



July 9th, 2026

Vincent Wawrzynski, Director of Operations & Maintenance
Truckee Tahoe Airport District

Subject: RFP Waddle Ranch Timber Operations

COVER LETTER

Dear Vincent:

From our Northern Nevada/California headquarters in Verdi, we are located to mobilize quickly and efficiently. We are committed to providing responsive and professional services for you and your team and we offer trained personnel with the right attitude to work safely and achieve the project goals and objectives. The professionals with our businesses routinely work together to serve public and private agencies, both Federal and State, on similar forest thinning, land clearing, and fire protection projects. Should you have any questions or if you would like to discuss the details of our attached detailed submittal, our contact information is included below:

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We look forward to working with your team on this important project. The Truckee Tahoe Airport District and surrounding timberland is not only in our backyards, but a forest we love to recreate in and have worked at in the past. We will adhere to the requirements and details described in the referenced RFP. With our current workload, we can manage the scope of this project comfortably and plan to start this summer and have it finished by fall 2026. We anticipate 4 weeks of work.

Sincerely, Lane Bennett
Attachments: Statement of Work and Proposal

PROJECT UNDERSTANDING

- The Project is a 150-acre hazardous fuel reduction project located on lands owned by the Truckee-Tahoe Airport District and under Conservation Easement with the Truckee Donner Land Trust. The project is funded through California Climate Investment funds via grant 5TR23108.
- The goal of the Waddle Ranch 2026 Fuel Reduction Project (Project) is to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire within the wildland urban interface. This goal will be achieved by reducing the horizontal and vertical continuity of forest fuels and will allow for effective fire suppression activities, as well as offer increased protection to life, property and the natural environment. Positive impacts to forest health can also be expected as inter-tree competition will be reduced, supporting increased vigor and growth rates upon residual conifers, thereby reducing damage from agents such as insect and disease.
- Surface repair to damaged roads will be repaired in a timely manner in order to prevent further deterioration of the road.
- Rehab includes slashing all main skid trails, closing off temp roads, waterbars on slopes as necessary to prevent erosion, and decommissioning landings.

PROJECT APPROACH, OPERATIONAL PLAN, AND SCHEDULE

1. We plan to begin work in the month of September 2026 and anticipate completion of all work by fall of 2026. Realistically this project will take 4-6 weeks.

- We will be completing this project through a mixed operational approach of handwork and mechanical operations
- We will be deploying 3 resources on this job
 - 10-20 man hand crew to perform the rocky/steep/challenging acres
 - This work will be subcontracted and completed by Mountain View Reforestation.
 - Cat 310 to grapple pile in the equipment friendly areas
 - Fire skid with high pressure foam firefighting system mounted on a Polaris side by side. This will allow for immediate intervention if any fires are started on the job site.

3. Protecting the environment will be a top priority during operations. Prior to mobilizing, all equipment will be cleaned in order to prevent the transfer of any invasive/non-native species/seeds into the project area. All operators will have maps denoting any sensitive areas including archaeological sites, stream protection zones, etc. No operations will be conducted during LOP's for migratory nesting birds. In an effort to combat erosion, we will follow the rehab specs including water barring upon closeout if any are used at all. Firefighting equipment will be onsite and in operational condition to prevent the start and spread of wildfires. All operations will adhere to PAL levels.

