the roadway to resource production using subsoiling techniques. Subsoiling shall be accomplished by a winged tilling device, and subsoiling depth shall not be less than 6 inches or deeper than 18 inches unless otherwise agreed.

This work will conform to The Federal Highway Administration's *Standard Specifications for Construction of Roads and Bridges on Federal Highway Projects, FP-14 Section 211 – Roadway Obliteration,* and consists of obliteration of roads and reestablishment of natural drainage features, and requires use of a subsoiling implement.

211.01 This work consists of obliterating or closing roadways and other areas outside the roadway prism. Roadway obliteration methods are designated as follows:

(b) Method 2. Close roads by filling ditches and outsloping the roadbed to drain. Remove and slope embankment material at localized drainages to restore the natural drainage patterns. Eliminate ruts and low spots that could hold water. See FP-14, Section 211.

Supplemental Specification – This work will be performed with a winged-tilling device (i.e. winged-tip subsoiler), as shown in the diagram below. Roadbeds will be subsoiled no less than 6" and no deeper than 18", unless otherwise agreed.



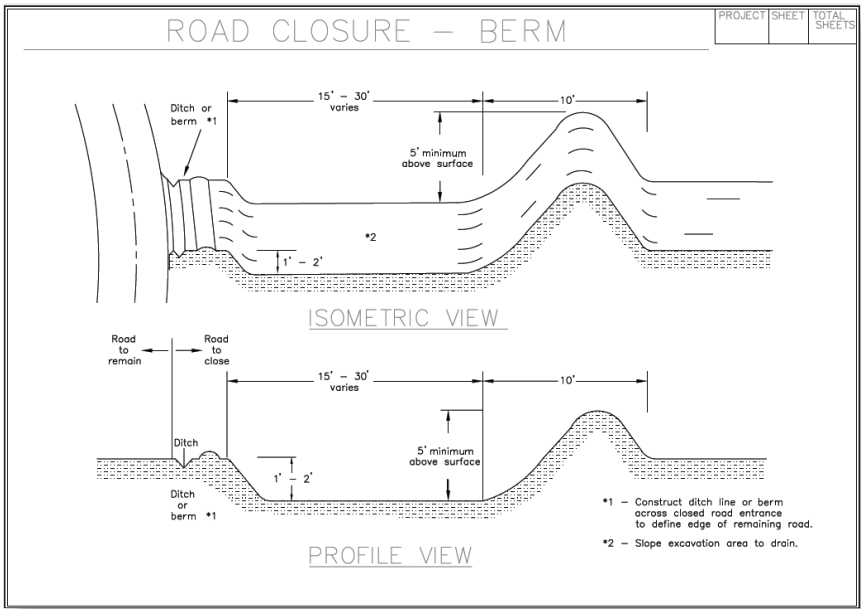
Roadway Obliteration – Pay Item 21101

Pay Item 15705 – Roadway Closure (Earth Berm); The objective of this road entrance treatment is to physically prevent motor vehicles from entering the road. Design, construction, and maintenance of entrance treatment that controls access must meet the need without creating a hazard and should account for winter and summer use as well as motorized and nonmotorized trail uses. Construct berms without posing hazards such as holes, vertical slopes, or fixed objects such as boulders or logs that are not visible from the entrance.

This work will conform to The Federal Highway Administration's *Standard Specifications for Construction of Roads and Bridges on Federal Highway Projects, FP-14 Section 157 – Soil Erosion and Sediment Control,* and consists of the construction earthen berms to close project roads to motor vehicles.

157.01 This work consists of furnishing, constructing, and maintaining soil erosion and sediment control devices to eliminate or minimize pollutants in stormwater discharges from the project. See diagram below for berm construction specifications.

Road Closure (Earth Berm) – Pay Item 15705



9.0 Government Furnished

There is no government furnished property associated with this contract.

10.0 Deliverables / Schedule

Tasks and Associated Deliverables: Timely submission of deliverables is essential to successful completing this requirement. Schedules for deliverables are specified in Table 1 below.

Reporting Requirements: The contractor is required to provide monthly written progress for the duration of actual work during the period of performance. The original and 1 copy are required. The progress report shall cover all work completed during the specified period and shall present the work to be accomplished during the subsequent period. This report shall also identify any problems that arose and a statement explaining how the problem was resolved. This report shall also identify any problems that have arisen but have not been completely resolved and provide an explanation.

