

Request for Bids
Fall/Winter 2025-2026 Skid & Deck Project
October 22nd, 2025

Project Proponent: California Deer Association (CDA)

Location: Klamath National Forest, 9 miles (~20-minute drive) from Macdoel, CA

Project treatment will occur on 1,154.5 acres within the Goosenest Ranger District on the Klamath National Forest (KNF). The project is located in Siskiyou County approximately 9 miles south of Macdoel, California in Sections 27, 28, 33, and 34 of Township 45 North, Range 01 West; and Section 2 of Township 44 North, Range 01 West; Mt. Diablo Meridian. The altitude ranges from about 4,400 to 4,500 feet.

Project Deliverables

- 1,154.5 acres of skid & deck

Project Timeline

The timeline for this treatment would begin upon execution of the contract (*estimated November 3rd, 2025*) to December 31st, 2025, with a possibility of extension if **required**. Approximately 544 acres of roadside will be the priority treatment acres and is **required** to be treated first. The remaining acreage of 610.5 acres are the second priority treatment.

Description of Work

This project will encompass approximately 1,155 acres of mechanical treatment via skidding juniper, processing, and decking for firewood. This project aims to skid and deck existing Juniper piles to support removal of fuels from the KNF Goosenest Ranger District landscape. The project map of the treatment areas is included in Appendix C. The acreage breakdown by unit is summarized in *Table 1*.

Virtual unit boundaries may be used for all units. The contractor may use flagging to mark unit boundaries if desired. A detailed layout map will be provided for use with Avenza maps or similar program for delineating boundaries. Global positioning system devices must have an accuracy of at least 15 feet to ensure compliance with the allowable tolerance.

The general specifications for each treatment are described in Appendix A and priority treatments are listed in Table 2. A Fire Plan will be provided by CDA and adhered to by the contractor. The daily schedule may be modified due to the daily Project Activity Levels, and the contractor shall be responsible for calling the identified telephone number daily to understand fire restrictions for operations.

Table 1. Treatment Units by Priority

Unit	Priority	Acres
1	1	544
2	2	602.8
3	3	7.7
Total		1,154.5

Much of the treatment for this project will occur along publicly accessible USDA Forest Service system roads. When working within 200-ft of a roadside, the contractor will be required to display signage to indicate to oncoming traffic from both directions that work is ongoing. The contractor will provide all the necessary signage.

All applicable Project Design Features will be followed to ensure resource protection measures are adhered to. Project Design Features are listed in Appendix B.

Quality Assurance

The contract foreman will perform quality auditing in the form of visual inspections across each unit to evaluate that the treatment prescriptions are being met. Any areas where the prescription cannot be met will be documented and reported to the CDA representative for further review. If the foreman determines that the prescription is not met in an area of any unit, the contractor will be obligated to make the necessary adjustments. Measures taken to correct the treatment in an area of the unit will be communicated to the CDA project manager as soon as the contractor is able. Each treated unit will also be evaluated by the CDA project manager as well as KNF staff to ensure that the prescription meet specifications. If it is determined by either party that the treatment does not comply with the listed specifications in any area of any unit, the contractor will be obligated to make the necessary adjustments.

Contractor Minimum Qualifications

- Contractor, Contractor's principal, or Contractors' staff shall have been regularly engaged in the business of logging, skidding, mastication, chipping/grinding, or mechanical thinning within forest environments for at least 3 years.
- Contractor shall possess all permits, licenses, and professional credentials necessary to perform services as specified under a CDA contract.