6. Safety Plan

- Strict control of the work area is critical during logging operations. A Cal/OSHA-defined “competent person” must evaluate each logging area for hazards and make an appropriate logging plan of action. Know and understand this logging plan before starting work. Work areas are designed so that cut trees won’t land in adjacent, occupied areas. Respect the assigned work areas. Make sure that you are stationed at least two tree lengths away from the nearest cutting zone.
- When entering a cutting zone, evaluate the area for hazards. Note the slope of the land, wind conditions, and look for signs of loose bark, broken limbs, or other tree damage. Plan and prepare for retreat zones in case of an emergency. Evaluate each tree and its falling path for hazards and potential problems before cutting. Don’t work downhill from a cutting area because trees or limbs can slide or roll after cutting.
- Always follow the manufacturer’s instructions on logging equipment and tools. Use the appropriate equipment and tools for each job and keep them maintained. Repair or replace logging equipment and tools when necessary. Attend and understand the training that your employer offers on logging operations, unpredictable situations, and medical emergencies or first aid.
- Be careful when working around mobile logging equipment such as trucks, skidders, and loaders. Wear your seatbelt and don’t allow coworkers to grab onto the equipment for a ride. Maintain the equipment and ensure it has appropriate safety features such as a roll bar or falling object protective guards. Take care around loaded vehicles and equipment because piles of logs can be unstable.
- Wear your personal protective equipment (PPE). Gloves protect your hands while chaps or saw pants protect your legs. Your head, face, and eyes should be protected with a hard hat that has a chin strap and the use of goggles or a face shield. Use hearing protection such as ear plugs or ear muffs, but stay alert for emergency warning signals. Steel toed shoes with a supportive ankle are a must to protect your feet. Lastly, know where you and your coworkers are in relation to the activities that are going on nearby. Although your job is important, your safety is more important.
- Communications: We get cell reception in select areas throughout the sale so we can utilize for emergency calls. Furthermore we have high powered crew radios we can maintain contact with each other in case of emergency. For serious injuries we have high powered forest service compatible radios we use while contracting on fire assignments that we can use to hit repeaters and local dispatch centers for serious emergencies.
- 9 Line Medical Evacuation Request that we can utilize:
 1. Grid location of pickup site

2. Radio frequency, call sign
3. Number of patients by precedence a. Urgent b. Urgent-Surgical c. Priority d. Routine e. Convenience
4. Special Equipment a. None b. Hoist c. Extraction Equipment d. Ventilator
5. Number of patients by type L ____# Patients litter A ____# Patients ambulatory
6. (Peacetime) Number and type of wound, injury. Specific information regarding casualty(ies).
7. Method of marking a. Panels b. Pyrotechnic signal c. Smoke signal d. None e. Other
8. Patient Nationality and status a. U.S. Military b. U.S. Civilian c. Non U.S. Military d. Non U.S. Civilian e. EPW
9. NBC/terrain description (wartime) N. Nuclear B. Biological C. Chemical N/A
9. (Peacetime) detailed terrain feature description

-Hazardous Materials Spill Plan: Confine the spill. If it starts to spread, dike it up with sand and soil. Use absorbent material such as cat litter, absorbent pillows, soil, sawdust, or absorbent clay to soak up the spill. Shovel all contaminated material into a leak proof container for disposal. Every vehicle will be equipped with a spill kit in case there are hydraulic oil spills, motor oil spills, or fuel spills on the project.

7. To reduce fire risks during our work, we will have our 50-gallon high pressure foam injection system on our side-by-side. We have an additional crew haul side by side that is equipped with saws and firefighting tools. All trucks will be equipped with necessary hand tools. We will also set up fire box's in each location we have crews/machinery operating.

8. We have the capability of transporting our equipment and hauling any materials required for the project.

9. Our company currently contract with CalFire and/or the Forest Service for wildland firefighting services and equipment.

FIRM QUALIFICATIONS AND CAPABILITY

Background

Deadwood Forestry

Lane Bennett, owner of Deadwood Forestry comes from a wildland firefighting background and has a decade of experience seeing how different fuels and topography

react with wildfire in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. This gives him a good eye for the work that needs to be done and the fuels that should be removed. He has gained these skills through numerous avenues in the forestry sector of work. This includes fighting fire on hand crews across the entire nation along with hundreds of acres of treated forest by hand thinning and piling. He then moved into private industry fuels reduction where he became a foreman leading crews that treated thousands of acres of forest with small specialized forestry equipment (mini excavators, skid steers, tracked chippers, masticators, etc.) After that Lane continued his way as a contract tree feller for Cal Fire, the Forest Service, and numerous logging outfits where he managed the falling operations. Here he gained experience running feller bunchers, skidders, forwarders, loaders, whole tree chippers, etc. Six years ago he started his own forestry business and has worked his way up to completing thousands of acres of fuels reduction for the Forest Service, BLM, and private property owners up and down the sierras from Mammoth Lakes to Susanville, tackling projects to make his mark in the mountains he grew up in.

