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Summit Canyon Restoration
Request For Proposals
Addendum 1 – Response to Questions
August 3, 2026

The following requests for additional information were received by 12PM on August 3, 2026.
Please reference these answers in submitting proposals.

RFP and PROJECT ADMINISTRATION:

- 1) **Are there any previous planning efforts, technical resources, or consultant studies beyond those referenced in the RFP that would be particularly important for proposers to understand?** No.
- 2) **What will distinguish a strong proposal from an average proposal for this project?**
A strong proposal will be clear, concise and well informed. It will demonstrate expertise and experience in design, with value proven in implementation. References must confirm experience.
- 3) **Do you see this as a stand-alone design effort, or as part of a larger sequence of restoration and implementation work in Summit Canyon?** This restoration work is intended to provide an integrated plan for forest fuels reduction, forest and stream corridor restoration. No additional work is anticipated at this time.
- 4) **The RFP shows Finalization of the Work Plan happening at the same time as Authorization to Proceed (Sep 18). The Task 2 scope also calls for final approval of the work plan, which implies that it would happen after the notice to proceed.** The intent is to provide opportunity for the chosen consulting team to finalize their proposed workplan with additional coordination with following selection. Consultants may be requested to revise their proposed workplan (schedule, scope and/or budget) in response to comments from CASP/TRWC. The revised workplan will be the basis for the contract for services.
- 5) **If there is a delay in the start of work and we end up with early snowfall and limited field time, would there be room for schedule adjustment?** Yes. The schedule should identify suitable windows for physical and biological surveys and recommend adjustments as needed. Consultants should justify any recommended schedule modifications.

- 6) **Ideally, we would conduct site visits to verify design elements between design submittals. If design concepts and review don't begin in earnest until October and then into the winter, this could happen when the site is inaccessible (or observations are impeded) due to snow. Is there flexibility to extend the schedule into Summer 2027 to allow for design verification and finalization (if needed) in Spring 2027?** Yes. . If we have an early start to winter or delay in issuing an ATP, the team will adjust schedules accordingly.
- 7) **Would you encourage a firm that has not historically worked with TRWC, but has strong restoration, environmental planning, and interdisciplinary design experience, to pursue this opportunity?** Yes.
- 8) **Stakeholders: Besides TRWC and CASP, are there other primary stakeholders (e.g., Federal or local agencies, community groups, wildlife advocates) whose input will be required during the 30/60/90% design reviews?** CASP and TRWC will be primary in design review. Additional comment may be sought from other interested parties at the direction of CASP. All comments will be coordinated by TRWC. Consultants shall prepare, respond and track changes via a comments table.

FEE:

- 1) **Can you share whether the anticipated level of effort is generally comparable to other restoration design projects TRWC has managed?**
The level of effort is specific to the unique project goals and geography.
- 2) **Can you provide any guidance on the expected fee for services?**
No. Bidders are not provided guidance in the fee estimate. TRWC assumes your bid reflects a cost and time efficient proposal for services.

FORESTRY

- 1) **Yellow polygon looks like it extends south, off the map; can you clarify the southern boundary for this work?**
Yes, the 82 ac project area boundary and CASP boundary are shown in the attached Figure A-1-01.
- 2) **Will CASP provide a Boundary Survey to delineate private property lines in the field, or will the consultant need to provide?**
Per Figure A-1-01 the project area is entirely within the CASP boundary and delineated in GIS. A boundary survey is not needed.
- 3) **Are there existing forest health assessments, or recent aerial surveys available for the canyon? If not, should our proposal include a comprehensive ground-truthing inventory?**
Forest health surveys have not been completed. With the 82 acre project area defined, consultant shall conduct common stand exams, and prepare silvicultural prescriptions, and a relevant set of proposed actions for forest and understory restoration in support of project goals. Considerations should include identifying units of work as needed for preservation and protection of sensitive sites, and riparian wetlands and waters.

Common stand exams should follow TNF protocols¹ and support the Silviculture report describing silvicultural prescriptions, treatment methodology, and potential product commercialization opportunities. The report shall include recommendations and protocol for work in riparian wetlands, and handling of fuels material generated in forestry work including, but not limited to, type and location of material piling, prescribed burn activities, and biomass generation/off haul if necessary.

4) What components are expected in determining forest health?

