

Request for Quotes

Cross Creek Trailhead Improvements

White River National Forest, Colorado

Background and Statement of Work: The National Forest Foundation (NFF) is seeking a contractor to complete improvements at the Cross Creek Trailhead on the Eagle-Holy Cross Ranger District of the White River National Forest (WRNF).

The Cross Creek Trailhead is located south of Minturn, CO on Tigiwon Road (National Forest System Road 707), approximately 2 miles from US Highway 24. The current trailhead is not sufficiently sized to accommodate the amount of traffic it receives on a nearly daily basis in the summer months, leading to vehicles parking on the side of the road and creating traffic congestion and narrow lanes, restricting public and emergency vehicles access to points further up the road.

Planned improvements include:

- Expand parking at the site to accommodate approximately 10 additional vehicles outside of the Tigiwon Road travelway
- Excavate approximately 0.13 acre of native material (depth varies) and level ground on the inside of the road switchback to provide a safer and more efficient parking experience.
 - o All excavated material will be used or disposed of onsite.
 - o The finished surface will use native onsite material (soil).
- Install 2-3 directional signs (One Way, Do Not Enter) to improve traffic flow.
- Remove approximately 125 feet of split rail fence and replace with boulders sourced onsite to delineate the existing designated parking area adjacent to the trailhead.
 - o All split rail material will be removed and legally disposed of off of NFS lands.

Work will occur during the summer of 2026, ideally prior to June 21 or after September 30 and is anticipated to take approximately 1 week. The trailhead will be closed during construction, and equipment will be permitted to be staged onsite for the duration of the project.

Information Requested

If interested in this project, please provide a quote for the above statement of work by providing approach, work experience, and cost. Please also include your capacity for this project and efficiency in recreation infrastructure projects in the past, if any.

This is a request for quotes only and quotations furnished are not offers. This request does not commit the National Forest Foundation to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of submission of the quotation or to contract for supplies or services.

I. PROJECT OVERVIEW AND REQUIREMENTS

General Specifications

- (a) Description of Work – This Request for Quotes is for the following improvements at the Cross Creek Trailhead on the White River National Forest, including the following:

Mandatory Items:

1. Mobilization to and from the project site.
2. Excavation
3. Sign Installation
4. Fence Removal and Boulder Placement

The Contractor shall identify which efforts and materials they can supply in terms of materials, labor, equipment, supplies, supervision, quality control, and incidentals required to complete the work described. The Contractor shall perform all work in a safe and conscientious manner.

- (b) Project Location - The Cross Creek Trailhead is located south and west of Minturn, CO on the Eagle-Holy Cross Ranger District of the White River National Forest. The project is located approximately 2 miles up Tigiwon Road/NFS Road 707 off US Highway 24. See APPENDIX A for a project map.

- (c) Work Schedule - The work schedule will be determined in partnership with the selected contractor, NFF, and WRNF staff. Work is anticipated to occur in the summer of 2026. Tigiwon Road, which accesses the site, is open June 21 through November 21. Ideally, work will occur prior to June 21 or after September 30 to reduce impacts to visitors. If necessary, work may occur during weekdays between June 21 and September 30. No work will occur on weekends. The site will be closed to public use while work is completed.

Other Project Requirements and Specifications

- (a) Utilities – The Contractor may camp onsite while work is completed. There are no toilets, running water, electric, gas, or other utilities. Materials may be staged in the existing Cross Creek Trailhead and during construction, as needed. All excess materials shall be removed from the site upon completion.
- (b) Specifications – Project work shall be accomplished in accordance with the following:
- All waste material must be disposed of in an appropriate manner off National Forest System lands
 - The trailhead will be closed during construction and contractor is permitted to camp onsite and utilize site for material storage during the project. The road will remain open during construction.

Contractor Qualifications

- (a) Past Experience – Please provide a brief explanation of previous work experience with land management agencies.

Insurance Requirements

Upon being notified of bid selection, Bidder agrees that it has, or will procure, and shall maintain the insurance coverage indicated below. The effective date of all coverage shall precede the start of any work.

