

# ADDENDUM NO. 2

South Yuba Rim Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project, Phase 2: Fuels Reduction Contractor Services

RFP No. YWI-RFP-2026-04 | CAL FIRE Grant 5GG25128

Issued October 1, 2026 by Yuba Watershed Institute

## Purpose

This Addendum amends the Request for Proposals for Fuels Reduction Contractor Services for the South Yuba Rim Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project, Phase 2, issued September 3, 2026 and amended by Addendum No. 1 issued September 25, 2026. It responds to a written question received September 30, 2026 about Addendum No. 1, Item 9, which organized Bid Item 1 into two geographic groups. Because the question bears on how every Bid Item 1 proposal is priced and scored, YWI is answering it by addendum so that all proposers receive the same information.

This Addendum amends the Request for Proposals (Sections I, III.E, and IV), Exhibit B (Scope of Work, Bid Item 1), and Exhibit E (Cost Proposal Form), in each case as amended by Addendum No. 1. Where this Addendum and Addendum No. 1, Item 9 differ, this Addendum governs. All other terms of the RFP, its exhibits, and Addendum No. 1 remain unchanged.

Revised copies of the amended documents, incorporating Addendum No. 1 without marking and showing the changes made by this Addendum with added text underlined and deleted text struck through, are attached to and follow this Addendum.

## Question received and response

### Question (consolidated and reworded):

Addendum No. 1, Item 9 organizes Bid Item 1 into two geographic groups but requires a proposer bidding on all of Bid Item 1 to give a single per-acre price across both groups. The groups have very different work: Group A (China Flat and Jackass Flats) is mostly lighter fuels, while Group B (Birchville and Noodle) is mostly dense blackberry, Scotch broom, and manzanita and will take much more crew time per acre. If YWI awards only one group, a single price is too high for Group A and too low for Group B, so a contractor able to do all 117 acres must either price high and be outbid on Group A, or price at the average and lose money if it receives only Group B. Could a proposer submit a separate per-acre price for each group?

### Response:

Yes. YWI agrees that, under Addendum No. 1 as written, a single price across both groups combined with award by group would have put a whole-Bid-Item proposer at a disadvantage, and that the statement in Question 26 of the September 25 responses that such a proposal is not disadvantaged did not hold. This Addendum corrects that. Bid Item 1 is now priced by group: a proposer enters a separate per-acre price for Group A and for Group B on the Cost Proposal Form, may propose on one group or both, and each group is scored and may be awarded separately. A proposer that wants all of Bid Item 1 simply prices both groups.

YWI does not take a position on how different the two groups are to treat; the Exhibit A maps and the units themselves are the basis for pricing, and each proposer should price each group on its own assessment. The prescription, piling guidelines, payment milestones, and sub-unit provisions of Bid Item 1 apply to both groups without change.

## Effect on the schedule

None. Proposals remain due October 2, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, by email to [lynne@yubawatershedinstitute.org](mailto:lynne@yubawatershedinstitute.org) with the subject line “RFP Response — South Yuba Rim.” The remaining milestones in RFP Section I are unchanged.

## Proposals already submitted

A proposer that has already submitted a proposal that includes Bid Item 1 may, by the deadline, submit a revised Cost Proposal Form (Exhibit E) showing its per-acre price for each Bid Item 1 group proposed, together with its acknowledgment of this Addendum. The rest of the proposal need not be resubmitted. Where a proposer submits more than one Cost Proposal Form, the latest form received before the deadline governs. A Bid Item 1 price submitted on the Addendum No. 1 form without a revised form will be treated as the proposer's per-acre price for each group it indicated on that form.

## Acknowledgment required

Proposers shall acknowledge receipt of Addendum No. 1 and this Addendum No. 2, and of YWI's written responses to questions, on the Cost Proposal Form at Exhibit E, in the space provided for Addenda No. \_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_. A proposal that does not acknowledge both Addenda may be rejected as non-responsive (RFP Section III.B).

## Item 1: RFP Sections I, III.E.1, IV.B, and IV.C; Exhibit B, Bid Item 1; Exhibit E: separate per-acre price for each Bid Item 1 group

This Item responds to the written question described above. Under Addendum No. 1, Item 9, Bid Item 1 was priced at a single per-acre rate and could be awarded by group. This Item replaces that structure: each Bid Item 1 geographic group is priced, scored, and awarded separately. The groups themselves, the units in each, and the Bid Item 1 scope, prescriptions, payment milestones, and sub-unit provisions are unchanged.

### Exhibit B, Scope of Work. Delete (text as amended by Addendum No. 1):

Project Area. Bid Item encompasses approximately 117 acres across 13 units, organized in two geographic groups shown on the Exhibit A detail maps: Group A, the China Flat and Jackass Flats units (approximately 59.5 acres); and Group B, the Birchville and Noodle (French Corral) units (approximately 57.5 acres). A proposer may propose on all of Bid Item 1 or on one group only, and shall indicate its choice on the Cost Proposal Form (Exhibit E). A proposal on a group covers all units in that group. YWI may award Bid Item 1 in whole to one contractor or by group to different contractors, on a best-value basis. Where Bid Item 1 is awarded by group, each contractor is responsible only for the group awarded to it, and the YWI Project Manager coordinates sequence and timing between them.

### Insert in its place:

Project Area. Bid Item encompasses approximately 117 acres across 13 units, organized in two geographic groups shown on the Exhibit A detail maps: Group A, the China Flat and Jackass Flats units (approximately 59.5 acres); and Group B, the Birchville and Noodle (French Corral) units (approximately 57.5 acres). Bid Item 1 is priced by group. A proposer may propose on one group or on both, and shall enter a separate per-acre price for each group proposed on the Cost Proposal Form (Exhibit E). A proposal on a group covers all units in that group. YWI evaluates each group separately and may award each group, on a best-value basis, to the same or to different contractors. Where the groups are awarded to different contractors, each contractor is responsible only for the group awarded to it, and the YWI Project Manager coordinates sequence and timing between them. All other provisions of Bid Item 1 apply to both groups.

