

Reecer Creek Floodplain Restoration Project: Archaeological Monitoring

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

July 27, 2010

The Mid-Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group (Mid-Columbia Fisheries) **requests proposals for *archaeological monitoring* for the Reecer Creek Floodplain Restoration Project in Ellensburg, WA.** Proposals are due by 3PM on August 6, 2010.

1. Description:

The Reecer Creek Floodplain Restoration Project will restore natural channel and floodplain function along one mile of Ellensburg's Reecer Creek, a tributary to the Yakima River at River Mile 153.7. The stream is currently constrained by the Suver levee on its eastern bank. The project will install a setback levee on the eastern edge of the floodplain, recreate a stream channel and flood-flow channels within the historic floodplain, and remove the existing levee (Appendix A, Project Plans). Archaeological monitoring during periods of excavation was recommended in the cultural resource report for the project area (Appendix A). The project is anticipated to be up to 160 days in duration, although it is anticipated that monitoring will only be required on days when new ground disturbance occurs, projected to be less than 35 days.

The project is a collaborative effort between the South Central Washington Resource Conservation and Development Council, the City of Ellensburg, the Yakama Nation, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Yakima Tributary Access and Habitat Project, the Kittitas County Water Purveyors, the Kittitas Reclamation District, the Kittitas County Conservation District, and Mid-Columbia Fisheries. Project funding has been provided by the Washington State Salmon Recovery Funding Board, the Washington Department of Ecology, the Bonneville Power Administration, the Pacific Salmon Recovery Fund, and the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

2. Request

Mid-Columbia Fisheries, along with its partners, is seeking an Archaeological Consultant who meets the qualification standards for cultural resource management professionals as described by the National Park Service and published in 36 CFR part 61. Contracted services may include, but are not limited to:

- Monitoring of ground-disturbing activities during construction of the Reecer Creek Floodplain Restoration project;
- Regular communication with Mid-Columbia Fisheries;
- Coordinate schedules with the construction contractor in order to provide monitoring on all days when new ground disturbance occurs;
- Notice to Mid-Columbia Fisheries or its assignees if archaeological resources are uncovered; and
- Initiation of appropriate contact with the Washington State Department of Archaeological Preservation, and the Yakama Nation if archaeological resources are uncovered.

3. Timeline

Mid-Columbia Fisheries anticipates construction work beginning in mid or late August, 2010. The project will be substantially complete within 160 days, but may have elements of work that extend into summer of 2011.

4. Proposal format

Respondents are asked to address the following points in a brief (2 – 5 page) proposal:

- a) Qualifications to perform the anticipated work,
- b) Cost of service per day of construction monitoring,
- c) Any other anticipated costs,
- d) Availability within the timeframe of the project,
- e) Familiarity with local history, and
- f) References who can speak to your responsiveness during large construction projects.

5. Selection

Mid-Columbia Fisheries will select a qualified consultant based upon proposed cost of services, anticipated availability during project construction, familiarity with local history, and reputation for responsiveness.

6. Proposal Delivery:

Proposals shall be delivered to Mid-Columbia Fisheries via e-mail or fax:

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Proposals shall be received by 3:00 PM on August 6, 2010.

Appendices are available by request. Please email becca@midcolumbiarfeq.com to request the project plans (Appendix A), or the cultural resource report (Appendix B).