Q&A Summary – Solicitation 140FS226Q0172
NE Rainwater Basin WMD Mechanical Tree Cutting (Lange and Rolland WPAs)

This document consolidates questions submitted by vendors and the Government's responses.

Site Access and Visits

The locations are open to the public and may be visited. Staff-led site visits may be scheduled subject to availability; contact Jessica Bolser (308-293-7307, jessice_bolser@fws.gov) to arrange.

Period of Performance

Q: The solicitation identifies a period of performance of October 1, 2026, through January 15, 2027, while the SOW states that work begins October 1 and must be completed within 90 days. Could you please confirm the required final completion date?

A: The preferred start date is October 1, 2026, with a completion date no later than December 31, 2026.

Tree Density

Q: Estimated number of trees/densities across approximately 152 acres.

A: The Government does not have stem count or tree-per-acre density data available. Vendors are encouraged to visit the site to assess density.

Type of Tree Cutting (Selective vs. Full Clear)

Q: Is this a full clear or a selective clear?

A: This is a selective cut. All trees and shrubs are to be cut, except plum and sumac.

Handling of Cut Trees

Q: What should be done with the cut down trees (lopped and scattered, chipped, or hauled away)?

A: Cut trees should be piled. The contractor is only responsible for creating the piles—no burning or off-site hauling required. Where the Statement of Work specifies pile dimensions (e.g., approximately 15 feet tall and 50 feet in diameter), those specifications apply to the piles to be created.

Wetland Delineation

Q: The SOW prohibits the placement of tree piles within wetland areas. To ensure compliance during heavy equipment operation, are the wetland boundaries physically flagged on-site, or will the Government provide GPS/GIS shapefiles to the Contractor for use in on-board navigation systems?

A: The boundaries will be identified on a map provided to the contractor.

Equipment Preferences

Q: Is there a preference on the equipment used to cut material? Is hand cutting acceptable?

A: There is no preference on the type of equipment. Trees can be cut by hand and mechanically piled.

Safety and Public Access Coordination

Q: Will the Government close work zones or post safety notifications to the public, or must the Contractor provide all safety signage/exclusion measures during mechanical operations?

A: The USFWS will not provide public exclusion measures or signage, and the area will not be closed to the public. Communication and coordination with WMD staff should be enough.

Wetland Delineation

Q: Are wetland boundaries physically flagged on-site, or will GPS/GIS shapefiles be provided?

A: Wetland boundaries will be identified on a map provided to the contractor.

Herbicide Specifications

Q: What FWS-approved herbicides (brands/active ingredients) are required for stump treatment?

A: Preferred options include Garlon 4 Ultra or Remedy Ultra.

8. Site Meeting Timeline

Q: Should the required on-site meeting with FWS staff occur immediately upon award, or within the 90-day performance period?

A: The meeting can be scheduled anytime within the performance period prior to starting work.

If you have additional questions, please email Jeremy Riva, jeremy_riva@ios.doi.gov.