**Request for Proposals. Delete (text as amended by Addendum No. 1):**

Proposers may bid on one or more Bid Items. Pricing and qualifications will be evaluated separately for each Bid Item proposed, and YWI may award any combination of Bid Items to one or more contractors. Bid Item 1 is organized in two geographic groups (Exhibit B, Bid Item 1); a proposer may propose on all of Bid Item 1 or on one group only, and YWI may award Bid Item 1 in whole or by group. Acreages and quantities are estimates based on the best information available at the time of advertisement and may be refined; final payment is based on quantities actually completed and approved (see Payment, below).

**Insert in its place:**

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**Request for Proposals. Delete (text as amended by Addendum No. 1):**

1. Cost Proposal. Complete the Cost Proposal Form, Exhibit E. Proposers are not required to bid on all Bid Items, but shall clearly indicate which Bid Item(s) they are proposing on, shall bid on all quantities within each Bid Item proposed, and shall leave pricing blank for any Bid Item(s) not proposed. The one exception is Bid Item 1, which a proposer may propose on in whole or for one of its two geographic groups (Group A or Group B, Exhibit B, Bid Item 1), covering all quantities within the group proposed and indicating the group on the Cost Proposal Form. Provide firm per-acre prices for each Bid Item proposed. Estimated quantities are based on the best information available at the time of advertisement; actual quantities may fluctuate, but Bid Item prices shall remain firm and will not be negotiated. All Bid Item prices shall include overhead and profit.

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**Request for Proposals. Delete (text as amended by Addendum No. 1):**

Cost scoring. The lowest responsive price for each Bid Item receives the full 35 points. Each other proposal receives points equal to  $(\text{lowest price for that Bid Item} \div \text{that proposal's price for that Bid Item}) \times 35$ , rounded to the nearest whole point.

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**Request for Proposals. Delete (text as amended by Addendum No. 1):**

YWI may reject any and all proposals and reissue this RFP. YWI may award any combination of Bid Items to one or more contractors, based on best value, and is not obligated to award all Bid Items to a single contractor. YWI may award Bid Item 1 in whole to one contractor or by geographic group to different

contractors; proposals on all of Bid Item 1 and on a single group are evaluated on the same per-acre basis. YWI may waive minor irregularities or immaterial defects. YWI reserves the right to request additional written or oral information to clarify a proposal. All costs of preparing a proposal are the proposer's sole responsibility.

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**Exhibit E, Cost Proposal Form (Description cell of the Bid Item 1 row of the pricing table).**

**Delete (text as amended by Addendum No. 1):**

Hand Thin, Pile, Burn

**Insert in its place:**

Hand Thin, Pile, Burn (priced by group; enter prices in the Bid Item 1 lines below the table, not in this row)

**Exhibit E, Cost Proposal Form. Delete (text as amended by Addendum No. 1):**

Bid Item 1 scope proposed (check one): ☐ All of Bid Item 1 (approximately 117 acres) ☐ Group A only: China Flat and Jackass Flats units (approximately 59.5 acres) ☐ Group B only: Birchville and Noodle (French Corral) units (approximately 57.5 acres). Enter the per-acre price for Bid Item 1 in the table above; for a group proposal, the Total Price is the per-acre price multiplied by the group acreage.

**Insert in its place:**

Bid Item 1 pricing by geographic group. Enter a per-acre price for each group proposed and leave blank any group not proposed. Each group is scored and may be awarded separately. Group A, China Flat and Jackass Flats units, approximately 59.5 acres: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per acre; Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_. Group B, Birchville and Noodle (French Corral) units, approximately 57.5 acres: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per acre; Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_. Each Total is the per-acre price multiplied by the group acreage; include the group Totals in the TOTAL line of the table above.

## Attachments

The following revised documents are attached to this Addendum and follow it in this file. They incorporate the changes made by Addendum No. 1 without marking, and show the changes made by this Addendum with added text underlined and deleted text struck through. Exhibits A, C, D, and F are not changed by this Addendum and are not reproduced. The revised documents are provided for the convenience of proposers; where a revised document and the numbered Item above differ, the Item governs.

- Request for Proposals (Sections I through V), revised, showing the changes made by Item 1.
- Exhibit B, Scope of Work, revised, showing the change made by Item 1.
- Exhibit E, Cost Proposal Form, revised, showing the changes made by Item 1.

## Confirming the exhibits at contract execution

Exhibits A through E are incorporated into the Fuels Reduction Operations Contract at Exhibit F by reference, as issued and as amended by any addenda (Exhibit F, Article 1). At contract execution, the exhibits attached to the executed Contract will be conformed to incorporate the amendments in Addendum No. 1 and this Addendum. Where Bid Item 1 groups are awarded to different contractors, each Contract will identify the group awarded. The Addenda govern during the solicitation.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (Sections I through V): REVISED BY ADDENDUM NO. 1 (September 25, 2026) AND ADDENDUM NO. 2 (October 1, 2026). Addendum No. 1 changes are incorporated without marking. Text added by Addendum No. 2 is underlined; text deleted is struck through. The Addenda are the operative instruments.

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# REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

## Fuels Reduction Contractor Services

### *South Yuba Rim Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project — Phase 2*

Yuba Watershed Institute | Nevada County, California

Release date: September 3, 2026    Proposals due: October 2, 2026

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## How to read this packet

This packet contains the Request for Proposals and its exhibits. The Request for Proposals states how to propose and how proposals will be evaluated. Exhibit B, the Scope of Work, is the controlling description of the work. It incorporates the Prescription and Operation Specifications at Exhibit C and applies the Environmental Compliance Measures at Exhibit D, and is incorporated into the resulting Contract without change. Exhibit F is the contract the successful proposer will execute. Proposers should read Exhibits B, C, and F before pricing the work.



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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

### Fuels Reduction Contractor Services

#### *South Yuba Rim Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project — Phase 2*

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|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Organization</b>      | Yuba Watershed Institute (YWI)                                                                  |
| <b>Project Title</b>     | South Yuba Rim Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project — Phase 2                                      |
| <b>Grant Agreement</b>   | CAL FIRE Grant No. 5GG25128 (California Climate Investments / GGRF)                             |
| <b>Project Location</b>  | San Juan Ridge, Nevada County, California                                                       |
| <b>Treatment Acreage</b> | 232 acres total across seven Bid Items — see Section I                                          |
| <b>CEQA Framework</b>    | Project-Specific Analysis / Addendum to CalVTP Program EIR (May 2025; Nevada County, CEQA lead) |
| <b>RFP Issue Date</b>    | September 3, 2026                                                                               |
| <b>Proposals Due</b>     | October 2, 2026, 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time                                                         |

**Issued by:** Yuba Watershed Institute, P.O. Box 2198, Nevada City, CA 95959

**Contact:** Lynne Westerfield, Project Manager · [lynne@yubawatershedinstitute.org](mailto:lynne@yubawatershedinstitute.org)

*All questions and submissions by email to the contact above. Do not contact the landowners directly regarding this solicitation.*

## I. Project Summary

Yuba Watershed Institute (YWI) seeks proposals from qualified contractors to implement Phase 2 of the South Yuba Rim Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project on approximately 232 acres spanning 27 landowners and 31 parcels on San Juan Ridge, Nevada County, California, under CAL FIRE Grant Agreement 5GG25128. The project is funded through the California Climate Investments program (Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund).