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Key Deliverables

Item No.	Deliverable	Objective	Due
30315	14.94 miles of Roadway Reconditioning	Reestablishment of drainage features, construction of leadouts, grading and shaping of existing road to provide better drainage, and clearing vegetation and debris within road prism to maintain travel way and establish sight lines.	No later than 180 business days after contract award
21101	10 miles of Roadway Obliteration	Prevent unauthorized access onto temporary roads, reestablish natural drainage features and hydrologic function.	No later than 180 business days after contract award
15705	2 Roadway Closures with earth berms (approx. 24' each, 48' total)	Provide erosion control and prevent unauthorized access onto temporary roads.	No later than 180 business days after contract award

11.0 Travel

Travel to and from project locations will be the responsibility of the contractor. No government furnished travel or reimbursement is provided.

12.0 Data Rights

All data provided to prospective bidders and contract awardees will be the property of the USFS and will not be used for purposes other than the execution of this contract

Appendix A – Fire Plan

1. **SCOPE:**

The provisions set forth below outline the responsibility for fire prevention and suppression activities and establish a suppression plan for fires within the contract area. The contract area is delineated by map in the contract. The provisions set forth below also specify conditions under which contract activities will be curtailed or shut down.

2. **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

A. Contractor

(1) Shall abide by the requirements of this Fire Plan.

(2) Shall take all steps necessary to prevent his/her employees, subcontractors and their employees from setting fires not required in completion of the contract, shall be responsible for preventing the escape of fires set directly or indirectly as a result of contract operations, and shall extinguish all such fires which may escape.

(3) Shall permit and assist in periodic testing and inspection of required fire equipment. Contractor shall certify compliance with specific fire precautionary measures in the fire plan, before beginning operations during Fire Precautionary Period and shall update such certification when operations change.

(4) Shall designate in the Fire Plan and furnish on Contract Area, during operating hours, a qualified fire supervisor authorized to act on behalf of Contractor in fire prevention and suppression matters.

B. Forest Service

The Forest Service may conduct one or more inspections for compliance with the Fire Plan. The number, timing, and scope of such inspections will be at the discretion of agency employees responsible for contract administration. Such inspections do not relieve the Contractor of responsibility for correcting violations of the fire plan or for fire safety in general, as outlined in paragraph 2.A above.

3. **DEFINITIONS:**

The following definitions shall apply:

Active Landing: A location the contractor may be skidding logs into, or performing other operations such as delimbing, log manufacturing, and chipping logs. Except for EV and E days, loading logs or stockpiling chips only, on a cleared landing, does not constitute an Active Landing.

Hot Saw: A harvesting system that employs a high-speed (>1100 rpm) rotating felling head, i.e., full rotation lateral tilt head.

Mechanical Operations: The process of felling, skidding, chipping, shredding, masticating, piling, log processing and/or yarding which requires the use of motorized power which includes, chainsaws, chippers, motorized carriages, masticators, stroke delimbers, skidders , dozers etc.

4. **TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT:**

The Contractor shall comply with the following requirements during the fire precautionary period, as defined by unit administering contracts:

The Fire Precautionary Period is set by the State of California which is April 1 through December 1 of any year.

- **This contract ☒ requires, ☐ does not require, a Fire Box and associated Fire Tools according to CPRC Section 4428.**

A. Fire Tools and Equipment: Contractor shall meet minimum requirements of Section 4428 of the California Public Resources Code (C.P.R.C.). Fire tools kept at each operating landing shall be sufficient to equip all employees in the felling, yarding, loading, chipping, and material processing operations associated with each landing. Fire equipment shall include two tractor headlights for each tractor dozer used in Contractor's Operations. Tractor headlights shall be attachable to each tractor and served by an adequate power source. All required fire tools shall be maintained in suitable and serviceable condition for fire fighting purposes.

Trucks, tractors, skidders, pickups and other similar mobile equipment shall be equipped with and carry at all times a size 0 or larger shovel with an overall length of not less than 46 inches and a 2-1/2 pound axe or larger with an overall length of not less than 28 inches.

Where cable yarding is used, Contractor shall provide a size 0 or larger shovel with an overall length of not less than 46 inches and a filled backpack can (4 or 5 gallon) with hand pump within 25 feet of each tail and corner block.

B. Fire Extinguishers: Contractor shall equip each internal combustion yarder, fuel truck, and loader with a fire extinguisher for oil and grease fires (4-A:60-B:C).

Skidders and tractors shall be equipped with a minimum 5-BC fire extinguisher.