Appendix A – Specifications

- Juniper bundles will be skidded into the designated landing areas as specified in the plan of operations.
 - Juniper shall be processed at designated landings, with fuelwood logs separated from slash material.
 - Fuelwood logs shall be a minimum of 3 inches diameter at the small end in (inside bark). Fuelwood shall meet merchantable fuelwood specifications such that minimum length is 6 feet and be reasonably sound (free of excessive rot or defect).
 - Fuelwood shall be decked in an orderly manner, and slash shall be piled within the approved landing footprint.
 - Construction of temporary roads and skid trails shall be subject to agreement with CDA prior to construction.
 - Contractor shall construct approximately 1.5 miles of temporary road to facilitate access to designated landing locations.
 - Removal of any trees to facilitate the logging system must be approved in advance.
 - Skid trail design (e.g. spacing/width) shall be reviewed and approved prior to construction.
 - Landing design and location should be reviewed and approved prior to construction.
- I. **Roads.** CONTRACTOR is authorized to use existing National Forest system roads and specified roads approved by CDA. CONTRACTOR and CDA will determine that such use will not cause damage to the roads or resources. CONTRACTOR, with approval from CDA, is authorized to maintain roads, bridges, and other transportation facilities, as needed for conducting treatments on the project area.
- II. **Plan of Operations for Roads.** Prior to start of operations, CONTRACTOR will prepare a supplemental document that shall include a schedule of proposed maintenance and construction progress and a description of planned measures to be taken to provide erosion control for work in progress, including special measures to be taken on any segments of construction not substantially completed prior to periods of seasonal precipitation or runoff. The CONTRACTOR shall submit a revised schedule when they propose a significant deviation from the progress schedule. Prior to beginning construction on any portion of specified roads identified as sensitive on plans, CDA shall agree on the proposed method of construction and maintenance.
- III. **Temporary Roads.** As necessary to attain stabilization of roadbed and fill slopes of temporary roads, CONTRACTOR shall employ such measures as outsloping, drainage dips, and waterspreading ditches. After a temporary road has served purpose, CONTRACTOR shall give notice to CDA and shall remove bridges and culverts, eliminate ditches, outslope roadbed, remove ruts and berms, effectively block the road to normal vehicular traffic where feasible under existing terrain conditions, and build cross ditches and water bars, as staked or otherwise agreed to. When bridges and culverts are removed, associated fills shall also be removed to the extent necessary to permit normal maximum flow of water.
- IV. **Temporary Roads to Remain Open.** All bridges and culverts shall remain in place and ditches shall not be eliminated on Temporary Roads, shown as “Remained Open on the Map. All drainage structures shall be left in functional condition.”
- V. **Protection of Residual Trees.** CONTRACTOR operations shall not unnecessarily damage young growth or other trees to be reserved.
- VI. **Safety.** The CONTRACTOR’s operations shall be safe and practical while executing all official duties on the Project Area. The CONTRACTOR has/have all responsibility for compliance with safety requirements for the CONTRACTOR’s employees.

- When operations are in progress adjacent or on Forest Service controlled roads and trails open to public travel, the CONTRACTOR shall furnish, install, and maintain all temporary traffic controls that provide the user with adequate warning of hazardous or potentially hazardous conditions associated with operations occurring in the area. The parties shall agree to a specific traffic control plan prior to commencement of work if deemed necessary. Devices shall be appropriate to current conditions and shall be covered or removed when not needed.
- During periods of general recreation activity within the Project Area or vicinity, CDA may restrict project operations to days other than Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

VII. Sanitation and Servicing. CONTRACTOR shall take all reasonable precautions to prevent pollution of air, soil, and water by operations. Precautions shall include if facilities for employees are established on the Project Area, they shall be operated in a sanitary manner. The parties shall agree to the cleanup and restoration of a polluted site. CONTRACTOR shall maintain all equipment operating on Contract Area in good repair and free of abnormal leakage of lubricants, fuel, coolants, and hydraulic fluid. CONTRACTOR shall not service tractors, trucks, or other equipment on National Forest lands where servicing is likely to result in pollution to soil or water. CONTRACTOR shall furnish oil-absorbing mats for use under all stationary equipment or equipment being serviced to prevent leaking or spilled petroleum-based products from contaminating soil and water resources. CONTRACTOR shall remove from National Forest lands all contaminated soil, vegetation, debris, vehicle oil filters (drained of free-flowing oil), batteries, oily rags, and waste oil resulting from use, servicing, repair, or abandonment of equipment.