This RFP is organized into the following Bid Items, each a separately priced and separately awardable item of work, summarized here and described in full in Exhibit B:

| Bid Item                                                                                             | Estimated Acres |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1 Hand Thin, Pile, Burn                                                                              | 117             |
| 2 Mastication                                                                                        | 92              |
| 3 Lop and Scatter                                                                                    | 4.5             |
| 4 Broadcast Burn (Simple)                                                                            | 8               |
| 5 Hand Thin, Prep, Crush, and Broadcast Burn (Complex)                                               | 6.8             |
| 6 Cut and Drag                                                                                       | 3.5             |
| 7 Pile Burn of Existing Piles (second treatment on these acres, does not count toward total acreage) | 63.7            |
| <b>Total</b>                                                                                         | <b>231.8</b>    |

Proposers may bid on one or more Bid Items. Pricing and qualifications will be evaluated separately for each Bid Item proposed, and YWI may award any combination of Bid Items to one or more contractors. ~~Bid Item 1 is organized in two geographic groups (Exhibit B, Bid Item 1); a proposer may propose on all of Bid Item 1 or on one group only, and YWI may award Bid Item 1 in whole or by group. Bid Item 1 is organized in two geographic groups (Exhibit B, Bid Item 1), each priced separately; a proposer may propose on one group or both, and YWI evaluates and may award each group separately.~~ Acreages and quantities are estimates based on the best information available at the time of advertisement and may be refined; final payment is based on quantities actually completed and approved (see Payment, below).

The primary goal of the project is to reduce the risk of severe wildfire behavior — given the project's proximity to numerous private residences and the importance of maintaining access for fire suppression personnel — with a secondary goal of improving forest health and ecological function. Treatment activities are designed to reduce the density and vertical and horizontal continuity of understory vegetation and fuels. The desired post-treatment condition is a multi-aged stand of well-spaced trees free of ladder fuels, except for specific retained species and isolated patches of understory, as detailed in Exhibit C.

**The Scope of Work is Exhibit B.** It is the controlling description of the work. It incorporates the Prescription and Operation Specifications at Exhibit C and applies the Environmental Compliance Measures at Exhibit D, and is incorporated into the resulting Contract without change. Proposers should read it, together with Exhibit C Prescription and Operation Specifications and Exhibit D Environmental Compliance Measures, before bidding.

This RFP will be evaluated as a best-value process, not a low-bid competition.

## Project background

The South Yuba Rim Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project is a landscape-scale effort led by Yuba Watershed Institute (YWI) along the San Juan Ridge in western Nevada County, spanning the north rim of the South Fork Yuba River canyon from Bridgeport State Park in the west to Malakoff Diggins State Historic Park in the east. Project design and prioritization were guided by a steering committee comprising the North San Juan Fire Protection District, CAL FIRE, the Nevada County Office of Emergency Services, four local Firewise Communities (French Corral, Montezuma Ridge West, Outer Jackass Flats, and Lake City/Grizzly), YWI, and other community members and fire behavior experts. The Bureau of Land Management is a partner on the portions of the project footprint it manages, and the Nevada County Resource Conservation District supports project management and community engagement alongside YWI.

The project is identified in the 2024 CAL FIRE Nevada-Yuba-Placer (NEU) Unit Strategic Fire Plan as a priority vegetation management/fuels modification project for the Smartsville-Columbia Hill battalion (B-14), and its fuel breaks are designed to protect the ridge-top Firewise Communities named above and the evacuation routes serving them. CEQA compliance for the project is achieved through a Project-Specific Analysis and Addendum (PSA/Addendum, CalVTP Project ID #2024-34), tiered to the California Vegetation Treatment Program Environmental Impact Report, together with its associated Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.

This RFP covers Phase 2 of the South Yuba Rim Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project, a roughly 1,032-acre phase funded through two complementary sources. A \$3.77 million FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program award, matched through CalOES's Prepare California Match Program, funds approximately 800 acres of primary shaded and unshaded fuel break along the northern rim of the South Fork Yuba River canyon. This CAL FIRE Wildfire Prevention grant funds the approximately 232 acres of treatment described in this RFP: additional shaded and unshaded fuel breaks, roughly 440 feet wide, along neighborhood evacuation routes and secondary north-south ridgelines throughout the broader project area. The Sierra Nevada Conservancy has separately contributed \$214,666 to Nevada County to support environmental planning on adjacent Bureau of Land Management lands within the same project footprint.

## Payment

Payment is by monthly invoice at the Bid Item per-acre price proposed, for acres completed, inspected, and approved in writing by YWI's Project Manager. The YWI Project Manager will inspect within ten business days of the Contractor's written notice that work is ready for inspection. Approved amounts are paid within 30 days. There is no performance withhold or retention. Work is invoiced by completed treatment unit; a Bid Item need not be complete before its finished units are invoiced. For Bid Items that include burning, Exhibit B states payment milestones within each unit. Full terms are in the Contract at Exhibit F.

## Prevailing wage

YWI has determined that this project is not subject to California prevailing wage requirements. Assembly Bill 338 extended prevailing wage requirements to publicly funded fuel reduction work over \$500,000, effective July 1, 2027. Under the Department of Industrial Relations' guidance on AB 338 (February 19,

2026), those requirements do not apply to work performed on private land, or to work funded under a grant agreement between a nonprofit organization and the State that was fully executed before July 1, 2027, unless that agreement is renewed after that date. All work under this RFP is on private land, and CAL FIRE Grant Agreement 5GG25128 was fully executed before July 1, 2027, so work under this Contract, including any second-season resumption under Exhibit F, Section 2.23, is not subject to prevailing wage requirements. YWI reserves the right to negotiate an adjustment to contract pricing if a change in law, a determination by the project funder, or a renewal or amendment of the grant agreement on or after July 1, 2027 causes prevailing wage requirements to apply.

