

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 a coastal prairie restoration project at the Table Bluff Ecological Reserve in Loleta, CA. Seasonal grazing is needed at Table Bluff Ecological Reserve to restore and maintain early-seral habitat for Endangered western lily and native coastal prairie species. Western lily habitat on the Ecological Reserve 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, ~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 (<1 acre). Grazing is timed to occur during the western lily winter dormancy period after other restoration activities have concluded. Livestock water must be provided by the grazer.

Future work not included in this bid will include grazing with goats for the following two winter seasons (2025/26 and 2026/27 winter seasons), which may occur between October and February.

2. Scope of Work

1. Mobilize 50-100 goats to and from the project sites.
2. Maintain goat herd within designated grazing locations on the approximate timeline and prescription detailed below. The timeline below would achieve the grazing objectives with a herd of 50 goats, and this timeline may be condensed if additional goats are available.

| Timeline | Location and Acreage | Prescription |
|--|----------------------|-----------------------|
| ~ November 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024 | 6-acre Enclosure | Graze ~3000 goat-days |
| ~ January 1 – January 31, 2025 | 3-acre Pilot Project | Graze ~1500 goat-days |
| ~ February 1, 2024 – February 11, 2025 | <1 acre Pasture Plot | Graze ~500 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 Waluplh 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: November 1, 2024 – February 11, 2025

Project Proposal Timeline

9/13/2024: Request for Proposals

9/25/2024: Site walk (not mandatory). Meet at 9am at coordinates provided above.

10/4/2024: Proposals are due at 9:00 AM on 9/30/24. Email completed proposals to all 3 of the following email addresses: vroom@mattole.org, emily@mattole.org, Kelsey.Mcdonald@wildlife.ca.gov

10/08/2024: Award Notification

10/11/2024: Contract Execution

11/01/2024 – 2/11/2025: 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: vroom@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 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 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 50-100 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