The RFP requests a forest health inventory and report. See response #3 above. Anticipated silviculture report components are summarized in Table A-01-02. The forestry report should include:

- Logging plan and proposed, staging stockpile and transportation routes
- Inventory and analysis of potential impacts related to recreational use and critical infrastructure
- Summary and mapping of proposed actions and constraints on proposed work.

5) Fire Protection Goals: Are there specific Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) zones or park facilities that require a higher intensity of fuel reduction compared to the rest of the riparian corridor?

None have been identified to date. Identification of special units of work is within the scope of services. Along the public/private lands interface, consultants should reference CA State Minimum Fire Safe Standards per the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, as well as CASP directed guidelines.

HISTORIC AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

1) RFP states “Delineation and protection measures for cultural and historical resources will be provided by CASP;” however, later in the RFP under “Work to be completed” it states that consultant will provide “design of protection measures...” Please clarify.

CASP will identify locations to be protected and offsets for work. Consultants shall design measures to provide the CASP required protections.

PERMITTING

1) CEQA Lead Agency: Since the project is located wholly within Donner State Park property, can we assume the CEQA lead agency will be CAL FIRE?

No. CASP will lead CEQA.

2) Permitting Status: Are there any active permits, Notices of Preparation (NOP), or existing environmental constraints already documented for this specific project area?

There are no pre-project permits in place. Environmental conditions, utility, and other site constraints are known to the extent presented in the basin assessment. Additional information

¹ Common stand exam data in .cse or paper format collected to CSE protocols. Including hard copy of legible collection forms for every plot.

regarding required historical site protections and facilities, use and access constraints will be provided by CASP in design.

3) Will a wetland delineation be required?

Yes. A wetland delineation will be required as will impact assessment.

- 4) Is it correct to assume that the Task 8 Memorandum of Guidance for environmental compliance will be collaborative with the TRWC, CSAP, and possibly resource agency staff?** Yes. Consultants should plan to meet with CASP to solicit initial input, and then draft recommendations based on site assessment, professional expertise, and initial CASP guidance. TRWC/CASP will advise consultants in finalizing the memorandum based on regulatory consultation.

5) Given the presence of meadows and ponds outside the creek zone, it sounds likely that a full aquatic resources delineation will be required for the full 82-acre project site, especially since all project details and disturbance areas won't necessarily be known at the beginning of the project when the delineation will need to occur due to weather. Do you agree?

Yes. Aquatic resources will need to be delineated across the project site. Assessment should be focused/ informed by topography, soils and hydrology.

6) What level of biological survey is required?

TRWC expectations for biological surveys supporting project design and implementation are outlined in Table A-1-01.

7) What permits are expected for this project?

CEQA impact assessment and wetland and aquatic resource delineations, and all typical permits for work in wetlands, and waters. A CALFIRE THP or exemption should be expected for forest fuel reduction work.

ROADS & TRAILS

1) Will the consultant address drainage issues associated with all roads/trails within the forestry boundary even if they are historic roads or non-system roads?

In assessment, consultant shall identify and rank sites where roads and trails drive watercourse instability. In design, consultants shall identify and prioritize roads for removal, reconstruction and redesign focusing efficiencies in work and costs.

Treatments for historic features are subject to constraints to be defined by CASP in concept design.

2) What is the road type you wish to enhance or renovate?

In kind replacement of gravel roads is generally anticipated, with additional measures to enhance road or watercourse stability or ADA accessibility where warranted. See the RTMP pgs. 49-53 for alignments, which may be modified based on this study.

3) What specific road/trail design standards should be used for the plans? (State Parks, USFS, CALFIRE, or County standards?)

The RTMP outlines the guidelines and trail classification anticipated by CASP for Summit Canyon. Designs, material and methods shall comply with all relevant state and local standards. CASP will guide and review road, trail and facilities improvements. This will include CALFIRE and CA State Minimum Fire Safe Regulations.

RESTORATION/ENGINEERING

1) Who will review the plan sets?

Designs will be reviewed by TRWC and CASP. Washoe council, regulators and utility owner may also provide input. Consultants shall schedule, plan, conduct, maintain minutes and record and respond to comments via a comment tracking table in design review.

2) Is restoration work on Summit Creek limited to the red circles on the RFP map?

