Questions and Answers during Advertisement for
CO ERFO FS SNJUAN 2026-1(1) Fall Creek Road

July 14, 2026

	Questions	Answers
1	Is a site visit scheduled or can I arrange a site visit for the project?	There is no site visit scheduled. The site is open and accessible to the public.
2	When is it due?	Please see page A-1, box 13

July 28, 2026

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1	What is the overall period of performance for all work to be completed on this project?	Please reference Section 108
2	Specifically, when can we start and what is the final deadline for completion?	Start once Notice-to-Proceed is issued, and reference Section 108 for completion.

August 3, 2026

	Questions	Answers
1	Is the 16x6 able to be changed to a double run of 8x6 per ASTM C1577.	No, while the conveyance area might be equal, a double barrel CBC does not meet the design intent, especially with regards to debris passage.
2	Is the Concrete Box Culvert going to be redesigned for the depth of cover required in the drawings? Existing specifications indicate a maximum cover of 4 feet vs the design of 10 feet.	The contractor is required to submit shop drawings per Section 602 of the Special Contract Requirements. The wall thickness of the submitted box culvert should be sized appropriate to design earth cover as conveyed in the plans and cross sections.
3	The Substituted paragraphs on page E-12, 108.05 Failure to Complete Work on Time are confusing. If a Winter storm event shuts down the job, are we going to be charged $230.00 / Day until we can go back to work?	If the project enters an approved winter shutdown period after the contract completion date, liquidated damages will be assessed at $230.00 per day. Under Section 108.05 of the Special Contract Requirements, liquidated damages assessed during an active winter shutdown period are reduced to 10 percent of the full rate specified in FAR Clause 52.211-12. Once the winter shutdown ends and work resumes, the full liquidated damages rate of $2,300.00 per day will resume until the work is substantially complete.

August 4, 2026

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1	We saw that in the fall creek project that there was a line item with spring bypass/ creek bypass. We have heard from a few contractors that they would like numbers to assist in the bypass. I looked through the plans and was able to locate what CFS the bridge will need to be able to withstand but was unable to locate the CFS the creek is expected to be running at when the project is happening. Do you have any additional information to this, or can you point me in the right direction?	Section 628 specifies a stream diversion for a 2-year peak flow, which is 205 cfs in this case, as shown in the Hydraulic Report Table 4. See Section 628.03 for contractor submittal requirements. A different flow and supporting analysis can be submitted with the contractor's diversion plan. Since this stream is not gaged, CFL cannot make this determination or provide a recommendation.

August 6, 2026

	Questions	Answers
1	Is this project tax exempt?	See RFO Clause 52.229-3 Federal, State, and Local Taxes

August 3, 2026 (pm)

	Questions	Answers
1	Status and Applicability of Cross Sections Reference: Cross Sections, Sheet X.1. Please confirm whether the posted cross sections are part of the contract documents and are the controlling basis for bidding, quantity verification, excavation, embankment, riprap, and construction staking. If so, please issue a corrected final cross-section package removing the “Preliminary 95%” and “Not for Construction” designations and confirming the correct project number.	See Amendment 01.
2	Project-Specific Section 404 and Section 401 Authorizations Reference: SCR 107.01, pages E-7 and E-8; Appendix B, Colorado 2026 Nationwide Permit Regional Conditions, pages 135-137.	The NEPA process for this project is complete and all applicable environmental commitments and permits are provided in the SCRs.

