



Building capacity for and demonstration of Cooperative Burning in New Mexico

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REQUEST FOR PRESCRIBED BURN BID

Due Date: 12:00 Noon, Thursday August 25, 2016

Return proposals to Eytan Krasilovsky, Southwest Director, Forest Stewards Guild
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Scope of Work: The general intent is to provide insured and qualified burn boss type two (RXB2) for up to three mobilizations. The contractor will organize and lead a burn crew to implement up to three burns in September and October 2016. Contractor will work as part of a team with Forest Stewards Guild, local land managers and owners, and local volunteer and hired resources. The Forest Stewards Guild is coordinating burn permits, burn equipment, and firefighters from state, local, and NGOs. The Forest Stewards Guild is now accepting bids for three burns scheduled in September and October. Bids will be considered for one, two, or all three burns.

Approved and signed burn plans are accessible at the links below. Contractor is expected to use and follow these burn plans. Contractor must provide proof of insurance for damages incurred by fire and smoke.

The bid should include a quote for a qualified and insured Burn Boss Type Two. Burn 1 requires 4-days onsite, Burn 2 requires 5-days onsite, and Burn 3 requires 5-days onsite. The bid should account for about 16 hours spent working with the planning teams beforehand. This project is supported by funds that require match from participating partners, so quotes should also document any match (which includes any difference between your quoted and your standard rates). We are looking for a partner who is willing to provide the leadership and firefighting support to implement this burn in a coordinated and multi-organizational way.

All firefighters will meet National Wildland Coordinating Group (NWCG) standards and have required PPE including New Generation Fire Shelters. Other observers, media, landowners and managers may be in attendance. Unqualified individuals will remain in an area with immediate access to a safety zone. The burn will meet the national standards established by the NWCG and should follow all elements outlined in the guidance document *Interagency Prescribed Fire Planning and Implementation Guide* (<http://gacc.nifc.gov/gbcc/dispatch/wy-tdc/documents/local-operations/other-local-ops/pms484.pdf>). The Forest Stewards Guild is a member of the NM Prescribed Fire Council.

Burn 1: Cottonwood Gulch – Training Burns (September 14-17, Thoreau, NM). Manage several <5 acre training burns for The Nature Conservancy's 20 person Spanish Language Prescribed Fire Training Exchange. See attached burn plan and map (burn unit 2). The burn is on private land in ponderosa pine. The burn plan can be accessed here:

www.forestguild.org/Documents/ControlledBurning/2015CWG_Pratt_RX_Plan.pdf with maps on PDF pages 32-36.

Burn 2: Cottonwood Gulch – Collaborative Burn (September – October, Thoreau, NM). Manage up to 60 acres of broadcast and jackpot burning on private land in burn units 2 and 3. The burn plan is the same as Burn 1.

Burn 3: Black Lake RX III – Collaborative Burn (September – October, Black Lake, NM). Manage approximately 200 acres of broadcast burning in ponderosa pine and mixed conifer treated forests with additional potential for up to 300 acres of grassland and ponderosa savanna available as well. Burn plan can be found here: [www.forestguild.org/publications/Burn%20Plan Black%20Lake%202011.pdf](http://www.forestguild.org/publications/Burn%20Plan%20Black%20Lake%202011.pdf) with maps on PDF pages 40-42. A previous burn map from 2013 and 2014 can be accessed here, www.forestguild.org/CFRP/BlackLake/2014_BlackLakeAcres2.jpg.

Background: The Forest Stewards Guild practices and promotes responsible forestry as a means of sustaining the integrity of forest ecosystems and the human communities dependent upon them. The Guild engages in education, training, policy analysis, research, and advocacy to foster excellence in stewardship, support practicing foresters and allied professionals, and engage a broader community in the challenges of forest conservation and management. Since 1984, the Forest Stewards Guild has worked to increase the resilience and health of New Mexico’s forests and communities. The Forest Stewards Guild, the Nature Conservancy’s Fire Learning Network, and the Fire Adapted Communities Learning Network have collaborated since 2013 on increasing the pace and scale of prescribed fire and wildland training efforts in New Mexico on state and private lands.

Additional Information:

- www.forestguild.org
- www.fireadaptednetwork.org
- <https://www.conservationgateway.org/ConservationPractices/FireLandscapes/FireLearningNetwork/Pages/fire-learning-network.aspx>
- <http://aces.nmsu.edu/nmrxfire/index.html>

Please see attached map and direct any questions to Eytan Krasilovsky 505.470.0185, eytan@forestguild.org. Copies of the burn plan can be emailed to prospective bidders.

Complete Bids may be emailed to eytan@forestguild.org or mailed to 2019 Galisteo St., Suite N-7, Santa Fe, NM 87505.

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