

CUERNO VERDE RFP

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Project: Hazardous Forest Fuel Reduction and Forest Stand Improvement within Cuerno Verde “The Pines” Subdivision

Project Areas: Cuerno Verde “The Pines” subdivision is located in the Wet Mountain Valley on the western shoulder of the Wet Mountains overlooking the northern Sangre de Cristo range to the west. The towns of Westcliffe and Silver Cliff are north of the subdivision. “The Pines” is a covenant controlled residential community of 526 lots each approximately six (6) acres in size. Main accesses are from Airport Rd. to Wykagyl Rd. or from CR 318 to Wykagyl Rd. (See area map). Minimum total area of each property’s extended zone to be mitigated under this contract is .18 acres. Minimum total area of extended zone mitigation for the ten properties designated under this contract totals 1.8 acres.

Project Scope: Cuerno Verde “The Pines” hazardous forest fuel requiring reduction is composed of accumulations of standing timber, timber reproduction, limbs (slash) and some brush models.

The dominant timber fuel species within the project area are ponderosa and pinion pines including boles and branches. Other fuel reductions may include some brush models that could immediately propagate the spread of fire from surface to aerial fuels.

The areas and specifics of timber fuel and other fuel reductions are defined as *Intermediate* and *Extended* zones found in the Cuerno Verde Owners Association Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), in cooperation with property owner input. No aspen trees or aspen accumulations will be cut or removed.

Cuernoverde CWPP can be found here:

<http://cuernoverde.org/files/CVOA-CWPP-2019Signed.pdf>

Fuel Reduction Prescription: Timber shall be limbed and all slash shall be removed unless the owner chooses the option of chipping or mastication of slash. Bio-mass resulting from chipping or mastication of slash must be

scattered outside the *Extended* zone but within the property under contract and may not exceed 3 inches in depth. Stumps generated by tree felling shall be no higher than three (3) inches from mineral soil. Tree boles must be limbed and bucked to four (4) foot lengths and stacked in place for owner's firewood use or contractor may offer to purchase felled timber at \$15.00 per cord. Owner and contractor coordinate marking of trees to be felled or left.

Project Operation Guidelines:

- 7 am to 7 pm Monday through Saturday
- no operation of heavy equipment to be undertaken within forty-eight (48) hours of precipitation measuring over one (1) inch accumulation in a twenty-four (24) hour period as measured at the PWS station in Antelope Valley designated as KCOWESTC5.
- Contractor will use discretion and operate on good faith that use of heavy equipment is appropriate for existing ground conditions.
- Contractor shall respect the property lines within the project scope.
- property owner shall clearly mark all property lines within the project scope
- to reduce heavy equipment impact, contractor shall restore impacts to properties through contour restoration or other proper forms of remediation and reclamation. If seed mix is used, seed mix will be approved by CV prior to seeding.
- at all times, owner and contractor should confer and agree upon suitability of ground surface conditions for heavy equipment operation

Participating Properties:

