

Request for Proposals (RFP) for Forest Health Assessment

The Tubatulabals of Kern Valley (“Tribe”) invites qualified professionals to submit proposals for conducting a comprehensive Forest Health Assessment in designated areas within Kwolokam, Kern County, CA. The project site, approximately **154 acres**, is located at **4854 Fay Ranch Rd., Weldon, CA 93283**. This project aims to assess the current health of forest ecosystems, evaluate ecological conditions, and identify areas requiring restoration or conservation efforts. Proposals must include a detailed cost breakdown covering labor and materials and adhere to the scope outlined below.

As part of the Tribe’s commitment to capacity-building and education, we request that four tribal members be allowed to shadow the professional team throughout the assessment. These members will be covered under the Tribe’s liability insurance for the duration of the project, ensuring appropriate coverage and protection during all related activities.

Project Overview:

The Tribe seeks a contractor to perform a comprehensive Forest Health Assessment in specified zones within Kwolokam, as indicated in the attached map.

The objectives of the Forest Health Assessment are to:

- **Evaluate** the current condition of the forest ecosystem.
- **Identify** risks such as fire hazards, invasive species, and disease.
- **Recommend** strategies for restoration, conservation, and sustainable management.

Proposal Submission:

All proposals must be submitted to the Tubatulabals of Kern Valley by November 30th 2024.

Please submit via:

Mail: Tubatulabals of Kern Valley, P.O. Box 833, Weldon, CA 93283

Email: miguelcarvajal@tubatulabal.org

Proposals should include:

- A detailed cost breakdown for services.
- A project timeline, including start and completion dates.
- Experience and qualifications of the proposing entity.
- A list of any subcontractors to be used.
- A detailed methodology for conducting the Forest Health Assessment.
- A plan for mentoring four tribal members as part of the Tribe’s education initiative.

Scope of Work:

The selected contractor will be responsible for the following:

1. **Forest Health Assessment:**
 - Assess tree health, forest density, and ground cover.
 - Identify fire hazards, disease risks, and invasive species.
 - Evaluate overall ecological conditions, including water sources and wildlife habitats.
 - Provide actionable recommendations for forest restoration, conservation, and sustainable management.

2. **Final Report:**
 - Prepare and submit a comprehensive report detailing:
 - The current health and status of the forest.
 - Detected issues such as pest infestations or erosion risks.
 - Proposed long-term solutions and management strategies.

Schedule:

- **Start Date:** Work must begin within 30 days of the contract award.
- **Completion:** The Forest Health Assessment must be completed within 90 days of contract award.
- **Final Report Submission:** The completed report must be submitted within 120 days of the project start date.

Contractor Qualifications:

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Demonstrated experience in conducting Forest Health Assessments.
- Knowledge of California forest management practices and ecosystem conservation.
- Ability to deliver high-quality work within the proposed timeline.
- Commitment to mentoring tribal members throughout the project.

Questions and Inquiries:

For any questions or clarifications regarding this RFP, please contact:

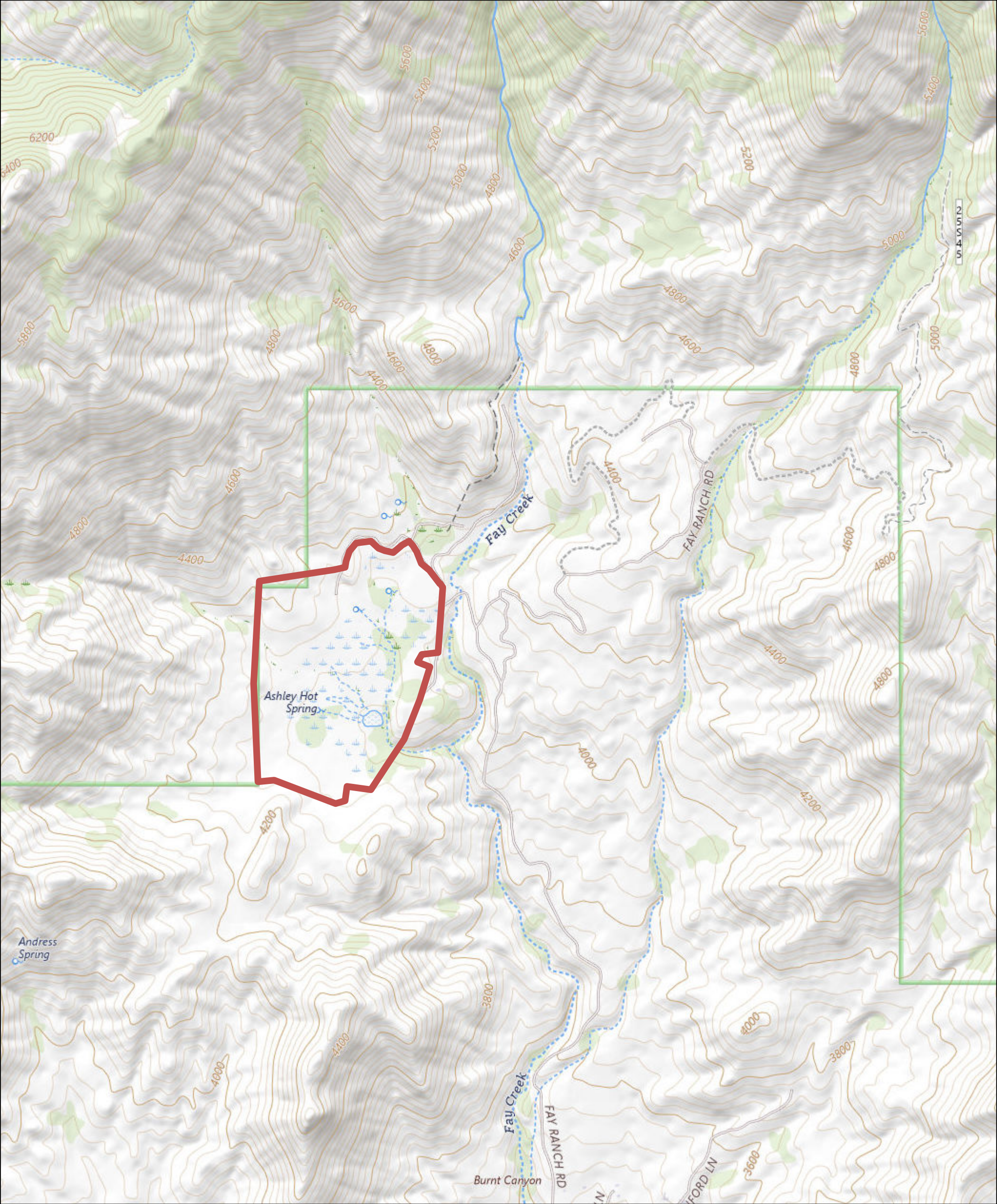
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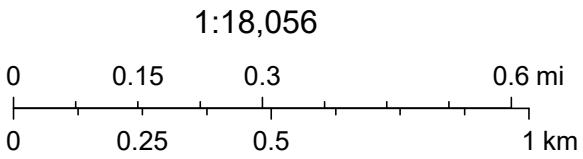
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The Tribe looks forward to receiving proposals from qualified contractors who can contribute to both the sustainability of our forested lands and the educational growth of our community members.

Kwolokam Assessment Area



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154 Acres



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