- a. State minimum workers' compensation insurance coverage for its employees, if any.
- b. Broad form general liability, property damage, and automotive liability insurance in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000 for bodily injury, death, or damage to property of any person and \$2,000,000 for bodily injury, death, or damage to property of more than one person. The selected Bidder shall name NFF an Additional Named Insured and provide NFF with a certificate of insurance evidencing such coverages, prior to the initiation of the Scope of Services.
- c. If the Scope of Services includes professional services as identified herein, Bidders also agree to provide professional errors and omissions liability insurance. Professional services for purposes of this section include, but are not limited to performing architecture, engineering, landscape architecture, land surveying or planning, preparation and signing or stamping of drawings, maps, surveys or construction specifications, or design and development of computer software, programs or websites by the Bidder or by subcontractors on behalf of the Bidder, for which professional liability insurance would typically be required. The minimum coverage limits required are \$1,000,000 for each claim and \$1,000,000 annual aggregate.

Payment/Performance Security

If selected to contract with the NFF, Bidder(s) shall post cash, a letter of credit, bond, or other financial security that is easily convertible into cash in a form acceptable to the NFF, in its sole determination. The security will be used to ensure completion of the work required under any subsequent agreement and payment of all amounts lawfully due to all persons. All persons shall include, but not be limited to, those supplying or furnishing to the Bidder or Bidder's subcontractors with labor, laborers, materials, rental machinery, tools or equipment used or to perform the work. Bidders may incorporate required associated costs into mobilization costs or other approved expenses. Payment or Performance security will be required in the following amounts as applicable:

- a. For work that is classified as construction in accordance with the Miller Act or Little Miller Act or if required per conditions of the funding source, payment and performance bonding will be required in the full amount of any Agreement. For the purposes of this Request for Proposal, construction is defined as "any contract greater than \$100,000 for the construction, alteration, or repair of any public building or public work where the federal government is the owner"; or
- b. If Contractor is subcontracting 15% or more of the total contract value, or if the cost of materials is in excess of the larger of \$100,000 or 50% of the contract total, payment and performance bonding will be required in the full amount of the agreement; or

- c. If the value of the agreement is in excess of \$250,000, Contractor will be required to post financial security in a form acceptable to the NFF in the amount of 5% of the total agreement value up to \$250,000 in total financial security.

The NFF will not provide blanket waivers of payment/performance security requirements though reserves the right to negotiate payment and performance security terms and conditions with selected contractors based upon legal requirements and organizational needs and policies.

Prohibited Telecommunications Services and Equipment

NFF contractors are responsible for compliance with the prohibition on certain telecommunications and video surveillance services or equipment identified in 2 CFR 200.216.

Federal Exclusion Verification

The selected Contractor will be required to affirm that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.

Federal Flowdown Provisions

NFF funding for projects may vary but will frequently include federal funds. As such, any Agreement associated with this RFQ may be subject to flowdown requirements under associated federal or state funding agreements, which are included and made part of by this reference. Federal flowdown requirements are not negotiable by the NFF and will not be removed or edited.

II. REQUIRED COMPONENTS

Technical Quote

Please provide a detailed technical approach to the work.

Contractor Qualifications

- (a) Past Experience – Please provide a brief explanation of previous work experience with land management agencies.
- (b) References – Please provide three professional references that can speak to past performance.

Pricing Schedule

The Contractor shall price work according to the schedule below.

Description	Unit	Unit Cost	Quantity	Total Cost
Mobilization	1			
Excavation	1			
Sign Procurement and Installation	1			
Fence Removal and Boulder Placement	1			

III. SUBMISSION, EVALUATION, AND CONTACTS

Contractor Selection Process

The NFF will use the Evaluation Factors below to review each submitted bid. Based on the outcomes of that selection process, the NFF will notify successful and unsuccessful bidders by June 15, 2026 and will prepare a separate contract document.

- Price
- Previous Work History
- References

Point of Contact

Please submit any questions about the project in writing to the Point of Contact.

Emily Bruyn
National Forest Foundation White River National Forest Stewardship Coordinator
ebruyn@nationalforests.org

Responses will be shared with known interested parties by email or otherwise posted at <https://www.nationalforests.org/rfp>.