130 Sioux Trail

776 Kiowa Road

123 Kiowa Circle

129 Cherokee Trail

623 Wyandot Trail

544 Arapaho Circle

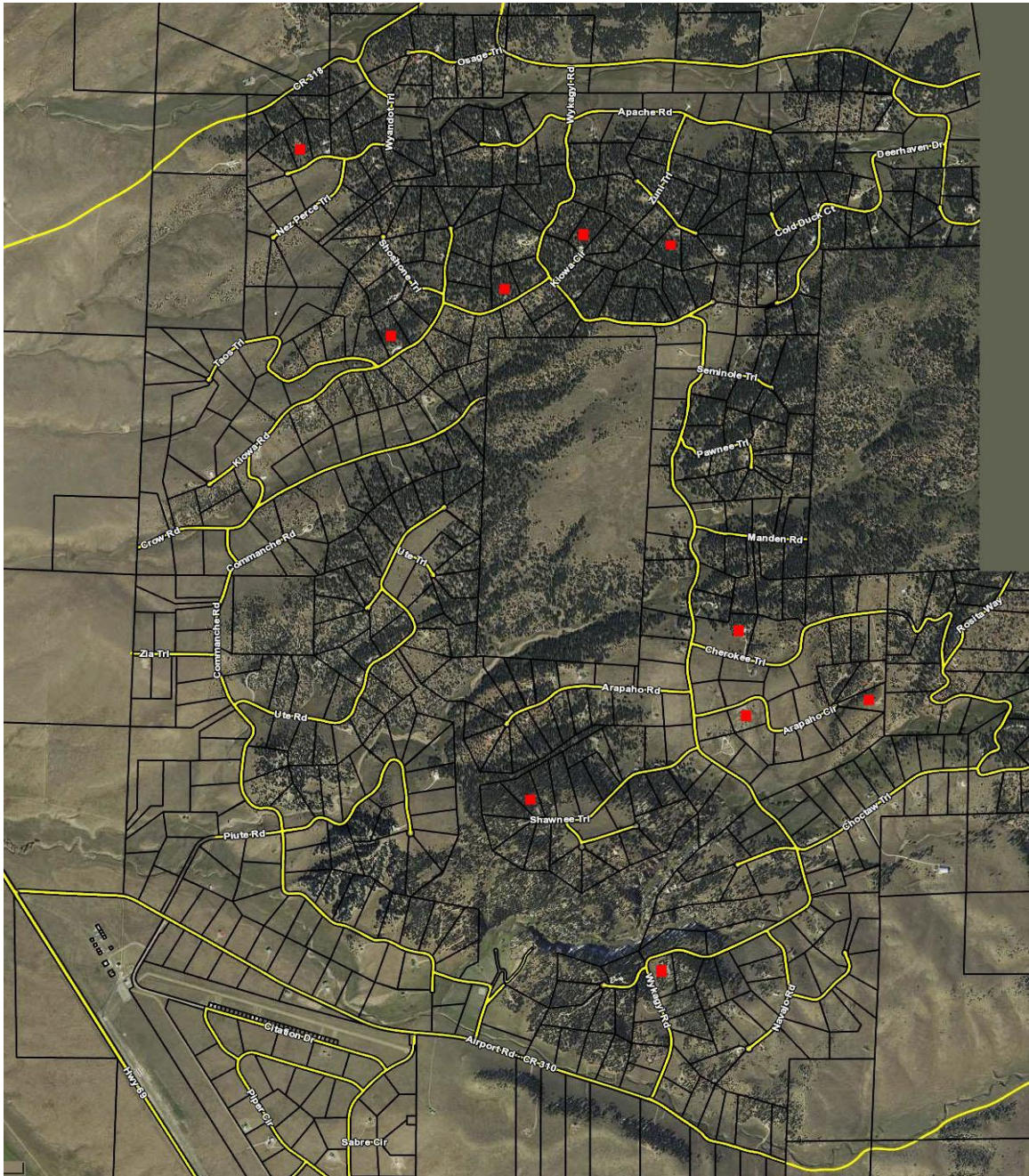
491 Shawnee Trail

136 Arapaho Circle

3912 Wykagyl Road

1175 Kiowa Road

**Cuerno Verde “The Pines” Topo Map
(Fuel Densities and Contracted Properties)**



Bid Submittal Information:

- Received by Custer County Board of County Commissioners
205 S. 6th St (hand deliver)
P.O. Box 150 Westcliffe, CO 81252 (mail)
- Pre-bid tour: August 21, 2020 12 PM at Cuerno Verde Club House
- Project Questions: Due to Guinevere Nelson by August 28, 2020 by 4 pm
- Bids due Thursday September 10, 2020 at 4 PM.
- Contract Award: September 16, 2020
- Pre-project meeting: Preferred date of September 21, 2020
- Required project completion date: 45 days from the pre-project meeting.
- Time for RFP preparation is not reimbursable
- Point of Contact for Bid Submittal Cara Evans at
boccadmin@custercountygov.com

Custer County Bid Process for projects \$25,000 or more.
\$25,000.00 and over (Formal bids are required) The term "formal bid" is used to identify solicitations that represent major purchases by Custer County. The difference between a formal bid and an Informal bid is that a formal bid must be sealed, in writing, with the name of the request and publicly advertised in the legal paper of record at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date set for opening. The issuance of a formal bid is best accomplished by a cooperative effort between County Departments and the Board of County Commissioners. It is recommended that a pre-bid meeting take place in order to know your possible bidders and have a list of bidders in case of an addendum.

All bid openings, including bids prepared by outside consultants, will be processed through the Board of County Commissioners administrative assistant. All bids shall be opened under dual control of the Elected Official I Department Head and the Board of County Commissioners in an open meeting. Award shall be made by the Board of County Commissioners.

Bid Submittal Requirements:**Contractor Qualifications** (one of the following):

- Licensed Arborist
- Certified Forester
- Master Logger

Contractor References: Three references from clients requiring wildfire mitigation or timber reduction within previous two years.

Contractor Requirements

1. Comprehensive Business Liability
 - Bodily Injury per occurrence: \$500,000
 - Property Damage per occurrence: \$500,000
 - General Aggregate: \$2,000,000
2. Workers Compensation (if applicable)
3. Ability to provide proof of Performance Bond of \$30,000

Contractor Selection Criteria

- Qualifications and References
- Additional points for contractor with local knowledge of project area.
- Insurance
- Suitable Equipment
- Removal of felled timber and slash
 - Slash may be removed from the property proper or spread by chip or mastication outside the extended zone within the property boundary.

Custer County BOCC is not required to select the lowest bid and retains the right to accept any or none of the bids received.

Reclamation Guidelines:

Contour restoration for all disturbed areas.

Seed Mix for Restoration:

Intermediate Wheatgrass, Slender Wheatgrass, Pubescent Wheatgrass, Russian, Wildrye, & Western Wheatgrass (10lbs/acre)

Mountain Bromegrass, Streambank Wheatgrass, Thickspike Wheatgrass, Slender Wheatgrass, Rocky Mountain Fescue, Beardless Bluebunch Wheatgrass, Sandberg Bluegrass, Prairie Junegrass, Bottlebrush Squirreltail (50lbs/acre)