### Environmental compliance

The CEQA compliance framework for this project is represented in the project's CalVTP-tiered environmental review — a Project-Specific Analysis and Addendum to the CalVTP Program EIR (PSA/Addendum, May 2025, prepared by Ascent Environmental, Inc. for Nevada County and YWI).

The PSA/Addendum classifies treatment prescriptions under three CalVTP treatment types — Fuel Break, Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI), and Ecological Restoration — each governed by its own prescription in Exhibit C.

The Standard Project Requirements (SPRs) and Mitigation Measures (MMs) that apply to this work are set out in Exhibit D. The Contractor is responsible for compliance with all applicable SPRs and MMs (<https://calfire.app.box.com/s/i81kb6a4knnhn71a1l94kh2vcbkfvu3y>), not only those summarized in Exhibit D.

## II. Schedule

| Milestone                                  | Date                                    |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Release of RFP                             | September 3, 2026                       |
| Pre-proposal field meeting (non-mandatory) | September 18, 2026, 10:00 a.m.          |
| Final RFP questions due                    | September 21, 2026                      |
| Question responses and any addenda posted  | September 25, 2026                      |
| Proposals due                              | October 2, 2026, 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time |
| Notice of intent to award                  | October 16, 2026                        |
| Contract award (estimated)                 | October 21, 2026                        |
| Notice to Proceed (target)                 | On or about November 1, 2026            |
| Completion                                 | February 28, 2027                       |

See Exhibit B for notice to proceed contingencies (fire restrictions, ROE agreements), completion-date consequences and second-season terms, limited operating periods, operating hours, and site access conditions.

## III. Proposal Instructions

### A. Pre-proposal field meeting

YWI will conduct a non-mandatory pre-proposal field meeting (bid walk) of the project area. The meeting will be held on September 18, 2026 at 10:00 a.m., commencing at the Historic Wells Fargo Bank Building in French Corral. All interested parties are requested to R.S.V.P. by email to the contact above by September 16, 2026.

### B. Questions and addenda

Questions must be submitted by email to the contact above and received no later than September 21, 2026. Responses, including responses to questions raised at the pre-proposal field meeting, will be posted at [www.yubawatershedinstitute.org/rfps](http://www.yubawatershedinstitute.org/rfps) no later than September 25, 2026. Any addenda will be posted at the same place by the same date. Proposals must acknowledge receipt of any addenda and of the question responses.

### C. Submission

Proposals must be submitted by email to the contact above no later than **5:00 p.m. Pacific Time on October 2, 2026**, with the subject line "RFP Response — South Yuba Rim." Please copy yourself as verification of submittal. Late proposals will not be accepted.

### D. Format

Proposals shall be a single 8½" × 11" PDF of no more than ten (10) pages. The following do not count toward the page limit: a one-page cover letter, the Cost Proposal Form, insurance certificates, licensing and certification documents, and addendum acknowledgments.

Proposals that do not furnish the information below, organized in this order, may be rejected as non-responsive.

### E. Required content

**1. Cost Proposal.** Complete the Cost Proposal Form, Exhibit E. Proposers are not required to bid on all Bid Items, but shall clearly indicate which Bid Item(s) they are proposing on, shall bid on all quantities within each Bid Item proposed, and shall leave pricing blank for any Bid Item(s) not proposed. The one exception is Bid Item 1, which a proposer may propose on in whole or for one of its two geographic groups (Group A or Group B, Exhibit B, Bid Item 1), covering all quantities within the group proposed and indicating the group on the Cost Proposal Form. Provide firm per-acre prices for each Bid Item proposed. Bid Item 1 is priced by geographic group (Group A and Group B, Exhibit B, Bid Item 1): a proposer may propose on one group or both, shall enter a separate per-acre price for each group proposed, covering all quantities within that group, and shall leave blank any group not proposed. Provide firm per-acre prices for each Bid Item, and each Bid Item 1 group, proposed. Estimated quantities are based on the best information available at the time of

advertisement; actual quantities may fluctuate, but Bid Item prices shall remain firm and will not be negotiated. All Bid Item prices shall include overhead and profit.

**2. Approach, staffing, work plan, and schedule.** Provide an overview of your understanding of the services to be provided and your approach to the work, including but not limited to equipment to be utilized, staffing requirements, and any other items necessary to demonstrate the proposed strategy to complete the project, for each Bid Item proposed. Include, as necessary, burn planning, smoke management, public notification, watercourse and erosion protection, summary safety plan and fire suppression readiness. The approach shall include a proposed work plan and schedule. For each Bid Item proposed, identify the individual who will serve as crew lead and point of contact.

**3. Experience, qualifications, and references.** Provide a general description of your experience and qualifications related to work of similar scope and complexity. Provide an organizational chart and concise resumes of key staff and subcontractors, indicating names, roles, and experience. For key staff, indicate availability for this project and describe the specific role each would play. Provide an equipment list, including ownership/lease status, for mastication, hand-crew tools, and any burning equipment. Provide a description of two to three recent projects with a similar scope of work, including contact information for references who oversaw those projects. Photographs of completed projects are helpful but not required. Proposers must also demonstrate appropriate experience in fuels reduction treatment in Sierra Nevada foothill, mixed-conifer, and oak woodland environments; for Bid Items including prescribed burning, experience conducting or subcontracting pile and/or broadcast burning under an approved burn plan and applicable air-district smoke-management requirements; and the ability to comply with CAL FIRE burn-plan/Incident Action Plan requirements (Exhibit D).

**4. Local workforce.** Describe the extent to which the crew proposed for this project is drawn from Nevada County and adjacent counties.

**5. Insurance certificates.** Provide certificates evidencing the coverage summarized in Section V and required by the Contract at Exhibit F, or a written statement describing the proposer's ability to obtain the required coverage prior to mobilization.