All Fire Extinguishers shall be mounted, readily accessible, properly maintained and fully charged.

Contractor shall equip each mechanized harvesting machine with hydraulic systems, powered by an internal combustion engine (chipper, feller/buncher, harvester, forwarder, hot saws, stroke delimber, etc), except tractors and skidders, with at least two 4-A:60-B:C fire extinguishers or equivalent.

C. Spark Arresters and Mufflers: Contractor shall equip each operating tractor and any other internal combustion engine with a spark arrester, except for motor vehicles equipped with a maintained muffler as defined in C.P.R.C. Section 4442 or tractors with exhaust-operated turbochargers. Spark Arresters shall be a model tested and approved under Forest Service Standard 5100-1a as shown in the. National Wildlife Coordinating Group Spark Arrester Guide, Volumes 1 and 2, and shall be maintained in good operating condition. Every motor vehicle subject to registration shall at all times be equipped with an adequate exhaust system meeting the requirements of the California Vehicle Code.

D. Power Saws: Each power saw shall be equipped with a spark arrester approved according to C.P.R.C. Section 4442 or 4443 and shall be maintained in effective working order. An Underwriters Laboratories (UL) approved fire extinguisher containing a minimum 14 ounces of fire retardant shall be kept with each operating power saw. In addition, a size 0 or larger shovel with an overall length of not less than 38 inches shall be kept with each gas can but not more than 300 feet from each power saw when used off cleared landing areas.

- **This contract ☐ requires, ☒ does not require, Section 4E of the Fire Plan.**

E. Tank Truck or Trailer: Contractor shall provide a **water tank truck or trailer** on or in proximity to Contract Area during Contractor's Operations hereunder during Fire Precautionary Period. When Project Activity Level B or higher is in effect, a tank truck or trailer shall be on or immediately adjacent to each active landing, unless otherwise excepted when Hot Saws or Masticators are being used. See Section 6 for specific contract requirements.

The tank shall contain at least 300 gallons of water available for fire suppression. Ample power and hitch shall be readily available for promptly and safely moving tank over roads serving Contract Area. Tank truck or trailer shall be equipped with the following:

(1) Pump, which at sea level, can deliver 23 gallons per minute at 175 pounds per square inch measured at the pump outlet. Pumps shall be tested on Contract Area using a 5/16 inch orifice in

the Forester One Inch In-Line Gauge test kit. Pump shall meet or exceed the pressure value in the following table for nearest temperature and elevation:

Temp	Sea Level		1000 Feet		2000 Feet		3000 Feet		4000 Feet		5000 Feet		6000 Feet		7000 Feet		8000 Feet		9000 Feet		10000 Feet	
55	179	23	174	23	169	23	165	22	161	22	157	22	153	22	150	21	146	21	142	21	139	21
70	175	23	171	23	166	22	162	22	158	22	154	22	150	21	147	21	143	21	139	21	136	20
85	171	23	168	23	163	22	159	22	155	22	151	21	147	21	144	21	140	21	136	20	133	20
100	168	23	164	23	159	22	155	22	152	22	148	21	144	21	141	21	137	20	133	20	131	20
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The pump outlet shall be equipped with 1-1/2 inch National Standard Fire Hose thread. A bypass or pressure relief valve shall be provided for other than centrifugal pumps.

(2) 300 feet of 3/4-inch inside diameter rubber-covered high-pressure hose mounted on live reel attached to pump with no segments longer than approximately 50 feet, when measured to the extreme ends of the couplings. Hose shall have reusable compression wedge type 1-inch brass or lightweight couplings (aluminum or plastic). One end of hose shall be equipped with a coupling female section and the other end with a coupling male section. The hose shall, with the nozzle closed, be capable of withstanding 200 PSI pump pressure without leaking, distortions, slipping of couplings, or other failures.

(3) A shut-off combination nozzle that meets the following minimum performance standards when measured at 100 P.S.I. at the nozzle:

	G.P.M.	Horizontal Range
Straight Stream	10	38 feet
Fog Spray	6 - 20	N/A

(4) Sufficient fuel to run the pump at least 2 hours and necessary service accessories to facilitate efficient operation of the pump.

When Contractor is using Hot Saws or Masticators, an additional 250 feet of light weight hose, approved by the Forest Service, shall be immediately available for use and be capable of connecting to the 300 feet of hose and apparatus in (2) and (3) above.

This equipment and accessories shall be deliverable to a fire in the area of operations and is subject to the requirements for each specific activity level identified in Section 6.

