

CARPENTER – CULTURAL AND BIOLOGICAL SURVEYS ADDENDUM #1 – May 26, 2026

1. For the cultural surveys the total survey area is less than the option 1 or option 2 project area because some areas were surveyed in the past, is this the case for botany as well? I did not see that in the RFP please confirm that the entire PA needs to be surveyed.

Botanical surveys will take place over the entire geography for both options 1 & 2. Some work has been completed in the past 5/6 years, but the entire area needs to be revisited and the information updated.

2. Can the surveys be completed in 2026 and 2027? Does the primary area need to be surveyed in 2026 and the optional in 2027?

The project schedule can accommodate a two-year timeframe and can be solidified between TRWC/USFS and the selected consultant team, especially given the later start to the 2026 field season.

3. Can one BA/BE serve for the primary and optional area?

Yes, one BA/BE will be sufficient for the entire geography as long as the cost is acceptable and meets current funding availability to cover both options 1 & 2.

4. When will the PA/PN be ready for use? This is needed when preparing the BA/BE.

Silvicultural reports have been completed and the PA/PN will be made available to the selected contractor for botanical surveys.

5. Does the Tahoe National Forest already have current data on distribution of special status species on the TNF? Is this in GIS format and/or written documents such as “Sensitive Plant Descriptions” will these be provided to the contractor?

We have a listing of TES species in written format and GIS data is being developed for location of known species and will be provided to the selected consultant.

6. Will the TNF provide an Arc-GIS template for data collection for special status plants and invasive plants or will the contractor need to develop these?

We have the templates and protocols available and will provide this information to the selected consultant in advance of any field work being conducted. Contractor/consultant should anticipate some additional work to refine the existing templates and protocols and to bring this information into an Arc-GIS template.

7. Will the consultant need to prepare an additional botanical report for TNF watchlist species, these species are usually not included in the BA/BE.

This does not need to be a separate report document, but surveys should account for, and document, species that are noted and included on the TNF watchlist.

8. When comparing the Attachment 1 - Project Site Map with the Attachment 5 - Project Shapefiles, we noticed an additional ~4,112 acres included in the shapefiles. The additional area is northwest of the "2026 Optional Bid" area in the Project Site Map.

Was that additional area intended to be included in the optional bid acreage, or should we only include those areas depicted in the Attachment 1 - Project Site Map in our proposal?

The optional bid area/geography will only include the areas depicted in Attachment 1. We are not pursuing survey completion for the northern geography of 4,112 acres at this time.

9. In the RFP, it states that the targeted end date is September 2027. Does this mean September 1, September 30, or something else?

September 30, 2027 will be the targeted end date.

10. Will this only occur on USFS system lands and therefore only need to meet USFS/NEPA requirements? Or would the cultural and botanical surveys also be used for CEQA compliance purposes?

Surveys are all on USFS properties – with the goal of satisfying NEPA compliance. CEQA compliance is not anticipated at this time.

11. At what point will it be decided if both the northern and southern portions will require surveys, versus just the southern portion only?

This will be determined primarily by cost/bid proposals vs available funding. If we can afford to complete the northern/optional geography at this time, we will move forward with both the northern and southern project areas.

12. Can you provide even an approximation of the funding available for these surveys? I know the Watershed Council will include this information in its RFPs, at least on occasion.

I prefer to see how bids come in before releasing information on available funding.

13. For cultural resources, Attachment 2 appears to address all resources in the Primary and Optional Area together. Could they be separated so we can better estimate the required hours of analysis/evaluation for the existing resources in each area independently.

These have been separated out, and an updated Attachment 2 can be accessed [HERE](#).

14. The Botanical Contractor Guideline document provided with the RFP references attached report templates; however, the report templates are not attached. Can TWRC provide the referenced templates which include TNF Botanical Survey Report Template, TNF Biological Evaluation of TES Botanical Species Template, and TNF Invasive Plant Risk Assessment Template?

The botanical contractor package can be uploaded [HERE](#).