**6. Business status and certifications.** (a) Provide evidence that the proposer is a legally constituted business, by any one of the following at the proposer's option: an active license issued by the California Contractors State License Board; a current business license or business tax certificate from the city or county of the proposer's principal place of business; a certificate of status or current Statement of Information showing good standing with the California Secretary of State; a filed Fictitious Business Name statement; or, if none of those is available, a signed statement to that effect identifying the proposer's jurisdiction. Where this documentation is missing or incomplete in an otherwise responsive proposal, YWI will notify the proposer and allow three business days to provide it, on the same terms for every proposer. No contractor's license classification is required to propose. (b) For personnel who will conduct burns, pile or broadcast, provide OSFM Certified Prescribed-Fire Burn Boss certification; any such burn shall be enrolled in the California Prescribed Fire Claims Fund prior to ignition (Exhibit D).

**Note:** the crew lead, key staff, and equipment identified in the successful proposal become binding under the Contract and may not be substituted without YWI's written consent.

## IV. Evaluation and Award

### A. Pass or fail

A proposal must meet the following to be scored:

- Proof of insurance meeting the requirements summarized in Section V
- For a proposal on any Bid Item that includes burning (Bid Items 1, 4, 5, 6, and 7), proof of OSFM Certified Prescribed-Fire Burn Boss certification for the personnel who will conduct burns, as required by Section III.E.6(b). Business status documentation under Section III.E.6(a) is not a pass or fail item.

### B. Scored criteria

An evaluation committee will evaluate all proposals received for completeness and the proposer's ability to meet all specifications outlined in this RFP within the proposed time frame. Proposals will be evaluated separately for each Bid Item proposed, using the following evaluation criteria and weights.

| Criterion                                   | Points |
|---------------------------------------------|--------|
| Cost proposal                               | 35     |
| Approach, staffing, work plan, and schedule | 30     |
| Experience, qualifications, and references  | 25     |
| Local workforce                             | 10     |
| Total                                       | 100    |

**Cost scoring.** The lowest responsive price for each Bid Item receives the full 35 points. Each other proposal receives points equal to  $(\text{lowest price for that Bid Item} \div \text{that proposal's price for that Bid Item}) \times 35$ , rounded to the nearest whole point. For Bid Item 1, each geographic group is scored separately on its own per-acre price, as if it were a Bid Item.

### C. Award

YWI may reject any and all proposals and reissue this RFP. YWI may award any combination of Bid Items to one or more contractors, based on best value, and is not obligated to award all Bid Items to a single contractor. YWI may award Bid Item 1 in whole to one contractor or by geographic group to different contractors; proposals on all of Bid Item 1 and on a single group are evaluated on the same per-acre basis. Each Bid Item 1 geographic group is evaluated separately and may be awarded to the same or to different contractors. YWI may waive minor irregularities or immaterial defects. YWI reserves the right

to request additional written or oral information to clarify a proposal. All costs of preparing a proposal are the proposer's sole responsibility.

## V. Contract Terms

The successful proposer will execute the Fuels Reduction Operations Contract at Exhibit F, substantially in the form attached, with the Scope of Work at Exhibit B incorporated without change. **Proposers must identify in their proposal any requested exceptions to the Contract. Exceptions raised after award will not be considered.**

Insurance requirements are set out in the Contract at Exhibit F and are summarized here for convenience only; the Contract governs:

- Commercial general liability, not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate
- Business and commercial auto liability, not less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit, covering owned, hired, and non-owned vehicles
- Statutory workers' compensation plus employer's liability of not less than \$1,000,000 per accident, including a waiver of subrogation
- Yuba Watershed Institute and, where work occurs on private land, the applicable landowner(s) named as additional insured on the commercial general liability policy, covering both ongoing and completed operations

## EXHIBIT A – PROJECT MAP

South Yuba Rim Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project — Phase 2 | Nevada County, California

September 3, 2026

The map that follows shows an overview of the project with all Bid Items. Three additional maps show Bid Items in more detail, and prescriptions, watercourse classes, roads and property boundaries in three geographic groupings. Ground flagging governs where this map and conditions on the ground differ.

Four pages follow.

## EXHIBIT B – SCOPE OF WORK

### South Yuba Rim Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project — Phase 2 | Nevada County, California

This Scope of Work is Exhibit B to the Request for Proposals and Exhibit B to the resulting Fuels Reduction Operations Contract. It is the single controlling description of the work. Where the term “Contractor” appears, it means the proposer during the solicitation and the operator after award.

#### 1. Project Area

Yuba Watershed Institute (YWI) is implementing Phase 2 of the South Yuba Rim Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project on approximately 232 acres spanning 27 landowners and 31 parcels on San Juan Ridge, Nevada County, California, under CAL FIRE Grant Agreement 5GG25128. Bid Item locations are shown on Exhibit A.

#### 2. Estimated Quantities

| Bid Item                                                                                             | Estimated Acres |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1 Hand Thin, Pile, Burn                                                                              | 117             |
| 2 Mastication                                                                                        | 92              |
| 3 Lop and Scatter                                                                                    | 4.5             |
| 4 Broadcast Burn (Simple)                                                                            | 8               |
| 5 Hand Thin, Prep, Crush, and Broadcast Burn (Complex)                                               | 6.8             |
| 6 Cut and Drag                                                                                       | 3.5             |
| 7 Pile Burn of Existing Piles (second treatment on these acres, does not count toward total acreage) | 63.7            |
| <b>Total</b>                                                                                         | <b>231.8</b>    |

#### 3. Treatment Specifications

Treatment Prescriptions for each Bid Item are set out in Exhibit C, subject to the Environmental Compliance Measures in Exhibit D. The term unit refers to a continuous area of one type of treatment specification, which can cover more than one ownership parcel.

##### *Bid Item 1: Hand Thin, Pile, Burn*

**Project Area.** Bid Item encompasses approximately 117 acres across 13 units, organized in two geographic groups shown on the Exhibit A detail maps: Group A, the China Flat and Jackass Flats units (approximately 59.5 acres); and Group B, the Birchville and Noodle (French Corral) units (approximately 57.5 acres). A proposer may propose on all of Bid Item 1 or on one group only, and shall indicate its choice on the Cost Proposal Form (Exhibit E). Bid Item 1 is priced by group. A proposer may propose on

one group or on both, and shall enter a separate per-acre price for each group proposed on the Cost Proposal Form (Exhibit E). A proposal on a group covers all units in that group. YWI may award Bid Item 1 in whole to one contractor or by group to different contractors, on a best-value basis. Where Bid Item 1 is awarded by group, each contractor is responsible only for the group awarded to it, and the YWI Project Manager coordinates sequence and timing between them. YWI evaluates each group separately and may award each group, on a best-value basis, to the same or to different contractors. Where the groups are awarded to different contractors, each contractor is responsible only for the group awarded to it, and the YWI Project Manager coordinates sequence and timing between them. All other provisions of Bid Item 1 apply to both groups.

