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Re: Waddle Ranch 2026 Fuel Reduction Project

Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with a proposal to complete the 150 acres of hand pilling and mechanical forest fuel reduction. Cross Check Services LLC has made every effort to make a proposal conforming to the TTAD Waddle Ranch 2026 Forest Fuel Reduction RFP.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with a proposal to complete the 150 acres of mechanical forest thinning and fuel reduction. I have made an effort to address each of the stated RFP parameters below:

-This price is contingent on CCS retaining ownership of all timber and any biomass removed from the project and will pay associated timber tax.

- 1) **Price: Hand pile non mechanical acres:** \$4500.00 per acre, \$135,000 (approximately 30 acres) this price is to hand cut and pile on acres that cannot be mechanically accessed to be cut and masticated due to terrain restrictions
- 2) **Price: Mechanically cut, chip and or masticate acres:** \$3200.00 per acre, \$384,000 (approximately 120 acres) This price per acre is to use low impact mechanical equipment to mechanically treat the majority of the acres in the treatment area.
- 3) **Total Price \$519,000 *subject to what acres can be mechanically treated versus hand treated and will be invoiced accordingly.**
- 4) Both options include the felling of trees by description/prescription, and tree mark, chip tops and treat slash, masticate material where necessary, remove all possible merchantable saw logs, fuel wood material, and limit residual chip and slash to 6".
- 5) Every effort will be made to treat as many acres as possible mechanically to reduce the cost of the project.

This price includes the cost of all aspects of your project description:

- Improving the access roads to the site if necessary

- Falling trees using a CTL wheeled harvester or power saws as required.
- Forwarding and removal of marked and prescribed timber
- Chipping or masticating over 98% of material including slash and non-embedded ground fuels on the project area.
- Watering landings and bare soil roads if and where needed
- Chipping and broadcasting or mastication of material to less than 6".
- Any necessary post harvest cleanup, ripping and sub-soiling landings and forwarder trails, BMP's, and/or any follow-up hand treatment.

6) Start Date: Approximately late fall 2026

7) Projected Number of Work Days: 45 days.

8) Equipment List:

- Valmet 941or 931XC wheeled timber harvester: This machine has over 30' reach that allows us to maximize the distance between harvesting trails, it is equipped with GIS tracking that permits project boundary verification and any necessary post-harvest analysis.
- Valmet 890 or 895 wheeled timber forwarder: This machine is capable of carrying 18-22 tons of material per trip, lessening the number of trips and any associated ground impact consequent to extracting material.
- Valmet 890 wheeled forwarder with rear mounted chipper: This machine is used to pick up and chip all non-merchantable material in the woods up to a 26" diameter and broadcast that chip.
- 600-gallon water fire safety trailer with state required hand tools and backpack pumps.
- Water truck
- Cat Skidder or dozer used for fire protection
- Trimax 30 fire extinguishers
- Volvo EC220D excavator mulcher Fecon RTM-230 wheeled mulcher if needed
- Service vehicles.

9) Description of Methodology: Cross Check Services (CCS) would plan to move equipment in fall of 2026 to the job site as soon as practical and prepare to commence

operations. CCS personnel would post signs to warn the public of the forestry operations and caution them to stay out of the operating area, we would take extra precautions to sign the trails in the area to advise the public of the operations, and be sure that any operations that have occurred have not compromised the functionality of the trails, we would also rehabilitate any sanctioned trails affected by our operations back to their original condition.

Our hours of operation would be from 6am to 7pm, Monday through Saturday, depending on fire danger restrictions and safety concerns operations may need to start earlier in the day and finish earlier.

Following transport to the site; and equipment staging, safety actions, and any other necessary job readiness tasks, CCS would begin timber falling and Chipping and masticating material where necessary and continue this procedure five or six days a week until the project is complete. We would plan to start masticating directly behind the chipping operation in order to complete the whole project and reduce the ground fuel load as quickly as possible.

10) Contract Information:

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11) Statement of Qualifications and Executive Summary:

CCS has made every effort to solicitously address each aspect of this bid proposal, including all of the project specifications and parameters. I believe CCS is particularly well suited to complete this project based on our more than 20-year history of close and successful cooperation with the TTAD on multiple projects, our local connection to the community, our past work with all of the local fire districts, state and local agencies in the Truckee/Tahoe area, local private and public land owners including the Truckee Tahoe Airport District, the Truckee Donner Land Trust, California State Parks, and the US Forest Service. Additionally, our modern equipment with flexible and job-specific methodology ensures we are able to efficiently complete projects while

employing all the sensitivity and responsiveness required to work within your project area, and the needs to provide a finished project that has been done with utmost care and consideration of the community.