F. Compressed Air Foam System: A Compressed Air Foam System (CAFS) is a fire suppression system where compressed air is added to water and a foaming agent. By agreement, Contractor may substitute a CAFS or functional equivalent in lieu of the tank truck, trailer or fire extinguishers, provided it meets or exceeds the following specifications and requirements:

1. Variable foam expansion ratio – 10:1 to 20:1.
2. Units shall be kept fully charged with air; water and foam concentrate as recommended by the manufacturer and have the appropriate tools to service the system.

3. The unit shall contain enough energy to empty tank and clear hose prior to exhausting propellant.
4. The unit shall be capable of being completely recharged within 10 minutes.
5. When used on cable yarding landings, the unit shall be outfitted for immediate attachment to carriage and transported without damage to the unit.

Fire extinguishers required for Hot Saws, Masticators and similar equipment identified in Section 4 B. above may be substituted with a 3 gallon CAFS.

Tank truck, trailer or equivalent may be substituted with a 30 Gallon CAFS with at least 550 feet of one inch hose and an adjustable nozzle with enough water, air and foam concentrate for at least one recharge.

This equipment and accessories shall also be deliverable to a fire in the area of operations and subject to the requirements for each specific activity level identified in Section 6.

5. GENERAL

A. **State Law**: In addition to the requirements in this Fire Plan, the Contractor shall comply with all applicable laws of the State of California. In particular, see California Public Resource Codes.

B. **Permits Required**: The Contractor must secure a special written permit from the District Ranger or designated representative before burning, welding or cutting metal or starting any warming fires. If contract requires Blasting and Storing of Explosives and Detonators, an Explosives Permit may be required pursuant to the California Health and Safety Code, Section 12101.

C. **Blasting**: Contractor shall use electric caps only unless otherwise agreed in writing. When blasting is necessary in slash areas, a Fire Patrolperson equipped with a size 0 or larger shovel with an overall length of not less than 46 inches and a filled backpack can (4 or 5 gallon) with hand pump shall remain in the immediate area for an hour after blasting has been completed.

D. **Smoking**: Smoking shall not be permitted during fire season, except in a barren area or in an area cleared to mineral soil at least three feet in diameter. In areas closed to smoking, the CO may approve special areas to be used for smoking. The Contractor shall sign designated smoking areas. Contractor shall post signs regarding smoking and fire rules in conspicuous places for all employees to see. Contractor's supervisory personnel shall require compliance with these rules. Under no circumstances shall smoking be permitted during fire season while employees are operating light or heavy equipment, or walking or working in grass and woodlands.

E. **Storage and Parking Areas**. Equipment service areas, parking areas, and gas and oil storage areas shall be cleared of all flammable material for a radius of at least 10 feet unless otherwise specified by local administrative unit. Small mobile or stationary internal combustion engine sites shall be cleared of flammable material for a slope distance of at least 10 feet from such engine. The COR shall approve such sites in writing.

F. **Reporting Fires**: As soon as feasible but no later than 15 minutes after initial discovery, Contractor shall notify Forest Service of any fires on Contract Area or along roads used by Contractor. Contractor's employees shall report all fires as soon as possible to any of the following Forest Service facilities and/or personnel listed below, but not necessarily in the order shown:

	Name	Office Address	Telephone Number
Dispatch Center	Redding Dispatch	875 Cypress Ave. Redding, CA 96001	530-226-2400 530-226-2499 (night)
Nearest FS Station	Mt Shasta Ranger Station	204 W. Alma St. Mt Shasta, CA 96067	530-926-4511

	McCloud Ranger Station	2019 Forest Road McCloud, CA 96057	530-964-2184
COR	Alex Ray	2019 Forest Road McCloud, CA 96057	208-3125-0447
Inspector	Alex Ray	2019 Forest Road McCloud, CA 96057	208-315-0447
District Ranger	Joe Rodarme	McCloud Ranger Station 2019 Forest Rd McCloud, CA. 96057	530-926-4511

When reporting a fire, provide the following information:

- Your Name
- Call back telephone number
- Project Name
- Location: Legal description (Township, Range, Section); and Descriptive location (Reference point)
- Fire Information: Including Acres, Rate of Spread and Wind Conditions.

- **This contract ☒ requires, ☐ does not require, Section 5G of the Fire Plan.**

G. **Communications**: Contractor shall furnish a serviceable telephone, radio-telephone or radio system connecting each operating side with Contractor's headquarters. When such headquarters is at a location which makes communication to it clearly impractical, Forest Service may accept a reasonable alternative location. The communication system shall provide prompt and reliable communications between Contractor's headquarters (or agreed to alternative) and Forest Service via commercial or Forest Service telephone.