Project Team and Points of Contact

- Lane Bennett - Owner of Deadwood Forestry, LLC 661-718-5752
 - LTO#A013329#CA202253117398/#NV20201937483



Equipment and Capability

- Feller Buncher
 - Tigercat LX830D (330HP Tracked Leveling machine for working steep slopes)
 - Tigercat 4161-15 Masticating head
 - Tigercat 5185 Fixed Felling Saw
 - Hotsaw
- Harvester/Processor
 - Tigercat 1165 wheeled harvester
 - Tigercat 850 Harvester/Processor
- Log Loader
 - John Deere 2156 (long logs)

- Liebherr 566 wheeled log loader (short logs)
- Forwarder
 - Tigercat 1055 wheeled forwarder
- Excavators
 - 3x Caterpillar 310 with rotating grapple, and bucket.
 - Link Belt 145X4 with masticator, grapple, and bucket
 - Bobcat E55 with masticator, grapple, and bucket
 - Menzi Muck M545X (Walking) with grapple saw
- Skidders
 - Tigercat 602 with winch
 - Caterpillar 525 with winch
 - Clark Ranger 664C cable skidder
- Tracked Dedicated masticators
 - Tigercat 470
 - FAE RCU 75
- Dozers
 - Cat 517 Grapple dozer (road construction/maintenance and skidding)
- Full Handcrew equipped with chainsaws
- 4000 gallon water truck
- 500 Gallon Water trailer with high pressure pump and 500' of hose.
- 40 Gallon CAF (High pressure fire fighting system) on side by side
- Skid steer fire skid with 300 gallons of remote nozzle fire fighting
- 225 gallon high pressure foam injection system mounted on Humve
- Onsite Fire Boxes full of firefighting equipment (Axes, Pulaskis, McCleods, Shovels, Backpack water pumps, Fire extinguishers, Chainsaws)

Past Projects and References

Deadwood Forestry

- Whitebark Institute 2024 Mammoth Lakes Community Fuel Break (Reds Meadow Implementation II). This project consists of 606 acres of Fuels reduction (removal of <12in to 20 ft. spacing), 250 acres of forest health units (selective logging of trees <30in and removal of all roadside hazard trees), and 105 acres of meadow restoration (removal of all trees <30 in in the meadow. Reference Sarah Hoff-Phillips (206) 650-4633 (project manager)
 - 960 acres (Summer 2024) complete
- Sugar Bowl Corporation Forestry Health & Fire Fuel Reduction Project 2024
Deadwood Forestry, LLC was the primary contractor of this project. This project was not pre-marked, so Deadwood Forestry was in charge of selecting the trees being cut by the given prescription. This project focused on mitigating the fir die off the higher elevation Sierras are currently encountering and providing a shaded fuel break and spacing out the timber stand to promote healthy forest growth. Reference Meghan Lowry (530) 668-9143 (10/2024-07/205) complete

- 198 acres
- Whitebark Institute 2025 Coldwater and Junkyard Projects. These projects consisted of fuels reduction and timber stand health improvement. This was accomplished by means of contractor selection of thinning trees to a desired target basal area and removal of bark beetle infested timber. Reference Sarah Hoff-Phillips (206) 650-4633 (project manager)
 - 291 acres (summer 2025) complete
- Placer County 2026 French Meadows Project. This project consists of 550 acres of steep ground logging and 80 acres of meadow restoration in a dense mixed conifer stand with a project goal of reducing fire risk, improving stand vigor, and improving forest health. Reference: John LeBlanc (530)333-3467 (Project manager/forester)
 - Ongoing progress

Sealed Fee Proposal

- Price per acre - \$1,795.00
- 150 acres x \$1,795.00 = \$269,250.00
 - \$500/acre to cut
 - \$400/acre to mechanically pile cut material
 - \$500/acre to hand pile cut material (sub)
 - \$200/acre to pile overloaded brush patches
 - \$175/acre to pile dead and down material
- Total Job Cost = \$269,250.00

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.



Lane Bennett

Equipment