12) Certification of Proposal. The undersigned hereby submits its proposal and, by doing so, agrees to furnish services to District in accordance with the Request for Proposal (RFP), and to be bound by the terms and conditions of the RFP.

If you have any questions, or need more information about our company or policies, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

David Mercer

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Mercer", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Cross Check Services – Project Examples / References

Project Name	OV-1 North Ridge Fuel Reduction Project
Description	A 120-acre shaded fuel break on the ridgeline directly north of the Olympic Valley community. The fuel break was completed using primarily mechanical thinning and mastication methods.
Date / Duration	September 2023 – July 2024
Client Name/Agency	Olympic Valley Public Service District
Contact Person (Name Phone Number, Email Address)	Jessica Asher 530-583-4692 jasher@ovpsd.org

Project Name	Sugar Pine State Park
Description	48 acres of mechanical forest restoration and fuels reduction adjacent to the north fire road at Sugar Pine State Park
Date / Duration	10/1/2025-11/15/2025
Client Name/Agency	California State Parks
Contact Person (Name Phone Number, Email Address)	Rich Adams 530-525-1222 rich.adams@parks.ca.gov

Project Name	Martis Camp THP
Description	421 acres of mechanical forest thinning and fuels reduction
Date / Duration	2025-2028
Client Name/Agency	Martis Camp HOA
Contact Person (Name Phone Number, Email Address)	Scott Bower 530-386-2034 ScottB@MartisCamp.com

Project Name	Webber Lake Forest Thinning and Meadow Restoration Project
Description	478 acres of mechanical forest thinning and meadow restoration on the north and west side of Webber lake
Date / Duration	2019 - 2025
Client Name/Agency	Truckee Donner Land Trust
Contact Person (Name Phone Number, Email Address)	Danele Johanus 414-731-4177 daniel@tdlandtrust.org

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OBJECTIVE

Seeking to maximize my personal skills, and the assets of my business, Cross Check Services LLC, to develop a local source for forest products arising from local forest fuel reduction work and other forestry operations by developing the Alpenglow Timber facility, a sustainable sawmill in the North Tahoe - Truckee Region.

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Licensed Timber Operator with uncompromising work ethic, integrity, and professionalism. Cross Check Services, LLC was started in 2005. Since that time, I have consistently provided high-quality forestry services, including forest fuel reduction work, cut-to-length forestry, whole tree logging, thinning, chipping, and various specialized forestry services. Exemplary delivery on project completion with consistent regulatory compliance and quality work. I found Alpenglow Timber, LLC in early 2022 and have successfully led all aspects of development bringing the project from conception to late-stage development and construction.

Core Knowledge and Skill Areas:

- All aspects of Logging Operations
- State and Federal Regulatory Compliance
- Operating using GPS/ArcGIS Mapping
- CA Forest Practice Rules
- Heavy Equipment Operations
- Heavy Equipment Maintenance Mechanical Expertise
- Human Resource and Business Management
- Certified Welder and Master fabricator
- Electrician and Hydraulic Mechanic
- Powerline Construction
- Cable and Ski lift Construction and Heavy Rigging

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Owner & Licensed Timber Operator Cross Check Services, LLC, Olympic Valley, CA, 2005 to present.

I have had full responsibility for developing a viable forestry services business in the environmentally sensitive Lake Tahoe Basin. I have successfully solicited for numerous private and grant funded forestry projects. I have consistently performed the work to a high degree of professional standard. I am responsible for all aspects of the project completion from bidding the work, hiring and staffing the business, negotiating contracts, sourcing equipment, operating equipment, working with land-owners and state and federal agencies.

RELEVANT PROJECTS COMPLETED:

Cross Check Services, LLC has completed numerous forestry projects. A few of relevance are listed below to demonstrate the scope of work and professional competence.

