

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Cultural Resource Survey for Tule River Tribe of California March 27, 2024

The Tule River Tribe (Tribe) is requesting project proposals, to include price, for a Cultural Resource Survey and site records update within specified areas of the Tule River Reservation, Tulare County CA. The CRS will be conducted to detect and record the presence of any previously unknown historic and cultural resources, and to update the records of previously recorded sites within specific designated zones on the Tule River Reservation. See attached map for more details.

The CRS will include a literature & records search, a pedestrian field survey, and preparation of a technical report (HPTR) including all newly recorded sites, or updated site records.

Proposals for CRS and technical report will be received at the office of the Tule River Tribe, Department of Environmental Protection, attention Kerri Vera at P.O. Box 589 Porterville CA, 93258, until 5:00 P.M. (P.D.S.T) April 30, 2024; the proposal can also be emailed to Kerri Vera at Kerri.Vera@tulerivertribe-nsn.gov or TULERIVERENV@YAHOO.COM. Enclosed is the information about the project and what is needed to complete the proposal.

If you have any questions, please contact Kerri Vera, Director of the Tule River Tribal Department of Environmental Protection at (559) 781-4271, ext. 5041.

Scope of Work: The work to be performed under these provisions shall include the furnishing of all labor, equipment, and materials necessary to conclude a cultural resource study and associated technical report for specified areas of the Tule River Reservation, Tulare County CA. The specified area spans through the Tule Rive Reservation, within some areas of the 2021 Windy Fire Burn boundary (see attached map).

Location and Access: The 2021 Windy Fire which burned within the Sequoia National Forest and Tule River Reservation, impacted approximately 9,000 acres of the Tule River Reservation. Within the Reservation portion of the fire area, there are numerous known and unknown archaeological sites. For many of the known sites, the most recent recordings were documented in the late 1970s and early 1980s. Therefore, there is a need to update existing site records, as well as record previously unknown sites that have been revealed since the last recording events. Some areas within the Windy Fire burn area have been surveyed more recently, and will not need to be resurveyed. See map for needed survey area.

Cultural Resource Study Requirements: A cultural resources evaluation shall include a record search, an archaeological field survey, and preparation of a cultural resources technical report. The record search shall identify all prehistoric and historic archaeological sites within specified area.

The field study shall be accomplished using standardized survey methods. All cultural resources sites shall be recorded and mapped on the standardized site record form provided by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). The cultural resources survey report shall be prepared to document the results of the records search and field survey.

The report shall also provide background cultural history for the project area, discuss survey methods, identify any cultural resources located within the specified areas. The survey report shall also provide any significance evaluations that can be made at the survey level of cultural resources detected.

Schedule: Upon award of work, the Contractor shall start record searches within 14 days. The Contractor shall provide a written Cultural Resource Study to the Tule River Tribe within sixty (60) days of the award.

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Tule River Reservation

Tulare County CA

