

Mattole Restoration Council

Request For Proposals

Table Bluff Ecological Reserve Coastal Prairie Restoration

Project: TBER Goat Grazing BID-TBER05

1. Project Description

The Mattole Restoration Council has partnered with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Wiyot Tribe to implement coastal prairie restoration projects at the Table Bluff Ecological Reserve in Loleta, CA. Seasonal grazing is needed at Table Bluff Ecological Reserve (TBER) to restore and maintain early-seral habitat for endangered western lily and native coastal prairie species. Western lily habitat at TBER has become overgrown with brush, including Himalayan blackberry, California blackberry, and salmonberry. Previous winter grazing with goats onsite and in other western lily habitats suggests that using goats can be highly effective in controlling brush in the habitat and encouraging western lily plants to flower. Based on previous success in increasing the flowering population, 200-500 goat-days/acre is desired over a 6-acre enclosure and a 3-acre pilot project area (a total of 9 fenced acres). These two areas are securely fenced, and they span a cross-section of Sitka spruce forest, scrub, and grasslands. Additionally, a similar grazing prescription is desired over a small, unfenced pasture plot (approx. 0.1 acres). Grazing should occur between January 5, 2024 and March 10, 2024, during the western lily winter dormancy period after other restoration activities have concluded. Livestock water troughs and water are provided.

Future work not included in this bid will include grazing with goats for the following two winter seasons in the 6-acre fenced enclosure (2024/25 and 2025/26 winter seasons), which may occur between October and February. The contract may be expanded to other areas of TBER in 2025-2026 if positive results are observed.

2. Scope of Work

1. Mobilize goats to and from the project sites
2. Maintain goat herd within designated grazing locations at the timeline and prescription detailed below.

Timeline	Location and Acreage	Prescription
January 5, 2024 – February 15, 2024	6-acre Enclosure	Graze at least 1200 goat-days
February 15, 2024 – March 09, 2024	3-acre Pilot Project	Graze at least 600 goat-days
March 10, 2024 – March 10, 2024	0.1 acre Pasture Plot	Graze at least 20 goat-days

3. Project Information

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Project Location: The Table Bluff Ecological Reserve is located northwest of the town Loleta in Humboldt County, CA. The Ecological Reserve is owned and managed by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and it is directly east of the Waluph Lighthouse Ranch along Table Bluff Road and South Jetty Road (40.695241 N, 124.268966 W).

Project Funders: Project funding is provided by California Wildlife Conservation Board and administered through the Mattole Restoration Council. Awarded contractor will be contracting with the Mattole Restoration Council.

Prevailing Wage: This is not a public works project and payment of CA prevailing wages is not required.

Project Dates: Project implementation will take place between 1/5/2024 – 3/10/2024

Project Proposal Timeline

12/13/2023: Request for Proposals

12/21/2023: Site walk (not mandatory). Meet at 9am at coordinates provided above.

12/29/2023: Proposals are due at 9:00 AM on 12/29/23. Email completed proposals to all 3 of the following email addresses: hugh@mattole.org, emily@mattole.org, Kelsey.Mcdonald@wildlife.ca.gov

01/02/2024: Award Notification

01/05/2024: Contract Execution

01/05/2024 – 03/10/2024: Project Implementation

4. Bidding Information

Contractor Requirements

In order for a Contractor to bid on this project, proof of the following items must be provided:

- 1) Business License
- 3) General Liability Insurance Policy Information

Project and Proposal Questions

Please email project and proposal questions to: hugh@mattole.org, emily@mattole.org, Kelsey.Mcdonald@wildlife.ca.gov

Bid Proposal

The proposal must include the following information in one PDF document:

- 1) Business Name, Address, Email, and phone number
- 2) Business License and General Liability Insurance Information
- 3) A completed bid sheet found in Attachment A. All bid items must be completed.
- 4) Detail experience completing vegetation management projects with livestock.
- 5) Proposed quantity of animals to be used on the project, project approach, and estimated work schedule and timeline.
- 6) Personnel to be employed on the project and years of experience related to the scope of work
- 7) Project Safety Plan

Bid Selection

Contractor will submit a complete proposal. After reviewing proposals, the contract will be awarded to the Contractor that a) provides the most cost effective pricing b) demonstrates experience with vegetation removal projects using livestock and c) is available during the proposed work dates.

The awarded contract will be between the Mattole Restoration Council and chosen Contractor and will be a paid at a price per acre. Contractor will be paid upon completion of project sites and after MRC

receives payment from the Wildlife Conservation Board. Contractor(s) may not sub-contract any portion of the proposed work. Mattole Restoration Council and California Department of Fish and Wildlife will direct timings of treatments in consultation with selected Contractor.

5. Bid Sheet

Bid Item	Item Description and Instructions	Acres	Price/Acre	Total Bid
1	Mobilization of all livestock to and from project work sites. Coordination with MRC and CDFW staff. Mobilize goats to and from the project sites. Maintain goat herd within designated grazing locations at the timeline and prescription provided.	9.1		

6. Project Map