- **This contract ☒ requires, ☐ does not require, Section 5H of the Fire Plan.**

H. **Fire Patrolperson**: Contractor shall furnish a qualified fire patrolperson each operating day when Project Activity Level C or higher is in effect. When on duty, sole responsibility of patrolperson shall be to patrol the operation for prevention and detection of fires, take suppression action where necessary and notify the Forest Service as required. This Fire patrol is required on foot, unless otherwise agreed. By agreement, one patrolperson may provide patrol on this and adjacent projects. No patrolperson shall be required on Specified Road construction jobs except during clearing operations unless otherwise specified.

The Contractor shall, prior to commencing work, furnish the following information relating to key personnel:

Title	**Name**	**Telephone Number**
1. Fire Supervisor		
Fire Patrolperson		

I. **Clearing of Fuels:** Contractor shall clear away, and keep clear, fuels and logging debris as follows:

Welding equipment and stationary log loaders, yarders and other equipment listed in California State Law:	10 feet slope radius

Tail or corner haulback blocks:	All running blocks shall be located in the center of an area cleared to mineral soil at least 15 feet in diameter.
Lines near, between or above blocks:	Sufficient clearing to prevent line from rubbing on snags, down logs and other dead woody material.

6. **EMERGENCY PRECAUTIONS**

Contractor's Operations shall conform to the limitations or requirements in the Project Activity Level (PAL) table below. Project Activity Levels applicable to this project shall be the predicted activity levels for the Fire Danger Rating Area(s), or fire weather station(s) stated in the Contract Area Map Legend on Integrated Resource Service Contracts (IRSC's), and other contracts where applicable.

Fire Danger Rating Area/Fire Weather Station for Project **PAL Area 1 – (Mt Shasta)**

The Forest Service, in its sole discretion, may change the predicted activity level if the current fire suppression situation, weather and vegetation conditions warrant an adjustment. If practicable, Forest Service will determine the following day's activity level by 6:00 PM. Contractor shall obtain the predicted Project Activity Level from the appropriate Ranger District Office before starting work each day.

Phone Number or Website to obtain Predicted Activity Levels: **PAL # 866-242-9941**
530-226-2457

Forest Service may change the Project Activity Level Table to other values upon revision of the National Fire Danger Rating System. When Contractor is notified, the revised Project Activity Levels will supersede the levels in the Project Activity Level Table below.

PROJECT ACTIVITY LEVEL

Level	*Project Activity Minimum Requirements and Restrictions. Restrictions at each level are cumulative.*
A	Minimum requirements noted above in Sections 4 and 5.
B	1. Tank truck, trailer, or approved CAFS substitute shall be on or adjacent to the Active Landing.
C	1. When Hot Saws or Masticators are operating, a tank truck, trailer, or approved CAFS substitute shall be within ¼ mile of these operations. Effective communications shall exist between the operator and the Active Landing. 2. Immediately after Mechanical Operations cease, Fire patrol is required for two hours.
D	1. Immediately after Hot Saw or Masticator operations cease, Fire patrol is required for three hours. 2. No Dead Tree felling after 1:00 PM, except recently dead. 3 No burning, blasting, welding or cutting of metal after 1:00 PM, except by special permit.