No. Consultants may identify and prioritize other areas of work as warranted. The red circled areas are known locations where stream and trail intersections occur and are examples of sites likely to increase bank erosion or trail instability.

3) Parking

a. Can you describe what improvements are needed?

Consultants should assume work entails reconstruction, expanding the existing lot, with facilities improvements on or near that location. Locations, footprint and amenities associated with parking improvements will be provided by CASP during site assessment.

b. Will any parking improvements off HWY-40 (Donner Pass Road) impact CALTRANS right-of-way and/or require coordination or permits with CALTRANS? Caltrans Encroachment Permit? No.

4) Prior Work: Are there any previous planning efforts, technical resources, or consultant studies beyond those referenced in the RFP that would be particularly important for proposers to understand? No.

SCHEDULE /TIMING

1) How will design review be factored into the work plan?

Contractors shall develop a workplan and schedule including a briefing and three weeks for design review at each design milestone. Review will be provided by TRWC, CASP and others per CASP direction.

2) Can the schedule be modified to accommodate seasonal, field and bio monitoring windows?

Yes. The schedule provided is a target. Consultant may identify additional time which may be required to conduct field studies or biological monitoring.

SURVEYS / DATA

- 1) RFP requests survey data be received in CA State Plane Coordinates (NAD 83, Zone 10). Should this say Zone 2 instead (Nevada County)? YES**
- 2) Are there existing high-resolution LiDAR, forest health assessments, or recent aerial surveys available for the canyon? If not, should our proposal include a comprehensive ground-truthing inventory?**

Town of Truckee sources high resolution LiDAR and ortho rectified imagery for the project area. 2021 data is available online; 2026 surveys are underway.

UTILITIES

- 1) Will CASP provide as-builts, a full utilities search, and survey? Or will this be required by the selected consultant?**

CASP will provide utility alignment, right of way and easement information on file. Consultants shall define utility alignments, access requirements and constraints in design of forestry and stream restoration measures.

**Table A-1-01 TRWC Biological Assessment Framework
T. Hutton (Summer, 2026)**

1. Desktop / Background Review

- Literature and database review memo: CNDDB, USFWS IPaC, CDFW BIOS, CNPS Rare Plant Inventory, eBird/CalFish records, prior survey reports for the project area
- Species list development: special-status species with potential to occur, cross-walked to USFWS/NMFS listing status, CESA status, CDFW Species of Special Concern, and Fully Protected status
- Habitat suitability assessment: desktop screen for which species warrant focused field surveys vs. presence/absence assumed

2: Field Surveys

- Jurisdictional waters delineation and Wetland delineation report
- Special-status plant surveys: floristic, multi-visit, timed to blooming periods per CDFW/CNPS 2018 protocol
- Special-status wildlife surveys: based on desktop analysis
- Vegetation/natural communities mapping: sensitive natural communities per CDFW's list (per CEQA Appendix G)

3: Reporting Deliverables

- Draft and Final Biological Resources Technical Report: formatted to directly support the CEQA Initial Study/MND checklist items
- Aquatic Resources Delineation Report: separately citable for permit applications
- Individual protocol-specific survey reports for any required focused species survey. Report on methods, dates, personnel qualifications, and negative/positive findings.
- Biological Assessment if federal nexus triggers ESA Section 7 consultation

4: Data & GIS Deliverables

- GIS-ready shapefiles/geodatabase of delineation boundaries, survey transects, species occurrence points
- Raw field data sheets and photo-documentation log, geo-referenced
- Metadata sufficient for submission to CNDDB

Table A-1-02 TRWC Forest Stand and Silviculture Report Elements:

Components will include, but are not limited to:

- Existing conditions and project description
- Survey results & project mapping.
- Proposed actions (including, but not limited to):
 - o Surface & ladder fuel reduction
 - o Commercial vs non-commercial
 - o Material handling (piling, mastication, etc.)
 - o Prescribed burning
- Resource Protection measures –necessary avoidance measures, monitoring, and protection measures for work in wetlands, and/or protection of any identified special status species
- Analysis of the direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts of the proposed action on the project area
- Summary and recommendations – including opportunities & constraints & treatment type on a zone level.
- Anticipated cost to implement treatments.

Figure A-1-01: Boundaries of Work and Donner Summit State Park