VIII. Prevention of Oil Spills. If CONTRACTOR maintain(s) storage facilities for oil or oil products on the Project Area, they shall take appropriate preventive measures to ensure that any spill of such oil or oil products does not enter any stream or other waters of the United States or any of the individual States. If the total oil or oil products storage exceeds 1,320 gallons in containers of 55 gallons or greater, CONTRACTOR shall prepare a Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures Plan. Such plan shall meet applicable EPA requirements (40 CFR 112), including certification by a registered professional engineer. CONTRACTOR shall notify CDA and appropriate agencies of all reportable (40 CFR 110) spills of oil or oil products on or in the vicinity of the Project Area that are caused by CONTRACTOR's employees, agents, contractors or their employees or agents, directly or indirectly, as a result of operations. CONTRACTOR will take whatever initial action may be safely accomplished to contain all spills.

IX. Hazardous Substances. CONTRACTOR shall notify the National Response Center and CDA principal contact of all releases of reportable quantities of hazardous substances on or in the vicinity of the Project Area that are caused by CONTRACTOR's employees, agents, contractors or their employees or agents, directly or indirectly, as a result of CONTRACTOR's operations, in accordance with 40 CFR 302.

X. Washing Equipment: In order to prevent the spread of noxious weeds into the Contract Area, CONTRACTOR shall be required to clean all off-road logging and construction equipment **prior** to entry on to the Project Area. This cleaning shall remove all soil, plant parts, seeds, vegetative matter, or other debris that could contain or hold seeds. Only logging and construction equipment that is inspected by CDA and/or Forest Service will be allowed to operate within the Project Area. All subsequent move-ins of equipment to the Project Area shall be treated in the same manner as the initial move in. "Off-road equipment" includes all logging and construction machinery, except for log trucks, chip vans, service vehicles, water trucks, pickup trucks, cars, and similar vehicles.

- CONTRACTOR shall employ whatever cleaning methods are necessary to ensure that off-road equipment is free of noxious weeds. Equipment shall be considered free of soil, seed, and other such debris when a visual inspection does not disclose such material. Disassembly of equipment components or specialized inspection tools is not required.
- New infestations of noxious weeds that are of concern to CDA and identified by either CONTRACTOR or CDA on the Project Area shall be promptly reported to the other party. CONTRACTOR and CDA

shall agree on treatment methods to reduce or stop the spread of noxious weeds when new infestations are found.

- XI. Skidding.** Methods of skidding specified for particular areas, if any, will be discussed prior to contract execution. Outside units, insofar as ground conditions permit, products shall not be skidded against reserve trees or groups of reproduction and tractors shall be equipped with a winch to facilitate skidding.
- XII. Landings and Skid Trails.** Location of all landings, tractor roads, and skid trails shall be agreed upon prior to their construction. The cleared or excavated size of landings shall not exceed that needed for efficient skidding and loading operations
- XIII. Protection of Streamcourses.** CONTRACTOR's operations shall be conducted to prevent debris from entering streamcourses. In event CONTRACTOR causes debris to enter streamcourses in amounts that may adversely affect the natural flow of the stream, water quality, or fishery resource, CONTRACTOR shall remove such debris as soon as practicable, but not to exceed 2 days, and in an agreed manner that will cause the least disturbance to streamcourses. Wheeled or track-laying equipment shall not be operated in streamcourses, except at crossings agreed to by CDA or as essential to construction or removal of culverts and bridges.
- XIV. Erosion Prevention and Control.** The CONTRACTOR's operations shall be conducted reasonably to minimize soil erosion. Equipment shall not be operated when ground conditions are such that excessive damage will result. The CONTRACTOR shall adjust the kinds and intensity of erosion control work done, to ground conditions and weather conditions and the need for controlling runoff. Erosion control work shall be kept current immediately preceding expected seasonal periods of precipitation or runoff.
- Prior to periods of accelerated water runoff, especially during the spring runoff and periods of heavy rainfall, the CONTRACTOR shall inspect and open culverts and drainage structures, construct special cross ditches for road runoff, and take other reasonable measures needed to prevent soil erosion and siltation of streams.
 - Unless otherwise agreed in writing, the CONTRACTOR shall complete erosion prevention and control work, including streamcourse protection, within 15 calendar days after completion of skidding operations for each landing.
 - Designation of on the groundwork shall be done as promptly as feasible unless it is agreed that the location of such work can be established without marking on the ground.
 - During periods of accelerated water runoff, especially during the spring runoff and periods of heavy rainfall, the CONTRACTOR shall inspect and open culverts and drainage structures, construct special cross ditches for road runoff, and take other reasonable measures needed to prevent soil erosion and siltation of streams.
 - When operations are active, erosion control work will be kept current and will be completed as soon as practicable.
- XV. Protection of Improvements.** So far as practicable, the CONTRACTOR shall protect specified roads and other improvements (such as roads, trails, telephone lines, ditches, and fences):
- Existing in the operating area,
 - Determined to have a continuing need or use, and
 - Designated on the Map
 - The CONTRACTOR shall keep roads and trails needed for fire protection or other purposes and reasonably free of equipment and products, slash, and debris resulting from the CONTRACTOR's operations. The CONTRACTOR shall make timely restoration of any such improvements damaged by the CONTRACTOR's operations and, when necessary, because of such operations, shall move such improvements.
- XVI. Meadow Protection.** Reasonable care shall be taken to avoid damage to the cover, soil, and water in meadows and shown on the Project Area Map. Vehicular or skidding equipment shall not be used on