**Treatment Specifications.** Contractor will hand cut trees under 10 inches DBH, per the applicable Prescription (Exhibit C). Trees up to 18 inches DBH may be marked or approved for removal by the YWI Project Manager. This bid item includes hand thinning vegetation, creating piles for burning, and burning the piles.

Piles are created using the following guidelines:

- Hand piles should generally not exceed 8 x 8 x 8 feet and shall not exceed 20 x 20 x 20 feet; they shall be created in areas where they do not pose a threat of igniting residual overstory trees or infrastructure. Contractor may build feeder piles in areas where there is too much vegetation.
- Piles should be created away from downed logs and stumps.
- Piles shall be adequately covered to ensure successful burning.
- Piles shall be compact, dirt free, and piled in such a manner that will allow them to burn completely.
- No piles shall be built within a Class I or II Watercourse and Lake Protection Zone; no piles shall be built within 5 feet of the bank of the watercourse of Class III watercourses.
- All piles shall be constructed in a manner that will ensure a 90% consumption standard regardless of the time of year in which they are burned.
- Slash that causes large air spaces in piles shall be cut to eliminate air spaces.
- Each pile shall include an ignition area of small sized slash (small branches less than ¼ to ½ inch in diameter and/or small branches with needles or leaves attached) to provide “kindling” for prompt ignition and to aid in combustion of larger slash. These fuels shall be placed in the center of the pile.
- If piles are built on slopes over 30%, a small catchment berm shall be constructed on the downhill side of the pile to catch any material that may roll out of the pile during burning; the berm should be large enough to stop rolling material from the pile and be at least 6 inches tall.

**Equipment.** Hand crews can use chainsaws, string trimmers, pole saws, weed whackers, and loppers as necessary to accomplish hand thinning. Mechanized equipment, including remote-controlled or self-propelled tracked or wheeled equipment, is not permitted in Bid Item 1 units, whether for cutting or for moving material.

## *Bid Item 2: Mastication*

**Project Area.** Bid Item encompasses approximately 92 acres over 3 units.

**Treatment Specifications.** Contractor will treat trees under 10 inches DBH, per the applicable Prescription (Exhibit C). Trees up to 18 inches DBH may be marked or approved for treatment by the

YWI Project Manager. Masticated material is not concentrated at the base of retained trees or thrown onto roads, watercourses, or outside of the project area. Masticated material does not exceed an average depth of 6 inches.

**Equipment.** Mastication involves the use of heavy equipment mounted with a masticator head to cut and grind trees and brush that are selected for removal into small pieces. Proposals shall include information about the types of equipment to be used, including make/model, wheeled vs. tracked configuration, and size. Tracked equipment with low ground pressure is preferred to reduce soil disturbance; this information will be used by the evaluation committee in ranking proposals.

**Order of operations in specific units.**

- For the mastication unit along Birchville Road and Miser Road, operations start in the southern central area and work the western and eastern edges last, where Scotch broom populations exist.
- For the westernmost mastication unit, tracks must be cleaned before entering that unit, even if crews have already worked other units in the project area. This unit is worked south to north to keep Scotch broom intrusion low.

**Existing piles in the westernmost mastication unit.** The westernmost mastication unit contains piles that remain from a previous treatment, at approximately 100-foot intervals across approximately 6,000 feet of treatment (roughly 60 piles). As part of Bid Item 2, and included in the Bid Item 2 per-acre price, Contractor shall re-size, clean, and move these piles away from residual trees, and cover them, so that they meet the piling guidelines in Bid Item 1 and the applicable Prescription (Exhibit C). The work will generally consist of lifting and shaking pile material to remove soil, consolidating and re-sizing piles, moving material away from residual trees, and covering the piles so that the ignition core stays dry through wet weather; covering material shall comply with air district requirements for burning covered piles. Contractor may perform this pile work mechanically or by hand, at its option; the standard for the finished pile is the same either way. The piles will be burned by the contractor awarded Bid Item 7. Pile work precedes burning, and both contractors shall take direction on sequence from the YWI Project Manager.

**Access to the westernmost mastication unit.** The designated access route to the westernmost mastication unit is from Pleasant Valley Road west onto Troost Trail (approximately 39.315841, -121.154328), which leads to the north end of the unit without crossing a paved section. Equipment moved on any paved road shall be trailered or otherwise operated so as not to damage the road surface; Contractor repairs any damage it causes (Exhibit F, Section 2.15). YWI has not obtained permission to cross any parcel that is not shown on Exhibit A as a participating parcel. Any access across such a parcel is for Contractor to arrange directly and in writing with that landowner, at Contractor's own risk (Exhibit F, Sections 2.03, 2.15, and 2.21), with a copy of the written permission provided to the YWI Project Manager before use.

### *Bid Item 3: Lop and Scatter*

**Project Area.** Bid Item encompasses approximately 4.5 acres in two units, shown on Exhibit A: one along Miser Road at Shady Creek, adjacent to the Birchville Road and Miser Road mastication unit, and one off Birchville Road at the west end of the Birchville map, adjacent to a cut and drag unit.

**Treatment Specifications.** Contractor will hand-cut brush and small-diameter material (up to 8 inches DBH) and lop it into pieces less than 24 inches long. Cutting starts with the smallest diameter material until average slash depth is reached. Scatter material shall not exceed an average depth of 6 inches. Lopped material shall be scattered and dispersed throughout the unit rather than piled or burned.

Scattered material shall not be concentrated at the base of residual trees or near watercourses, roadways, or trails.

For the first 50 feet on the northwestern boundary of the Miser Road (Shady Creek) unit, cut material will be dragged into the adjacent mastication unit for future mastication. YWI will coordinate when mastication and lop and scatter operations occur to assure lopped material dragged into the mastication unit will be treated concurrently with mastication operations. This provision does not apply to the Birchville Road unit, which has no adjacent mastication unit.