Level	***Project Activity Minimum Requirements and Restrictions. Restrictions at each level are cumulative.***
Ev	1. The following activities may operate all day: a) Loading and hauling logs decked at approved landings. b) Loading and hauling chips stockpiled at approved landings. c) Servicing equipment at approved sites. d) Dust abatement, road maintenance (Chainsaw use prohibited)**,** culvert installation within cleared area, chip sealing, paving, earth moving or rock aggregate stock pile loading and installation (does not include pit or quarry development). e) Chainsaw and log processing operations associated with loading logs or other forest products at approved landings. 2. Hot Saws or Masticators may operate until 1:00 PM; provided that: a) A tractor with a blade or other equipment capable of constructing fireline is on or adjacent to the active landing or within ¼ mile of the operating equipment. This piece of equipment shall have effective communication with the Hot Saw or Masticator. b) Any additional restrictions specified by the Forest. 3. All other conventional Mechanical Operations are permitted until 1:00 PM. 4. Some operations may be permitted after 1:00 PM, on a case-by-case basis, under the terms of a PAL Ev Variance Agreement. Activities for which a Variance may be issued are: • Rubber Tire Skidding • Chipping on Landings • Helicopter Yarding • Fire Salvage When approved by a Line Officer, a Variance Agreement can be implemented when the criteria specified in the agreement are met and mitigation measures are in place. This approval is good for ten (10) days unless cancelled sooner or extended by the Contracting Officer for an additional ten (10) days. Variance approval can be withdrawn at the sole discretion of the Forest Service. Variance approval is contingent on the 7-day fire weather forecast, fuel conditions, site characteristics, current fire situation, state of Contractor's equipment for prevention and suppression readiness, type of operation and social and community considerations etc. (See attached Project Activity Level Variance Agreement).
E	The following activities may operate all day: 1. Loading and hauling logs decked at approved landings. 2. Loading and hauling chips stockpiled at approved landings. 3. Servicing Equipment at approved sites. 4. Dust abatement, road maintenance (chainsaw use prohibited) or loading stock piles and rock aggregate installation (does not include pit or quarry development). 5. Chainsaw operation associated with loading at approved landings. All other activities are prohibited.

This Project utilizes "The Project Activity Level" (PAL), an industrial operation's fire precaution system. The following Climatology Chart indicates the Historic Activity Levels for the Project Fire Danger Rating Area or Fire Weather Station utilized on this Project. This is only a historical average of the Activity Levels for the identified Fire Danger Rating Area or Weather Station

Station/SIG/Unit:	Ash Creek				Years Analyzed		
	A	B	C	D	Ev	E	Days
Month	Expected Days per Month at each PAL Value						Analyzed
January	29.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	373
February	25.8	2.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	320
March	26.7	3.2	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	363
April	18.5	8.5	2.9	0.1	0.0	0.0	356
May	11.5	8.2	9.7	1.6	0.0	0.0	369
June	4.7	7.8	14.3	3.2	0.1	0.0	408
July	0.6	3.3	22.7	4.2	0.2	0.0	431
August	0.6	1.7	19.0	8.4	1.3	0.0	433
September	1.8	3.0	14.6	7.6	3.0	0.0	427
October	8.4	7.7	11.8	2.4	0.7	0.0	459
November	25.6	3.4	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.0	441
December	27.5	3.4	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	447
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	A	B	C	D	Ev	E	
Month	Percent of Days per Month at each PAL Value						
January	93.6	6.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	373
February	92.2	7.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	320
March	86.2	10.2	3.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	363
April	61.8	28.4	9.6	0.3	0.0	0.0	356
May	37.1	26.6	31.2	5.1	0.0	0.0	369
June	15.7	26.0	47.5	10.5	0.2	0.0	408
July	1.9	10.7	73.1	13.7	0.7	0.0	431
August	2.1	5.5	61.2	27.0	4.2	0.0	433
September	6.1	10.1	48.7	25.3	9.8	0.0	427
October	27.0	24.8	38.1	7.6	2.4	0.0	459
November	85.5	11.3	2.5	0.5	0.2	0.0	441
December	88.6	11.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	447
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Region 5 Project Activity Level (PAL) Ev Variance Application/Agreement

Project Name: _____
Contract Number: _____
Contractor Name: _____
Request #__, for period: _____
Units/Subdivisions Affected: _____

Location of operation:	
Slope	
Aspect	
Elevation	
Fuels on site	
Fuels in surrounding area	
7 Day PAL Outlook	
Short range predictions (Red Flags)	
Fuel Moistures	
Response time of suppression resources	
Potential for ignition	
RAWS location	
Current Fire Situation:	
Draw down information	
National Readiness Level	
Contractual considerations:	
Normal Operating Season	
Frequency of recent contract fires in area	
Type of operation	
Contractors past/current performance & equipment readiness	
Other site specific mitigation or precaution (i.e. Contractors proposals)	
Social & Community Considerations:	
Proximity of high value resources	
Sensitivity of location	

Proposed Actions:

Description of Mitigation Measures:

Remarks:

Fire Management Officer Concurrence | Date

Line Officer Approval | Date

I have considered the above request and determined the specified mitigation measures or actions must be implemented to continue operations in Project Activity Level Ev. Unless extended, the approval remains in effect for ten (10) calendar days unless cancelled sooner or extended by the Forest Service for an additional ten (10) days. At the sole discretion of the Forest Service, this variance can be modified and/or cancelled at no cost to the government.

Contracting Officer | Date

Contractor Representative | Date