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General Specifications for Fence Removal

110 - Scope of Work

It is the intent of this contract to dismantle, remove and dispose of a woven wire fence. The fence is in a wooded area of the Allegheny National Forest. The contractor is responsible for furnishing all supervision, labor, equipment, tools, and incidentals necessary to complete the work.

120 - Location and Descriptions of Project Areas – Refer to Page 2 of the Contract Area Map

121- Area 1

Area 1. Perimeter distance is 4059. Built in 1989 and is in fair to good condition. The fence is located on Forest Road 223A. From the junction of State Route 1005 (Watson Farm Road) and FR 223, take FR 223 until FR 223A on the right (about 1 mile). Go through the gate and follow FR 223 to the fence on the right (about .4 miles). There is access by ATV trail along the entire perimeter of the fence. There are approximately 68 metal posts to be removed. These are starting to rust. There are approximately 61 sawlog trees with 2x4 boards attached and about 32 pole sized trees with 2x4's. The bottom of the fence was secured by dirt rolled up onto the ground overlap of fence. There is one walkthrough gate on the fence for access to be removed. The fence has been maintained to date. The terrain is generally flat. There is private property on the north side of the fence.

130 - Contractor Representative

Before work starts, the Contractor shall designate a person knowledgeable of contract requirements to act for him in his absence. The Contractor or authorized representative shall be at the job site whenever work is in progress. In the absence of the Contractor, the authorized representative may receive instructions from the Contracting Officer.

140 - Protection of Existing Structures

The Contractor shall be required to protect existing improvements such as pipelines, power lines, buildings, gates etc. which may be located in the project area. The Contractor shall be required to repair or replace such improvements if damaged as a result of their operations.

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210 - Project Description

The project consists of taking down eight foot high (4' rolls sacked on top of each other) woven wire "deer fence", metal or wood posts, 2x4' lumber used to protect trees from the fence, man access gates, and miscellaneous wire, and fasteners. The bottom foot of the fencing is buried around perimeter of the project area and is to be dug up. The perimeter distance listed is not the total length of fence to be removed; it is the distance around the fence.

211 - Fence Material - All fence wire must be removed from the site and National Forest land and disposed of properly. Hog rings and other wire are included in this.

212 - Steel Posts - Steel posts must be pulled and removed from the site and National Forest land and disposed of properly.

213 - Fasteners - All nails and fence staples must be completely removed from live trees and disposed of properly.

Sawlog Sized Trees (greater than 9" dbh) - Remove all nails, staples, and embedded metal. If material is embedded to deeply, the tree may be girdled, but COR approval is needed for girdling of sawlog sized trees.

Pole Sized Trees (less than 9" dbh) - If nails or embedded metal cannot be pulled free in pole sized trees, the tree will be felled (or may be girdled if not along a road or recreational trail).

Red painted or blazed Forest Service property boundary trees with ingrown fence will not be cut down.

214 - Wooden Boards and Posts- All 2 x 4's and wooden posts will be removed from trees or pulled from the ground and removed from National Forest Land and disposed of properly. Wooden posts can be cut flush with the ground and left lying on site.

215 - Gates – Man gates will be removed from National Forest Land and disposed of properly.

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220 - Vehicle Operation and Roads

ATV's (All-Terrain Vehicles) may be operated around the perimeter of the fence to accomplish removal only. No vehicles except for ATV's are allowed off Forest Service or Municipal roads unless prior approval is made with the COR. Not all fences can be traversed along their entire perimeter. The operator is subject to fines if found using ATV's in manners other than for the purpose of fence removal. If at any time the Forest Service inspections indicate that soil damage has occurred due to the use of ATV's such damage shall be repaired by the Contractor at his/her expense.

Forest Service system roads are marked with a sign post next to the road. If the road is not marked with a sign post, it is probably an oil and gas road and not in the best condition for driving on. Some areas may be behind a gated road and the Contractor will coordinate with the COR for gaining access behind locked gates.

230 - Clean Up

The contractor is responsible for proper disposal of fence wire, 2x4 's, and posts. The Contractor shall remove all fence material as indicated above and all other trash and debris generated in the performance of the contract from Federal Lands. This includes lunch wrappers, discarded soft drink containers, empty cigarette packages and other debris left by the Contractor's employees.

240 – Project Area Materials Staging

Staging areas large enough for gathering, sorting, piling, etc. of removed materials prior to removal from Forest Service land are permitted in each project area. The contractor is responsible to notify the Forest Service as to the desired location for each staging area. Location will be mutually agreed upon prior to start of removal operations.

250 – Work Plan and Schedule

Prior to the start of work, the Contractor shall prepare a work plan and schedule that demonstrates when work will be completed within the performance period (**work will be completed by the termination date of CHSP Little Seeker Stewardship Contract, see section AT.12**). The Contractor may update the work plan as needed. Work plans shall be accepted by the Contracting Officer before work may commence.

260 – Safety

It is the Contractor's responsibility to ensure that the work environment is safe for themselves, their employees, and the general public. If the Contractor feels that a requirement of this contract would place any of the aforementioned in a unsafe environment, then work should stop on that area of work and the Contractor should contact the COR (Contracting Officer's Representative), or CO (Contracting Officer) if COR is unavailable. Work in other areas that the Contractor does not view as unsafe should continue. In addition the successful contractor will utilize appropriate personal protective safety equipment/clothing, which may include, but is not limited to, a hard hat, leg protection, eye protection, ear protection, and hand protection, while working in the project area.

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270 – Measurement

The mileages have been measured on a horizontal plane around the established boundaries. The Contractor may at any time after award request re-measurement of any project area. The request shall be made in writing. Re-measurement will be made within the established boundaries. If re-measurement indicates a variance of 10 percent or less, the Contractor shall bear the cost of re-measurement and payment will be based on the re-measured acreage. If re-measurement indicates a variance greater than 10 percent, payment will be based on the re-measured acreage and the Government will pay the cost of re-measurement.

280 – Equipment Cleaning Provisions – Non-native Invasive Plant Control

To help prevent the spread on non-native invasive plants, Contractors shall ensure that prior to moving any equipment to a work site on the Allegheny National Forest that they clean all soil, seeds, vegetative matter or other debris that could contain or hold seeds from equipment. Equipment shall be considered free of soil, seeds and other such debris when a visual inspection does not disclose such material.

Equipment includes, but not limited to, the following: augers, shovels, off-road equipment used for transport of materials (ATV's and trailers), skid steers and power hand tools (chain saws, brush cutters, etc.).

Disassembly of equipment components is not required. The use of detergents or other cleaning agents is not required. Equipment should not be cleaned in streams, ditches or other waterways.

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		Comp_Std	Perimeter in Feet	Acres	Access road
ITEM 1	Area 1	688036	4,059	16	FR 223A