**Equipment.** Bid Item 3 is a hand treatment. The equipment limits in Bid Item 1 apply: hand-operated tools only. Mechanized equipment, including remote-controlled equipment, is not permitted, whether for cutting or for moving material.

#### *Bid Item 4: Broadcast Burn (Simple)*

**Project Area.** Bid Item encompasses approximately 8 acres in one unit.

**Treatment Specifications.** Contractor will install a control line around the unit perimeter. Contractor will apply fire directly across the treatment unit surface (rather than to hand piles) to consume slash, litter, and light surface fuels remaining after cutting, crushing, or thinning (if applicable). Burns shall be conducted in a manner that prevents damage to residual trees.

#### *Bid Item 5: Hand Thin, Prep, Crush, and Broadcast Burn (Complex)*

**Project Area.** Bid Item encompasses approximately 6.8 acres in 2 units.

**Treatment Specifications.**

- Preparation can include hand crews cutting targeted trees, brush, and ladder fuels with chainsaws, string trimmers, pole saws, weed whackers, and loppers as necessary; cut material is left dispersed in the unit.
- Preparation can include mechanically or manually crushing Scotch broom, as directed by the YWI Project Manager, and other resprouting shrub fuels to lay standing biomass flat and increase fuel-bed continuity for burning.
- Residual trees shall be prepped per the retention and limbing specifications (pruning lower branches, pulling duff and litter away from tree base, protecting leave trees) prior to burning.
- Low-intensity prescribed fire is applied directly across the treatment unit surface (rather than to hand piles) to consume slash, litter, and light surface fuels remaining after cutting, crushing, or thinning (if applicable).
- Burns shall be conducted in a manner that prevents damage to residual trees.
- A control line shall be installed around the unit perimeter.

#### *Bid Item 6: Cut and Drag*

**Project Area.** Bid Item encompasses approximately 3.5 acres across two units.

**Treatment Specifications.** Contractor will hand-cut Himalayan blackberry and other bramble/understory fuels at ground level. No-cut species shall not be cut. Depending on volume and site access, with approval from YWI Project Manager, resulting material shall either be crushed and left dispersed on site (where it meets surface fuel-loading targets) or hauled outside of the watercourse buffer zone, to a landing/staging area and hand-piled per the piling guidelines in Bid Item 1, above, for burning by the Contractor.

**Equipment.** Bid Item 6 is a hand treatment. The equipment limits in Bid Item 1 apply: hand-operated tools only. Mechanized equipment, including remote-controlled equipment, is not permitted, whether for cutting or for moving material. Material hauled to a landing or staging area shall be moved by hand.

### *Bid Item 7: Pile Burn of Existing Piles*

**Project Area.** Bid Item encompasses approximately 63.7 acres across one unit.

**Treatment Specifications.** Contractor will burn existing piles that remain on-site from a previous treatment. Before burning, the piles will have been re-sized, cleaned, covered, and moved away from residual trees by the Bid Item 2 Contractor to the piling guidelines in Bid Item 1, as provided in Bid Item 2. Piles are estimated at approximately 100-foot intervals across approximately 6,000 feet of treatment (roughly 60 piles). Pile work precedes burning; the Bid Item 2 and Bid Item 7 contractors shall take direction on sequence from the YWI Project Manager. Burning is subject to the burn plan, Incident Action Plan, notification, and consumption requirements that apply to all pile burning under this Contract (Exhibit D, Section 3).

### *Work Sequence and Timing (all Bid Items)*

- **Notice to proceed.** Work shall be authorized by notice to proceed issued by the YWI Project Manager for each Bid Item or group of Bid Items. The Notice to Proceed date is a target only, contingent on confirmation of landowner right-of-entry (ROE) agreements for the applicable parcels.
- **Completion date.** Work not completed by the completion date shall pause and resume in a subsequent season, subject to written agreement between YWI and Contractor. Burn piles created during a season's treatment shall be burned before the close of operations for that season (February 28, 2027 for the first season) unless the YWI Project Manager approves carryover in writing because weather or burn-day availability prevented burning; carried-over piles shall be burned when operations resume in the following season, at unchanged unit prices (Exhibit F, Section 2.23). The pile burning window will not be extended into the spring, because March through June overlaps limited operating periods under the project's PSA/Addendum that apply to pile burning.
- **Broadcast burning.** YWI expects broadcast burning under Bid Items 4 and 5 to occur in fall 2027, as early as September 2027 if conditions and burn authorizations allow. Conditions after the anticipated November 2026 start are expected to be too wet to meet broadcast burn prescriptions. Preparation work under Bid Items 4 and 5 (control line, cutting, crushing, and prepping residual trees) may be completed in the first season and invoiced at the 50 percent milestone once approved. Broadcast burning in fall 2027 is a resumption of work under Exhibit F, Section 2.23; unit prices remain firm, and demobilization and remobilization are included in the unit prices.
- **Limited Operating Periods (LOPs):** For reference only. YWI will maintain scheduling oversight. Consistent with the project's PSA/Addendum and MMRP: (1) within one quarter mile of potential California spotted owl nesting habitat, no treatment activity, including burning, will be scheduled from March 1 through August 15, and YWI will identify the units where this applies in the Notice to Proceed; (2) YWI intends, where feasible, to schedule treatment activities outside the special-status nesting-bird period of February 1 through August 31, and where work occurs within that period YWI will arrange any nest surveys required by the MMRP through the project biologist, at no cost to Contractor, and will establish buffers around any active nest found; (3) California red-legged frog protection consists of buffers around suitable aquatic habitat identified by the project biologist and shown by flagging, not a project-wide operating restriction. Contractor shall

coordinate its work sequence and schedule with the YWI Project Manager to complete each treatment unit, where feasible, within a single operating season.

- **Operating hours:** 7:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday; 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. on Sundays and federal holidays (Exhibit D).
- **Site access:** work is confined to parcels with a fully executed ROE agreement, as identified on Exhibit A. Contractor shall not access or treat any parcel without a confirmed, current ROE agreement on file with YWI.
- **Extended absence:** Contractor shall not be absent from the project for more than two weeks without the express permission of the YWI Project Manager, and shall provide at least one week's notice of an anticipated absence (weather-related pauses are exempt from advance notice but must still be coordinated with the YWI Project Manager).

