

Request for Quotes

Big AI Trail Reconstruction

San Juan National Forest, Colorado

Background and Statement of Work:

The Big AI trail is a 2,535 ft long crusher fined accessible trail located in the on the San Juan National Forest (SJNF) near the town of Mancos. The trail was constructed in the mid-1990's but needs repair and alterations to meet modern accessibility standards. The trail has several benches, interpretive signage, and an observation platform at the end of the trail that overlooks the West Mancos River Canyon with views of the La Plata mountains in the background. The trail also features a fence that excludes cattle from the area. This reconstruction project consists of replacing the enclosure fence, replacing the decking on the observation platform and reconstructing and resurfacing the trail surface by installing new culverts and creating hardened trail areas adjacent to all bench locations. This project will improve visitor experience and access to the trail.

Information Requested

If interested in submitting a bid for this project, please provide a quote for the above statement of work by providing:

- technical approach
- work experience
- cost
- capacity for this project
- experience in similar projects

Specific requirements are detailed below.

I. PROJECT OVERVIEW AND REQUIREMENTS

General Specifications

(a) Description of Work – This Request for Quotes is for restoration services related to the Big AI Trail Reconstruction, including the following:

1. Reconstruct the trail surface:
 - i. Replacement and installation of six culverts (see Appendix A: Big AI Trail Map for culvert locations)

- ii. Resurface 2,535 feet of trail with asphalt overlay to accessible standards
- 2. Upgrade bench locations to meet accessibility requirements
 - i. Create hardened trail areas adjacent to all nine bench locations, located approximately every 500 feet along the trail (see Appendix A: Big AI Trail Map for culvert locations)
- 3. Reconstruct area enclosure fencing
 - i. Removal and replacement of 1,920 feet of barbed wire fence
- 4. Replace observation deck platform
 - i. Replacement of 2 x 6 decking boards on a 20' x 25' observation platform

The Contractor shall identify what 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 – San Juan National Forest, Montezuma County

(c) Work Schedule – Preference will be given to bids which demonstrate the ability to complete this project by end of calendar year 2026. The project access may be limited by winter weather, but the work schedule is not otherwise restricted.

Other Project Requirements and Specifications

(a) Utilities – In many locations there will be no or limited sanitation, water, electrical or housing services available. The Contractor shall make its own arrangements for temporary facilities if needed.

(b) Specifications – Project work shall be accomplished in accordance with the following:

- All work will be constructed to the following specifications and will be provided by the Forest Service including:
 - STD-911-01 Typical Cross Section and Slope Finish
 - STD-911-02 Typical Obstruction Clearance Section
 - STD-913-03 Typical Hardened Surfacing Sections
 - STD-921-10-01 Standard Culvert
 - C-01 Fence Details
 - Standard Specifications For Construction Of Trails And Trail Bridges On Forest Service Projects (Oct 2014)

Insurance Requirements

Upon selection of the winning bid, the Contractor agrees that it has and shall maintain the following 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 Contractor 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, Contractor shall also 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 Contractor or by subcontractors on behalf of the Contractor, 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.

Prohibited Telecommunications Services and Equipment

If applicable, Contractor is responsible for compliance with the prohibition on certain telecommunications and video surveillance services or equipment identified in 2 CFR 200.216.

Payment/Performance Security

Contractor 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, to assure completion of the work required under any subsequent agreement and payment of all amounts lawfully due to all persons supplying or furnishing to the Contractor or Contractor's subcontractors with labor, laborers, materials, rental machinery, tools or equipment used or to perform the work. Contractor may incorporate required associated costs into mobilization costs or other approved expenses.

- a. 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 Quote, 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 not self-performing at least 85% 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.

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

Flowdown Requirements: 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.

(b) 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

Contractor shall price work according to the schedule below. Prevailing wages are required per conditions of funding sources.

Units: LS (Lump Sum), EA (Each), LF (Linear Feet), CY (Cubic Yards), SY (Square Yard)

Task/Item	Unit	Quantity	Unit Cost	Extended Cost
Replacement and installation of trail culverts	EA	6		
Resurface trail with asphalt overlay to accessible standards	LF	2,535		
Replacement of 20' x 25' observation deck	EA	1		
Removal and replacement of cattle enclosure fencing	LF	1,920		
Upgrade bench locations to meet accessible standards	EA	9		
			Total Bid	

(c) 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 July 10th 2026 and will prepare a separate contract document.

- Price
- Previous Work History
- References
- Contractor availability and projected project timeline

NOTE: Preference will be given to bids with planned project completion by December 31st, 2026.

Point of Contact

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

Marly Saunders
National Forest Foundation SW CO Associate Project Coordinator
msaunders@nationalforests.org

Responses will be shared with known interested parties by email.

Pre-Bid Meeting and Site Tour

The NFF and the SJNF will host a pre-bid tour on site at the Big AI Trailhead on Thursday, June 25th at 10AM to discuss the project. This pre-bid tour is optional but encouraged. Please RSVP to Marly Saunders (msaunders@nationalforests.org) by Tuesday, June 23rd.

Bid Submission

Bids are due via email to Marly Saunders at msaunders@nationalforests.org by EOD June 30th, 2026.

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