	Please provide the project-specific USACE Nationwide Permit verification letters, Section 401 Water Quality Certification documents, preconstruction notification approvals, and all regional or case-specific conditions applicable to each site. • Identify which permits and approvals will be obtained by the Government before Notice to Proceed. • Identify which permits, notifications, fees, and approvals remain the Contractor's responsibility. • Confirm whether required ESA, historic-preservation, Forest Service, and other agency consultations are complete. • Identify any permit restrictions that are not already incorporated into the solicitation.	
3	In-Stream Work Windows and Biological Restrictions Reference: Appendix B, Nationwide Permit General Conditions, pages 119-124; Colorado Regional Conditions, pages 135-137. Please identify all mandatory or anticipated in-stream work windows, spawning restrictions, fisheries restrictions, migratory-bird restrictions, low-flow requirements, and other seasonal environmental constraints applicable to each repair site. Confirm whether work outside those periods may be performed with agency approval and identify the approval process and expected review duration.	The NEPA process for this project is complete and all applicable environmental commitments and permits are provided in the SCRs.
4	Temporary Stream Diversion Locations and Design Criteria Reference: Bid Item A0660; SCR 628.05(d), page E-34; SCR 647.03, page E-39; applicable West Fork and Fall Creek plan sheets. Please clarify the following requirements for Bid Item A0660, Temporary Stream Diversion: • Identify each site where a temporary stream diversion is required. • Provide the minimum design flow or return period for each diversion.	Depending on flow conditions during construction, some type of diversion system may be required at each of the sites, depending on the work required at each site. The requirements for the Temporary Stream Diversion are provided in Section 628 of the FP and SCRs.

	• State required freeboard, redundancy, standby pumping, fish-passage, screening, and monitoring requirements. • Confirm which diversion methods are acceptable at each site. • Identify discharge and treatment requirements for dewatering and sediment-laden water. • Confirm whether calculations and drawings must be prepared and stamped by a Colorado-licensed professional engineer. • Confirm whether the diversion system must be included in, or separately approved under, the Section 404/401 authorization.	
5	West Fork Interim Completion Milestone Reference: SCR 108.01, pages E-10 through E-12; West Fork plan sheets K.1 through K.3. Please define the work required to satisfy the November 16, 2026 interim completion date for the West Fork site. Confirm whether the milestone includes completion and acceptance of the following: • Temporary stream diversion and dewatering. • Removal of temporary riprap and debris. • Scour-void grouting and concrete repair. • Class 6 riprap protection and roadway aggregate repairs. • Guardrail, transition railing, and object markers. • Final grading, stabilization, cleanup, and reopening to traffic. Also confirm whether the interim date will be adjusted if Notice to Proceed, Government-furnished permits, site access, or required Government reviews are delayed.	The interim completion date for the West Fork site will be met when the site is considered substantially complete, per the definition in Section 101 of the FP.
6	West Fork Bridge Access and Vehicular Load Restriction Reference: West Fork plan sheet K.1. Please clarify the West Fork bridge vehicular-load restriction and construction-access requirements: • Define the work and acceptance criteria that constitute completion of the south-abutment scour repair. • State when Contractor vehicles and equipment may cross the bridge.	The West Fork Bridge is currently closed to all use, and no access will be maintained until the Bridge scour repair is complete. The Forest Service constructed a low water crossing just downstream of the bridge with ramps on both stream banks. The contractor will be allowed to reestablish this at grade crossing to access both sides of the project site. The interim completion date for the West Fork site will be met when the site is considered substantially complete, per the definition in Section 101 of the FP.

	• Identify how work on both sides of the bridge is to be accessed and staged before the restriction is lifted. • Identify any alternate construction-access route. • Confirm whether pedestrian, utility, emergency, or concessionaire access must be maintained.	
7	Undefined Lump-Sum Concrete Repair Reference: Bid Item A0400; West Fork plan sheets K.1 through K.3; SCR 203.01 and 203.05, page E-28. Please identify the locations and limits of concrete repair included in Bid Item A0400 and provide the following information: • Structure and element requiring repair. • Approximate repair area and depth. • Type of deterioration and required removal limits. • Reinforcing-steel treatment requirements. • Repair material, finish, and acceptance criteria. • Whether overhead or underwater repair is anticipated. • Applicable details, photographs, and inspection findings. If final limits will be determined after award, please provide a defined allowance or estimated quantity so all bidders price the same scope.	See Amendment 01.
8	West Fork Critical Findings Reports and Grout Limits Reference: West Fork plan sheet K.3; SCR 270.03, page E-30; Bid Item A0360. Please provide the Critical Findings Inspection Reports dated October 27, 2025 and April 8, 2026, including photographs, field measurements, underwater inspection information, and subsequent inspection data. • Confirm the limits of the cavity to be filled with grout. • Confirm that bidders should base pricing on Sheet K.3 and the 4-cubic-yard bid quantity. • Explain how additional voids discovered after removal of temporary riprap or debris will be authorized and paid. • Confirm whether underwater investigation or mapping is required before the grouting-plan submittal.	The inspection reports will be uploaded to sam.gov. The contractor will be compensated for the quantity of grout placed to fill the void beneath the bridge footing. No additional mapping of the void is anticipated.