Pre-Bid Meeting and Site Tour

There will be an opportunity for contractors to join a pre-bid meeting and site visit to ask questions and discuss the project with NFF and WRNF staff. Please RSVP to Emily Bruyn (ebruyn@nationalforests.org) if you can attend and to ensure communication of final site visit logistics. The pre-bid meeting and site visit is scheduled for May 18, 2026 at 9AM.

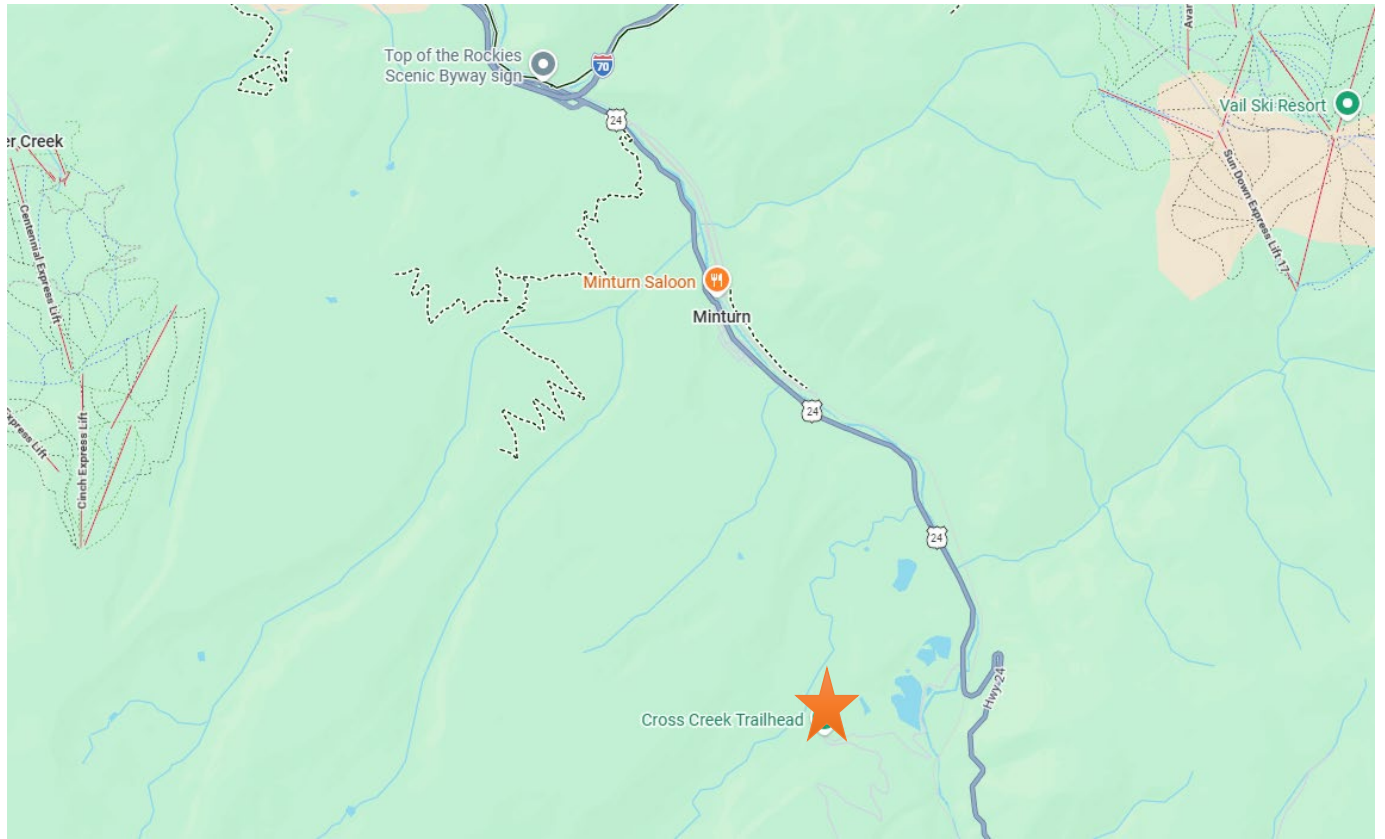
Bid Submission

Submit bids via email to ebruyn@nationalforests.org by May 29, 2026.

Equal Opportunity Provider

In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, the National Forest Foundation is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, political beliefs, or disability.

APPENDIX A: Project Maps



Location Map