meadows, except where roads, landings, and tractor roads are approved. Resulting slash shall be removed where necessary to protect cover, soil, and water.

XVII. Resource Protection. Resources requiring protection will be shown on the Project Area Map for avoidance. Vehicular or skidding equipment shall not be used in those designated areas, except where roads, landings, and tractor roads are approved.

XVIII. Landings. After landings have served CONTRACTOR's purpose, CONTRACTOR shall ditch and slope them to permit water to drain or spread. Unless agreed to otherwise, cut and fill banks around landings shall be sloped to remove overhangs and otherwise minimize erosion.

XIX. Skid Trails and Fire Lines. CONTRACTOR shall construct cross ditches and water-spreading ditches on tractor roads and skid trails, where needed to prevent erosion. By agreement, CONTRACTOR may use other comparable erosion control measures, such as backblading skid trails, in lieu of cross ditching.



Appendix B – Project Design Features

Resource	Project Design Feature	Applicable Unit/Area
Archaeology-1	All archaeological sites and features within the area of potential effects will be clearly delineated prior to implementation. This includes but is not limited to flagging site boundaries.	All units
Archaeology-2	No project activities will occur within site boundaries unless approved by a CDA Representative.	All units
Archaeology-3	In the event that new archaeological deposits, including human remains, are discovered during project implementation, the CDA Project Manager must be notified and all activities in the resource vicinity (150 feet) stop until clearance is provided by a CDA Representative.	All units
Archaeology-6	Linear historic features such as trails or railroad grades may be crossed by equipment at designated locations with explicit written permission by the CDA Representative. Any designated crossings will be selected prior to the implementation of project activities and the location will be made known to the contractor.	All units
Botany-2	In the event any threatened, endangered, sensitive, or survey and manage botanical species are discovered before or during the various phases of the project, the area will be flagged and avoided until a botanist can be consulted and appropriate protection measures can be put in place.	All units
Botany-3	Meadows adjacent to treatment units shall not be used for staging areas or contractor camping. Vehicles are also prohibited from off-road travel in these areas.	All units
Non-native Invasive species-1	Equipment and vehicles that leave established road surfaces will be cleaned of soil, seeds, vegetative matter, and other debris that could contain noxious weed seeds prior to entering and before leaving the project area. Areas appropriate for cleaning equipment prior to leaving the project area will be designated as appropriate.	All units
Non-native Invasive species-2	Ensure that there will be no parking of vehicles or mechanical equipment where high priority noxious weed infestations are known to occur. Equipment, vehicles, and personnel will avoid working within flagged noxious weed sites. Orange flagging labeled in black with "Invasive Species" will be used to delineate avoidance boundaries.	All units
Range-1	The timing of implementation actions will be coordinated as soon as feasible with a range specialist. Permittees will be notified prior to any implementation action which may disrupt livestock operations within their permitted allotment.	All units

