

Deschutes River Ranch Restoration Project: Pasture Maintenance Services

BID NOTICE to Thurston County Farmers:

March 25, 2014

The South Puget Sound Salmon Enhancement Group (SPSSEG) is soliciting bids from local Thurston County farmers to perform pasture maintenance in the spring/summer of 2014. Pasture maintenance will include at least one cutting and one spraying of Milestone herbicide for approximately 150 acres of pasture land located outside the City of Yelm. The project site is located adjacent to the Deschutes River and is directly off Vail Road. Equipment access is provided through a locked gate. There is Canada thistle, other weeds, and known Slender Flower Thistle on site (Class A noxious weed). There are also existing fences that will need to be worked around. The goal of the project is to reduce weed growth, eliminate Slender Flower Thistle, and to prepare for an upcoming habitat restoration project on the property.

Project Scope:

- Cut approximately 150 acres of pasture before the pasture weeds go to seed.
- Spray approximately 150 acres with Milestone herbicide.

Project Requirements:

- Farmer shall have \$1 million Farm Liability insurance.
- SPSSEG, City of Lacey, City of Yelm, and City of Olympia shall not be liable for any damage to Farmers equipment.
- Farmer shall provide all of their own equipment and employees.
- Farmer shall pay prevailing wage rates for Thurston County.
- Farmer shall not sub-contract out any pasture maintenance work.
- Any silage taken off site will be quarantined on Farmers property and shall be used for their personal livestock only (to reduce the spread of noxious weeds).
- Farmer shall have no noxious weed violation notices from Thurston County Weed Board in the past 5 years.
- The cutting must be completed prior to the pasture weeds going to seed in spring 2014.

- The Milestone spraying must be completed during the optimal temperature/weather in 2014.
- If the Farmer chooses to take silage the Thurston County Weed Board will have the authority to inspect the Farmers fields for Slender Flower Thistle for the next 5 years (to reduce the spread of Class A noxious weeds). There will be a signed agreement with the Thurston County Weed Board and Farmer.
- No silage will be bartered, given away, or sold by the Farmer (to reduce the spread of Class A noxious weeds).
- Prior to arriving and leaving the project site all machinery used to cut and spray the pasture must be cleaned to prevent further noxious weed contamination.
- If no material (silage) is taken off site then the Farmer is only responsible to cut and spray.
- The known Slender Flower Thistle locations will be mapped by SPSSEG and provided to the Farmer for more aggressive treatment.
- SPSSEG has the right to reject all bids.

Project Bidding:

- **BASE BID:** Farmer shall submit a Base Bid per acre to cut and spray (with Milestone) approximately 150 acres of pasture. The Farmer is eligible to remove silage material off site for personal livestock use and as long as the Thurston County Weed Board requirements are met (see above).
- **ALTERNATE BID:** In case there are not any Farmers who want silage, the Farmer shall submit an Alternate Bid price per acre for a cut and spray only (with Milestone) for approximately 150 acres of pasture. This option does not require the Thurston County Weed Board to inspect the Farmers fields for Slender Flower Thistle.
- **BID ADDITIVE:** Farmer shall submit a Bid Additive cost per acre to provide a second cutting later in the season for each Bid option.

Project Award:

- The lowest BASE BID will be awarded the pasture maintenance contract by SPSSEG. The Farmer is eligible to remove silage material off site for personal livestock use only and as long as the Thurston County Weed Board requirements are met (see above).
 - If no Base Bids are submitted for consideration the lowest ALTERNATE BID will be used to award the pasture maintenance contract for a cut and spray option only. This option does not require the Thurston County Weed Board to inspect the Farmers fields for Slender Flower Thistle.
 - Please submit a BASE BID with silage take and/or an ALTERNATE BID without silage take. Also, please submit a Bid Additive estimate for each.
1. Bid Announcement: March 27, 2014
 2. Voluntary Project Walk Through: April 11, 2014 from 1-3 pm. SPSSEG staff will be available to provide access to the site and to answer any questions. Please see the attached map for site and access gate location.
 3. Please submit sealed bids by April 17, 2014 by 2 pm to:

SPSSEG

Attention Lance Winecka

6700 Martin Way East, Suite 112

Olympia, WA 98506

Bids will also be accepted prior to April 17, 2014 by 2 pm via email to:

Lancew@spsseg.org

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BID PROPOSAL

Bidder Name _____

Address

To:

Project Manager, Lance Winecka

South Puget Sound Salmon Enhancement Group

6700 Martin Way East Suite 112

Olympia, WA 98626

Signature

Date

SCHEDULE OF QUANTITIES

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	Base Bid Item Description	Acres	Price per Acre		Bid Amount
1	Cut Pasture (With Silage)	150			\$
2	Spray Pasture with Milestone	150			\$
				Tax (7.9%)	\$
				Total Base Bid Including Tax	\$
	Bid Additive (Second Cutting)	150		Bid Additive	\$
	Alternate Bid Item Description				
1	Cut Pasture (No Silage)	150			\$
2	Spray Pasture with Milestone	150			\$
				Tax (7.9%)	\$
				Total Alternate Bid including Tax	\$
	Bid Additive (Second Cutting)	150		Bid Additive	\$

April 2014

PASTURE MAINTENANCE SERVICES CONTRACT

FOR THE DESCHUTES RIVER RANCH RESTORATION PROJECT

THIS CONTRACT, made and entered into this, ____ Day of _____ shall be the agreed basis of performing the following work by and between the South Puget Sound Salmon Enhancement Group (SPSSEG), hereinafter referred to as the Project Manager, and

FARMER

hereinafter referred to as the Contractor

WITNESSETH: Whereas the parties hereto have mutually covenanted and by these presents do covenant and agree with each other as follows for the containment of Class A Noxious Weeds on the Deschutes Ranch:

FIRST: Any and all cutting of grass on the Deschutes Ranch shall be for silage only.

SECOND: The FARMER shall not have any Noxious Weed violations from the Thurston County Weed Board in the previous 5 years.

THIRD: Any and all silage that leaves the Deschutes Ranch must be transported directly to the FARMER property and nowhere else.

FOURTH: All silage must be sealed in plastic wrap and must be used exclusively on the FARMER property. If livestock are to be sold and moved off the FARMER property, a 72 hour holding period is required from the time the last of the silage from the Deschutes ranch is fed to the departure of the livestock from the farm.

FIFTH: All silage must stay sealed and fed to livestock on the FARMER property exclusively.

SIXTH: No silage be sold, given away or bartered for services by the FARMER.

SEVENTH: The FARMER hereby provides permission to Thurston County Weed Board to inspect their property for any Class A Noxious Weeds such as the Slender Flower Thistle for the next 5 years.

EIGHTH: All machinery and equipment used for cutting and bailing of silage must be cleaned, pressure washed and free of plant matter, dirt and debris prior to arriving and leaving the Deschutes Ranch property.

NINTH: The FARMER will take all necessary actions and will work with the Thurston County Noxious Weed Control Agency to contain any noxious weeds that may arise on the FARMER property as a result of this work/service.

All parties agree to the terms and conditions described above.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF: The said South Puget Sound Salmon Enhancement Group has caused this Contract to be subscribed in its behalf and the said Contractor has signed this Contract the day and year first above written.

Contractor:

Project Manager:
South Puget Sound Salmon Enhancement Group

By _____

By Lance Winecka _____

Title: _____

Title: SPSSEG Executive Director _____

Date _____

Date _____

Thurston County Noxious Weed Control Agency

By: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____