USFS Truckee Ranger District

Project; Mumble, Drycreek, Billy Hill, Onion, North Alder, Máyala Wáta (Meeks Meadow)

Project dates (2012 to Current)

Contact Sonya Lucatero

PH 530-941-7945

Email sonya.luucatero@usda.gov

Truckee Donner Land Trust

Project; Royal Gorge, Webber Lake, Ice Lakes, Waddle Ranch, E-3

Project Dates (2012 to current)

Contact John Svahn

PH 530-582-4711

Email john@tdlandtrust.org

Northstar At Tahoe

Project; Annual Fuels reduction, ski run trail clearing projects

Project Dates (9/20/10 to current)

Contact; Jerusha Hall

PH (530) 562-8043

Email jhall@vailresorts.com

City of South Lake Tahoe Fire Department

Project; Cold Creek, Springwood III, Lake Christopher

Project dates (8/31/09 to 6/01/11);

Contact Danielle Bradfield

PH 530-927-7095

Email dbanchio@frontiernet.net

North Tahoe Fire Protection District

Projects; Firestone, Highlands, Quail Lake,

Chambers Foothill, Old County, Ward

Creek, Skylandia, 2 Ring Road

Project dates (8-15-08 to 10-15-09);

North Lake Fire Protection District

Project; Third Creek

Project dates (5-25-08 to 7-4-08)

Lake Valley Fire Protection District

Project; Golden Bear, Myers 5

Project dates (7-15-09 to 2011)

Contact Martin Goldberg

PH 530-416-2506

California State Parks

Project; Johnsville Fuel Reduction, Burton
Creek, Highlands, Washoe Meadows,
Skylandia, Sugar Pine, DL Bliss
Project dates (6-1-2005 to Current)
Contact Rich Adams
PH 530-277-6370
Email radams@parks.ca.gov

California Tahoe Conservancy

Project; Highlands 1&2, Mark Twain,
Springwood III, Myers 5, Lake Christopher
Project dates (9/1/08 to 10/01/10)
Contact Brian Hurt
PH 530-208-6318
Email bhurt@tahoe.ca.gov

The Nature Conservancy

Projects; Independence Lake
Project Dates: (2012-2015)
Contact; Chris Sega
PH 775-846-5212
Email csega@tnc.org

Nevada Department of Forestry

Projects; Little Valley, Clear Creek, Washoe Valley, Washoe Valley fire salvage.
Project dates; (2010-2017)
Contact; Anna Higgins
PH 775-600-5798
Email ahiggins@forestry.nv.gov

Truckee Tahoe Airport District

Projects; Runway clearance, Waddle Ranch, Alder Hill
Project dates (2013-2021)
Contact; Dave Hoffman
PH 530-386-1700
Email Dave.hoffman@truckeetahoeairport.com

Truckee Fire Protection District

Projects; Brockway to Glenshire fuel break
Glenshire fuel reduction
Project Dates; (2019-2021)
Contact; Jeff Dowling
PH 775-815-8974
Email jeffdowling@truckeefire.org

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, LICENSES & CERTIFICATES

Logging and Forestry Services

Cross Check Services, 2005 to present.

Description: Mechanical thinning operations in the environmentally sensitive Lake Tahoe Basin. Specializing in cut-to-length, conventional whole tree, helicopter logging and thinning, urban forest thinning, forest fuel reduction, and specialized forestry and chipping services.

Montgomery Timber, 1993-2005.

Description: Worked as a timber faller and equipment operator seasonally and full-time.

Licensed Timber Operator

Description: Completed all necessary certification to operate as a LTO in the State of California. Specialize in timber operations in environmentally sensitive areas using mechanical "cut-to-length" logging and chipping equipment.

Commercial Helicopter Pilot

- 1993 to present
- Instrument Helicopter
- Certified Flight Instructor

Description:

Winco Power line services- pilot, instructor pilot, specializing in power line construction and line maintenance 1998-present

Helicopter Lift Services- pilot, bidder, ground crew supervisor 1993 to 2009

ERA Aviation- Pilot, anchorage duty pilot, specializing in construction and the odd jobs state-wide 2002

PJ Helicopters- pilot, power line construction and maintenance 1997-1998

Croman Corporation- pilot, ground crew, helicopter logging 1994-1995

Mechanical Engineering

University of Nevada, Reno; Truckee Meadows Community College

Description: Studied mechanical engineering, certified welding, and general education for 3 years.

Ski Area Operations and Construction

Palisades Tahoe (Squaw Valley Ski Corporation):

Description: Equipment operator, assistant to mountain manager, ski lift construction foreman, lift mechanic, alpine race team coach from 1987-2021.

Outback Construction:

Description: Ski lift construction foreman, built and repaired ski lifts and trams in Utah, Colorado, Washington, and Costa Rica from 2001-2004.

REFERENCES

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