



Office: Canyon Country District Office

Notice of Funding Opportunity Number: L23AS00247

Project Submission Dates and Times: February 10, 2023 – April 11, 2023

Project Title: Canyon country Fuels reduction

Maximum Available Funding in FY23: \$25,000

BLM has determined \$600 weekly stipend equal to \$15.00 per hour (to include Fringe and benefits) is reasonable.

Project Background Information: Canyon country district fire and fuels program treats 20,000 acres of hazardous fuels annually across the district. Each year multiple contracts are completed as well as work done in house with fire and fuels professionals. An opportunity exists to mentor youth crews with our fire and fuels folks. This would help them develop skills required to pursue a career in land management. Fuels reduction work youth core crews could engage in include but are not limited to lop and scatter, slashing, fire line construction for prescribed fire, cut and pile, firewood cutting and pull back, spot herbicide application, hand pile and cover, range fence construction, fuels monitoring, and fuels pull back.

Project Objective: Reduce fire danger in Canyon country district while providing a hands-on learning environment. This would be provided by giving them the opportunity to work on vegetation management projects with the primary objectives of reducing the risk of catastrophic fire. These skills will transfer to wildland fire jobs as well as defensible space planning.

Work Schedule: Monday- Friday, generally 8am to 5pm, for 4-16 weeks a year. Crews may develop their own work schedule as needed to improve efficiency.

Qualification Requirements: Completion of S-212, Utah commercial pesticide applicator license.

Housing: the government will not provide housing

Vehicle Needs: Crews will need 4x4 capable vehicles and access to a UTV. The government will not provide these.

Other Project Considerations:

Food: Youth Corps provides meals

All Supplies: Youth core will provide all supplies, this is to include hand tools, chain saws and chainsaw personal protective equipment, fuel and bar oil, herbicide, herbicide application devices. Camping and cooking gear.

Training Requirements: chainsaw training s-212, first aid, spot herbicide application training.

Travel: all travel to project sites will be completed with youth core vehicles

BLM will not liable for injuries or damage incurred to crew members or equipment.

Duties:

The successful applicant will provide a five-to-ten-person crew to assist canyon country fuels with hazardous

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fuels reduction projects spread out across southeastern Utah over the life of the agreement. The project location will be dependent on areas of need within the Moab and Monticello field offices. Fuels reduction will consist of any of the following actions or combination of them.

- lop and scatter
- slashing
- fire line construction for prescribed fire
- cut and pile
- firewood cutting and pull back
- spot herbicide application
- hand pile and cover
- range fence construction
- fuels monitoring
- fuels pull back

BLM's Involvement: BLM will provide project objectives and specifications. BLM will review quality control, approve pesticide use proposals, review pesticide application rates. A BLM fire or fuel professional will be onsite intermittently to make sure questions are answered, project specifications are being met and mentoring is provided.

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