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Request for Proposal - Fencing Construction for Riparian Pasture – Flechado Allotment, Carson National Forest

Overview

Amigos Bravos, headquartered in Taos, New Mexico has a 29-year history of protecting and restoring waters across the state. To accomplish our goal of protecting and restoring the waters of New Mexico, we pursue three goals: *Restore Watershed Health, Hold Polluters Accountable, and Develop a Water Ethic and Stewardship for the Future*, with major projects allocated to each of the goals. The Riparian Pasture of the Flechado allotment is located in the La Jara Wetland Complex and is identified as a Wetland Jewel, meaning that it holds a significant role in maintaining the health of the whole watershed. The existing riparian pasture fence is old and is not functioning properly, creating difficulties for the Forest Service and the grazing permittee, and leads to more impacts to the wetlands within the pasture.

We have found that one of the best ways to create resiliency and health in the face of climate change is to protect and restore wetlands. Creating resilience means building the ability of our ecological system to absorb disturbances, while still maintaining normal, healthy functionality. Wetlands are the sponges of our watershed, they store water naturally and then release clean water over time providing vital ecological and hydrological services and nourishes downstream communities. Healthy wetlands also help mitigate post-fire flooding by filtering out sediment and other fire related contaminants. Amigos Bravos is focusing restoration efforts the La Jara Wetland Jewel in order to have the largest positive cascading effect on the rest of the watershed.

Request for Proposal - Fencing of the Riparian Pasture - Flechado Allotment, Camino Real Ranger District, Carson National Forest.

Amigos Bravos requests proposals from qualified contractors to supply materials and install a top rail fence around Riparian Pasture as well as the removal of the outdated fence that currently stands. See the map of the fence, in the Attachments section, at the end of this RFP. These tasks are part of the La Jara Wetland Jewel Restoration Project and aim to both help the grazing permittee, increase forage, and protect wetlands within the riparian corridor. Amigos Bravos staff will review and rank the submitted proposals and, develop and finalize contracts so that, weather or fire permitting, work can begin on or before June 1, 2018.

1. Fence Removal

- a) Remove all existing fence including posts, rails and barbed wire
- b) All removed fencing components should be brought to the Carson National Forest Office at 208 Cruz Alta Rd, Taos, NM 87571.

2. Fence Installation

- a. Install new permanent metal-pipe top rail fencing
- b. Fencing Specifications are listed below

c. All installation not covered in the attached specifications should meet industry standards

Fence Specifications

- Approximately 2 miles of fencing
- 42" high
- Fencing materials: at least 2-³/₈" metal piping
- Line Post spaced 10-12 feet apart
- Fence should have a top rail and a middle rail
- Middle Rail must be 20" off the ground with no obstructions from the rail to the ground
- Every 3rd post must be set in concrete.

Scope of Work

Amigos Bravos is expecting that the construction of the riparian pasture fence will include:

- Regular communication with Amigos Bravos staff, USFS, and the grazing permittee.
- The development of a detailed work plan including:
 - a. Specific tasks and a timeline of when they will be completed,
 - b. Specific personnel that will be involved,
 - c. Specific materials needed and their itemized costs,
 - d. Any heavy machinery to be used and associated costs
- Preparation of a comprehensive final report and photo documentation showing the completeness of the project and the necessary steps taken to do so, including:
 - a. Construction methods used on this project,
 - b. An itemized list of materials used and their associated costs,
 - c. A list of staff on the construction crew and their pay,
 - d. Photographic documentation of construction process
 - e. Photographic proof of project completeness.

Resources:

Provided below is a technical guide of the US Forest Service's best practices for water quality management. It can be used to make sure that the project will be done in line with the Federal Clean Water Act. All projects must adhere to the recommendations included in this document. Please refer back to this documents as you create your own work plan.

[National Best Management Practices for Water Quality Management on National Forest System Lands](#)

This technical guide provides information for implementing the National Core Best Management Practices (BMP) portion of the Forest Service National BMP Program. The National Core BMPs were compiled from Forest Service manuals, handbooks, contract and permit provisions, and

Timeline

- 2/1/18: RFP out to contractors
- 3/15/18: Proposals due from contractors
- 4/15/18: Selection of contractor

- 6/1/18: Contract Signed
- 7/15/18: Old Fence Removed
- 9/30/18: Final report and all products having to do with the taking down of the old fence delivered to Amigos Bravos
- 9/1/19: New Fence Completed
- 9/30/19: Final report and all products and final invoice delivered to Amigos Bravos

Proposal Requirements

- Demonstration of experience with comparable fence construction work.
- Description of contractors expectations of Amigos Bravos staff.
- Refined project schedule.
- Representative client list with whom you have worked.
- Descriptions and references for three comparable projects completed in the past three years.
- Complete project budget, including professional fees and expenses, and a proposed payment schedule.
- Proposals will be evaluated based on contractor experience; technical proposal to address the scope of work; and cost.
- Please include within your proposal cost estimates for the removal of the existing fencing, and the construction of a new fence as separate projects. If you are able to complete both of these tasks together, in a more cost effective manner, please also include this cost estimate. Amigos Bravos may decide to hire separate contractors for the two tasks

On-Site Pre-Bid Meeting

Amigos Bravos is considering an on-site pre-bid meeting, on Monday March 5th, for all potential contractors, at Ja Jara Canyon. The goal of this meeting would be to allow for potential contractors to understand the worksite location and any restraints that come with this type of work. If you would be interested in attending this meeting, please contact Benjamin Mortensen by 5pm on February 21.

Submission Deadline and Contact Information:

Please submit your proposal via email by March 15, 2018 to:

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Attachments