### *Communication and Coordination (all Bid Items)*

For each Bid Item awarded, Contractor shall designate one crew lead who shall serve as the point of contact with the YWI Project Manager; proposals shall specify which key staff member will fill this role. The crew lead shall provide weekly progress reports to the YWI Project Manager (phone, text, or email), be available to respond to calls and emails, and communicate project requirements and any YWI Project Manager-directed modifications to all crew members within one day. The crew lead shall give the YWI Project Manager at least three days' notice before moving to a new treatment area. (This is the lead time necessary for landowner notification and coordination.) Contractor shall not be absent from the project for more than two weeks without the express permission of the YWI Project Manager, and shall provide at least one week's notice of an anticipated absence; weather-related pauses are exempt from advance notice but must still be coordinated. Contractor shall coordinate with the YWI Project Manager to develop a work sequence/schedule for the performance period (RFP Section II).

### *General Conditions (all Bid Items)*

All work is subject to the Environmental Compliance Measures in Exhibit D, which cover watercourse protection, erosion control, hazard reduction and burning, winter operations, biological resources, and general conditions.

Contractor shall provide all labor, materials, equipment, transportation, insurance, and permits necessary to complete the Bid Item(s) awarded. Contractor will be available to mobilize crews and equipment to the project area in Nevada County, California, within the anticipated performance period, and to work under the direction of the YWI Project Manager.

Contractor will have appropriately licensed and insured equipment operators; equipment meeting spark-arrestor and other applicable safety requirements.

**Required Training.** All personnel working on this project must attend mandatory training prior to starting work, covering treatment prescriptions, plant species identification, sensitive environmental resources, and cultural resources. Workers joining the project after initiation must also complete this training before starting; the YWI Project Manager must be notified in advance so training can be scheduled.

In addition, all crew members and contractors shall attend the biological resource training provided each season by the project biologist (procured separately), covering identification of special-status species,

avoidance procedures, impact-minimization practices, and stop-work authority and reporting procedures.

**Inspections.** The YWI Project Manager will conduct inspections to confirm that services are acceptable and consistent with Exhibits A, B, C and D. Inspections do not relieve Contractor of responsibility for its own quality control. Compliance inspections will occur on a sporadic basis and are not final; final inspection for payment will be made only on completed units. Contractor is encouraged to organize the work into logical, measurable units to support progress inspection and payment (see Payment, Section I).

Payment milestones for Bid Items 1, 4, and 5. Because pile and broadcast burning depend on weather and air-district burn authorizations, Bid Items 1, 4, and 5 are paid in two milestones within each unit: 50 percent of the unit price upon the YWI Project Manager's written approval of completed cutting, piling, control line, and preparation in the unit, and the remaining 50 percent upon written approval of completed burning in the unit. All other Bid Items are paid on completion of each unit. The Cost Proposal Form (Exhibit E) prices each Bid Item as a single per-acre unit price; the milestone split applies to that price.

**Sub-units.** Contractor may propose, in its work sequence and schedule (Exhibit F, Section 2.10), to divide a unit into logical, measurable sub-units. Sub-units approved in writing by the YWI Project Manager may be inspected and invoiced as each is completed, at the per-acre price for the acres in the sub-unit as measured by GPS, with the milestone split above applied within each sub-unit. There is no minimum sub-unit acreage, but sub-units shall be large enough to inspect and measure by GPS efficiently. Unit prices are firm regardless of how the work is divided. Payment is not made for partially completed sub-units.

EXHIBIT E, COST PROPOSAL FORM: REVISED BY ADDENDUM NO. 1 (September 25, 2026) AND ADDENDUM NO. 2 (October 1, 2026). Addendum No. 1 changes are incorporated without marking. Text added by Addendum No. 2 is underlined; text deleted is struck through. The Addenda are the operative instruments.

## EXHIBIT E – COST PROPOSAL FORM

### South Yuba Rim Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project — Phase 2

Proposer: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

| Bid Item | Description                                                                                                           | Estimated Quantity | Unit Price (\$/ac) | Total Price (\$) |
|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 1        | Hand Thin, Pile, Burn <u>(priced by group; enter prices in the Bid Item 1 lines below the table, not in this row)</u> | 117 acres          |                    |                  |
| 2        | Mastication                                                                                                           | 92 acres           |                    |                  |
| 3        | Lop and Scatter                                                                                                       | 4.5 acres          |                    |                  |
| 4        | Broadcast Burn (Simple)                                                                                               | 8 acres            |                    |                  |
| 5        | Hand Thin, Prep, Crush, and Broadcast Burn (Complex)                                                                  | 6.8 acres          |                    |                  |
| 6        | Cut and Drag                                                                                                          | 3.5 acres          |                    |                  |
| 7        | Pile Burn of Existing Piles                                                                                           | 63.7 acres         |                    |                  |
|          |                                                                                                                       |                    | TOTAL              |                  |

Proposers shall complete pricing only for the Bid Item(s) on which they are bidding, shall bid on all quantities within each Bid Item proposed, and shall leave rows blank for Bid Item(s) not proposed. Estimated quantities are based on the best available information at the time of this RFP and are subject to change. Unit prices proposed shall remain firm and shall include all overhead and profit. For Bid Items 1, 4, and 5, the unit price is paid in the two milestones stated in Exhibit B.

Bid Item 1 scope proposed (check one): \_\_\_\_\_ All of Bid Item 1 (approximately 117 acres) \_\_\_\_\_ Group A only: China Flat and Jackass Flats units (approximately 59.5 acres) \_\_\_\_\_ Group B only: Birchville and Noodle (French Corral) units (approximately 57.5 acres). Enter the per-acre price for Bid Item 1 in the table above; for a group proposal, the Total Price is the per-acre price multiplied by the group acreage. Bid Item 1 pricing by geographic group. Enter a per-acre price for each group proposed and leave blank any group not proposed. Each group is scored and may be awarded separately. Group A, China Flat and Jackass Flats units, approximately 59.5 acres: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per acre; Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_. Group B, Birchville and Noodle (French Corral) units, approximately 57.5 acres: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per acre; Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_. Each Total is the per-acre price multiplied by the group acreage; include the group Totals in the TOTAL line of the table above.

**Addendum acknowledgment.** The proposer acknowledges receipt of Addenda No. \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_ and of YWI's written responses to questions.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_