

# TRUCKEE RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL

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## Forest Health Assessment: Middle River Truckee Watershed - Addendum 1

**Request for Bid original release date: June 3, 2020**

**Addendum 1 release date: June 18, 2020**

RESPONSE TO REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION. The following requests for additional information were received by 5PM June 17, 2020. Please reference these answers in submitting proposals.

- 1. Timeframe/schedule - Does TRWC have a desired timeline for completion? Page 6 states “schedule above”, however, no schedule is included. Approximate dates for stakeholder meetings?**

See below for anticipated project schedule.

<b>Task</b>	<b>Completion Date</b>
Interviews (if needed)	July 8, 2020
Consultant selection	July 8, 2020
30% assessment report including watershed attributes, existing conditions report	Sept 30, 2020
Advisory Committee meeting	Oct 15, 2020
65% assessment report including watershed attributes, existing conditions report	Dec 30, 2020
Advisory Committee meeting	Jan 15, 2021
100% assessment report including watershed attributes, existing conditions report, recommendations, project identification, prioritization, etc	May 30, 2021

- 2. To what extent will the selected consultant be expected to coordinate with and utilize Tahoe Central Sierra Initiative (TCSI) data?**

The Middle River Truckee watershed falls within the established boundary of TCSI. TRWC staff is in communications with TCSI. Various data sets have been compiled that cover the entire TCSI study area and may be available to TRWC and the selected consultant as the information is made public.

Information that may feed into the Middle Truckee River Forest Health Assessment will likely include baseline resilience indicators (additional indicators may still need to be identified as part of the assessment), and information and/or mapped data sets that are related to current existing conditions including tree density, basal area, fire risk and habitat suitability.

**3. Can you further define the need to address the hydrology component noted in the work tasks and through the process of report development, specifically the Watershed Attributes Report.**

While hydrology is an important function to be considered as an indicator of resilience, we do not expect this assessment to address areas of degraded meadows or stream systems. The information that will be more relevant for this assessment will be areas that have undergone significant changes in vegetation over time. (ie conversion of wetland habitat to upland sage habitat, and/or conifer encroachment).

**4. Will consultant have the opportunity to present in person, or digitally regarding alternate approaches?**

Once all proposals have been received and reviewed, TRWC may contact consultant firms for interviews (see question 1 above). If interviewed, consultant firms may have the opportunity to present on the approach and relevant information.

Alternate or innovative approaches can be outlined in the submitted proposal.

**5. Can you provide more information on how the resilience indicators will be determined?**

Resilience indicators for this project should be developed based on the threats and opportunities to attainment of desired conditions that enhance forest and watershed health, increase heterogeneity and stand structure diversity, and reduce the impacts of disease, drought and wildfire.

**6. How involved will TRWC be in developing the indicators, prioritization processes, etc?**

TRWC will be involved at all steps in the process.

**7. What is the scale of the project? Will extensive field work need to be conducted to determine existing conditions?**

The assessment will cover the Middle Truckee River watershed, and we anticipate that the majority of the work may be conducted utilizing LIDAR data and other mapping tools. Consultants may need to conduct field visits to ground-truth and verify select data sets (ie stand density), however we do not expect extensive field work to be conducted.

**8. Has TRWC identified the forest stand delineation resolution (10/100/1000 acres)?**

Yes. Forest stand delineation should generally be developed at 500 acre plots. This resolution may vary depending on the existing conditions analysis and project needs. For example: large tracts of granite landscape or waterbodies may be delineated as a single area to be excluded from further analysis. Additionally, areas that pose significant risk to water supply or other infrastructure may need to be delineated at a larger resolution (ie 100 acres).

**9. Are there known tribal stakeholders?**

Yes. The primary tribe that will have an interest in this area are the Washoe. Representatives of the Washoe Tribe have been informed of the planned assessment and will be included in correspondence throughout the planning process.

**10. Does available LiDAR data cover the entire assessment area? The linked Tahoe NF data appears to have a significant data gap.**

While there are gaps in the data, the available data set covers the majority of the project assessment area. The gaps noted on the Tahoe NF website are primarily present in the south-western and in the north-eastern portions of the Middle Truckee River watershed. TRWC and the selected consultant will discuss these areas and determine the best approach for inclusion in the assessment.

**11. Are additional flights/collection necessary?**

No. We do not anticipate any additional flights or LIDAR collection as being necessary for this project. The majority of large land holdings should fall within the area of available data. TRWC and the selected consultant will discuss these areas and determine the best approach for inclusion in the assessment.

**12. What is the resolution of the existing LiDAR dataset?**

LIDAR resolution is 1 meter.