Range-2	All known structural rangeland improvements (e.g. corrals, cattle guards, troughs, fences, and spring developments), will be documented and protected from disturbance. If damage occurs, improvements will be repaired or replaced in a timely manner and to standard. Where feasible, use existing gates located in fence lines for access rather than cutting fence. If a section of fence needs to be cut for project access, coordinate a CDA Representative for permittee notifications and fence design.	All units
Range-A	Treatments will be monitored for the establishment and spread of invasive annual plants after implementation. Distribution and timing of livestock grazing will be adjusted, if feasible and consistent with the terms of the established grazing permit, to manage populations of invasive annual plants and favor persistence and spread of competitive native plants.	All units
Recreation and Scenery-1	Provide safety and closure signing along roads as needed to provide for public safety.	All units
Recreation and Scenery-2	Repair or replace recreational signing, or other facilities, or recreation settings if damaged during project implementation.	All units
Watershed-12	Found wet areas (e.g. springs, seeps, ponds, streams) and meadows not previously identified during project planning will be treated as Riparian Reserves until reviewed by a specialist.	All units
Watershed-23	Operate according to the Wet Weather Operation Standards (USDA Forest Service 2002).	All Operations
Watershed-J	Large, downed wood in stream channels and hydrologic depressions and swales (locations where water collects with very little to no scour) would remain in place.	All units
Wildlife-1	A seasonal restriction of January 1 to August 31st will apply to all activities that <i>create noise above ambient levels</i> (e.g. chainsaw or heavy equipment, not including motor vehicle traffic on roadways) that occur within 0.25 miles of a bald eagle or golden eagle nest. If surveys determine the nest site is not active, then seasonal restriction may be lifted for the year.	All units
Wildlife-2	A seasonal restriction of January 1st to August 31st will apply to all activities that <i>modify habitat</i> within 0.25 miles of a bald eagle or golden eagle nest. If surveys determine that nest site is not active, then seasonal restriction may be lifted for the year.	All units
Wildlife-5	No previously known or newly discovered bald or golden eagle nest trees, perch trees, or roost trees within winter roost areas will be removed or destroyed as a result of project activities.	All units

Wildlife-6	If bats are found in caves, mines and abandoned wooden bridges and buildings, a 250' buffer around the cave will be flagged for no treatment.	All units
Wildlife-8	A seasonal restriction will apply if an active gray wolf den site is detected in or near the project area during the project implementation. A Limited Operating Period (LOP) that restricts above ambient noise- (e.g. chainsaw or heavy equipment, not including motor vehicle traffic on roadways) and smoke generating activities within one mile of the den will be implemented from the time wolf activity is detected through June 30. Further discussions and coordination with CDA may result in modified distances or more flexible dates.	LOP would apply within the one-mile area as appropriate within the project area
Wildlife-9	A seasonal restriction will apply if an active gray wolf rendezvous site is detected in or near the project area during the project implementation. A LOP that restricts above ambient noise- (e.g. chainsaw or heavy equipment, not including motor vehicle traffic on roadways) and smoke-generating activities within one mile of the rendezvous site will be implemented from the time wolf activity is detected through August 31. Further discussions and coordination with CDA may result in modified distances or more flexible dates.	LOP would apply within the one-mile area as appropriate within the project area
Wildlife-11	A seasonal restriction of March 1st to August 31st will apply to project activities that create noise above ambient levels (e.g. chainsaw or heavy equipment, not including motor vehicle traffic on roadways) within 0.25 miles of active goshawk nest sites. If surveys determine the nest site is not active, then seasonal restriction may be lifted for the year.	All units
Wildlife-12	A seasonal restriction of March 1 to August 31 will apply to project activities that result in habitat modifying activities within 0.5 mile of an active northern goshawk nest. This seasonal restriction may be lifted for the year if surveys determine no nesting activity. If surveys determine the nest site is not active, then seasonal restriction may be lifted for the year.	All units
Wildlife-F	A seasonal restriction of April 1st to August 15th will apply to all activities that modify habitat or create noise above ambient levels (e.g. chainsaw or heavy equipment, not including motor vehicle traffic on roadways) within 0.25 miles of a Swainson's hawk nest. If surveys determine the nest site is not active, then seasonal restriction may be lifted for the year.	All units
Wildlife-K	Project activities within 300 feet of willow flycatcher habitat will not be implemented during the period of May 15 through August 31 to reduce disturbance to nesting willow flycatchers.	All units