	• Confirm whether grout is required at the wingwalls in addition to the south-abutment footing.	
9	Hatcher Road Reinforcement Length Conflict Reference: Hatcher Road plan sheet H.1 / Special 204-A; Geotechnical Recommendations Technical Memorandum dated May 28, 2026, identified in SCR 102.02A. Please provide a governing reinforcement schedule for the Hatcher Road reinforced soil slope, by station or representative section, identifying: • Reinforcement length for each lift. • Vertical spacing and long-term design strength. • Limits of the top five extended layers. • Required overlaps and terminations. • Treatment where excavation geometry does not permit the full indicated length. Please clarify whether the governing criterion is 0.7H, the reinforcement range in the geotechnical analysis, extension to the back of excavation, or another project-specific layout.	Refer to sheet H.1 in the plans and sections 204 and 207 of the FP and SCRs.
10	East Fork Natural-Gas Utility Location Reference: East Fork plan sheet D.2; SCR 107.02(d), page E-8. Please provide available records showing the horizontal and vertical location, size, material, and depth of the Xcel Energy gas line at the East Fork site. • Confirm whether potholing or other subsurface utility engineering will be completed before construction. • Identify whether potholing is the Contractor's responsibility. • State minimum clearances from excavation, riprap, aggregate, and compaction operations. • Confirm whether Xcel inspection or standby is required. • Identify how conflicts, protection measures, hand excavation, delays, and redesign will be measured and paid.	The gas line is expected to be outside the construction limits of this site and is located on the inboard cutslope of the road, opposite the repair site. The gas line is not in conflict with planned repairs at this site.
11	East Fork Temporary Repair Removal Reference: East Fork plan sheet C.1; SCR 203.01 and 203.05, page E-28.	Existing materials used in the temporary repair may be utilized as part of this project provided they meet the applicable contract requirements. The

	Please define the limits and approximate quantity of the East Fork temporary repair to be removed, including temporary fill, riprap or boulders, logs and woody debris, geosynthetics, buried materials, and material placed by Xcel Energy. Clarify which materials must be disposed of offsite, salvaged, or incorporated into the permanent work, and identify any Government-designated disposal or stockpile locations.	Government has not designated any disposal or stockpile locations. Debris removed from the site must be disposed of outside the Forest.
12	Fall Creek Headwall and Wingwall Design Responsibility Reference: SCR 602.01 and 602.03, page E-33; Fall Creek plan sheet L.1. Please clarify the Contractor's permanent-design responsibility for the Fall Creek headwalls, wingwalls, cutoff walls, and foundations. • Confirm whether structural calculations are required. • Confirm whether drawings and calculations must be signed and sealed by a Colorado-licensed professional engineer. • Identify the required design-code edition and load combinations. • Confirm whether the reinforcement and dimensions on Sheet L.1 are minimum requirements or preliminary details subject to Contractor redesign. • State whether the Government review is for design adequacy or general conformance. • Provide the review duration and confirm whether precast fabrication may proceed before wall-design approval.	No further design of the headwalls, wingwalls, cutoff walls, and foundations will be required. Shop drawings of these structures indicating layout of the structures in relation to existing ground conditions will be required. Shop drawing need to be submitted, reviewed, and approved before precast concrete fabrication may commence. The Government review is for general conformance to the plans.
13	Unsuitable Foundation Material and Dewatering at Fall Creek Reference: SCR 102.02A, pages E-1 and E-2; Geotechnical Recommendations Technical Memorandum; Fall Creek plan sheet L.1; Bid Schedule. Please clarify the required action and payment basis if the Fall Creek box-culvert excavation encounters	Refer to Sections 602 and 209 of the FP and SCRs.

