RFP Questions and Answers

- **Commercialization**: Biomass chip sale or any barter/sale/trade of wood is considered commercialization. Two cords or the approximate equivalent will suffice for the green units and burned units (i.e., minimum of 4 cords total across the project). Material needs to be removed from both green and burned units because they are on separate operating permits.

- **Logistics of chipping/hauling:** Landings can be expanded to accommodate chip van access, and may be moved on a case-by-case basis following RPF approval. Beckwourth-Genessee Road and ranch roads can accommodate chip vans, and in the past have been used by semi trucks, log trucks, and chip vans, A Forest Service Road Use Permit is required for the portion of Long Canyon RD to access the middle of unit 6, and a Plumas County Encroachment Permit is required for hauling on Beckwourth-Genessee Road.

- **Unit completion and payment.** A unit is 100% complete when all activities on the unit have been completed, including temp road closures, landing rehabilitation, and water bars installed on skid trails, etc. Unit 6 can be split into units if needed for invoicing purposes. If burning is included in the treatments, a 10% withholding of total per acre price will be kept until burning operations are complete.

- **Prevailing Wage:** This project is exempt from prevailing wage. Please refer to https://www.dir.ca.gov/oprl/dprewagedetermination.htm under FAQ: Fuel Reduction Work. This project is exempt because it takes place on private land.

- **Proceeds from sales:** The contractor will retain proceeds from log or chip sales. Prices should reflect the net of anticipated value.

- **Burning Operations/Project Completion Date:** All project operations must be completed 1 year from the permit filing date except for burning. If necessary, burning operations are permitted going into winter of 2027, as the permit allows one additional year for slash removal burning. Completion date for the project is ideally December 2027, but can be negotiated with the awarded contractor if necessary.

- **Road Use Permits:** The selected contractor will be responsible for obtaining the USFS Road Use Permit and the Plumas County Encroachment Permit.

- **Residual Stand Scorch:** Scorch will be measured by % of live crown damaged. Wildlife snags do not count as residual trees but operators should prioritize retaining them, and keep them from catching fire during burning ops.

- **Performance Bonds**: No performance bonds are required for this project.

- **Winter Ops:** Winter operations are permitted. We will provide those plans to the awarded contractor if and when necessary.

- **Tonnage and species composition**: Our best estimate is that there are 15-20 bone dry tons per acre in unit 6. Species composition in the green units is approximately 85% Ponderosa and Jeffrey Pine, and 15% white fir. We estimate that about 1,500bf/ac need to be removed in the green units.

- **Meadow Access and Site Conduct:** The meadow must have firm, dry soils to be crossed on the seasonal access road, as determined by the RPF, regardless of whether it is during the winter operating season or not due to how wet the meadow gets. Equipment access is available from Long Canyon Rd to access the south side of unit 6 but it is not a permissible haul route. There is not an hour limitation on this project for neighbor or landowner considerations. However, if operations coincide with activities that the landowners perform on the property (such as UC seminars/field work), there may be limitations placed. This may not occur and the landowners want the work done, so everyone will refrain from adding limitations unless it's strictly necessary. Dust abatement will be done in accordance with the Forest Practice Rules and Plumas County.