	unsuitable material, bedrock or oversized boulders, groundwater, flowing water below the diversion, inadequate bearing conditions, or a need for undercut, stabilization aggregate, lean concrete, geotextile, or revised bedding. Identify the applicable pay item and confirm whether these conditions will be handled as measured quantity changes, Government-directed extra work, or differing site conditions.	
14	Haul Route and Delivery Restrictions Reference: SCR 104.08, page E-3; Bid Item A0440; Summary of Quantities, Sheet B.1. Please identify the approved access and haul routes for each site and provide all applicable vehicle weight, axle, bridge, width, length, seasonal, permitting, gate-access, turnaround, delivery-hour, and roadway-repair restrictions. Specifically confirm that the 16-foot-span precast box-culvert sections can be transported to the Fall Creek site using the approved route.	Legal loads are required on all haul routes. County Road 648 which accesses the West Fork Bridge and Hatcher sites has a load limited bridge with a 2-axle limit of 25 tons, a 3-axle limit of 39 tons, and a 4-axle limit of 41 tons. Some of the roads that provide access to these sites are currently gated and closed. These roads will remain closed to the public during construction. The Forest will provide the contractor with a key to open the gates and access the sites. The Fall Creek site is located very near the US 160 highway. The Forest Road accessing the site can accommodate transport of the precast concrete box culvert; however, there are no truck turnaround locations at the project site.
15	RSS Drainage Components and Payment Reference: Hatcher Road plan sheet H.1 / Special 204-A; Bid Item A0300; SCR 207.09, page E-29. Please confirm the pay item under which the complete Hatcher Road reinforced-soil-slope drainage system is included. Confirm whether geocomposite drains, geotextile, collector and outlet piping, fittings, screens, granular backfill, excavation, and outlet protection are incidental to Bid Item A0300 unless otherwise identified.	Refer to section 207 of the FP for clarification.
16	Reuse Suitability of Excavated Material Reference: SCR 102.02A, pages E-1 and E-2; Geotechnical Recommendations Technical Memorandum; SCR 204.16 and 207.09, page E-29.	On site materials within the construction limits may be reused in the construction of this project provided those materials meet the necessary requirements for the specified material. The Government has not performed any testing to verify the quantity or quality of available material at each site.

	Please identify which onsite materials, if any, may be reused as standard embankment, RSS backfill, roadway aggregate, streambed material, general backfill, or riprap bedding/chinking material. Provide available gradation, plasticity, moisture-density, durability, and other testing data. Confirm that bidders should assume imported material where no approval or test data is provided.	
17	Streambed-Material Acceptance Basis Reference: SCR 647.05, page E-39; Summary of Quantities, Sheet B.1; Final Hydraulic Report dated May 28, 2026, identified in SCR 102.02A. Please identify the reference location and acceptance criteria for conserved or imported Fall Creek streambed material, including target gradation, maximum particle size, fines content, plasticity, color, angularity, and lithology. Confirm whether the 45-cubic-yard bid quantity assumes a specific split between conserved and imported material.	Per Section 647 of the SCRs, streambed material will be tested by the contractor to confirm the gradation of existing material. Streambed material can be excavated, conserved, and stockpiled at locations within the construction limits, as identified by the CO. However, because the majority of streambed material at the site was lost in the flood, the contractor should expect to import most, if not all, the required streambed material.
18	Government-Approved Staging and Stockpile Areas Reference: SCR 105.04, pages E-3 and E-4. Please identify on the plans the previously disturbed areas at each site that are approved for staging, stockpiling, equipment parking, field-office placement, and temporary material processing. For any additional area requiring environmental clearance, identify the review process and expected duration.	All previously disturbed areas at each site (along the road, pullouts, etc.) can be submitted for use as a staging or stockpile area. No additional environmental clearance is expected for areas that have been previously disturbed.