CHAMPAGNE AND AISHIHIK FIRST NATIONS

Request for Proposals
FireSmart Treatment near Pine Lake

The Champagne and Aishihik First Nations (CAFN) is inviting proposals from experienced FireSmart Treatment Contactors who have the qualifications and capacity to provide FireSmart/Vegetation Management Treatment in the Yukon Territory. The project is expected to commence November 26, 2026, and be completed by March 15, 2027.

In accordance with CAFN's Procurement Policy and promoting Citizen owned businesses, preference will be given to CAFN citizens who have a current business license and are in good standing on the CAFN Business Registry.

Background: The Shadhäla Äshèyi yè Kwädän (Champagne and Aishihik First Nations or CAFN) is a self-governing First Nation located in the Yukon Territory and northwest British Columbia, Canada. The Champagne and Aishihik people and government are named after two historic settlements: Shadhäla (Champagne), located on the Dezadeash River; and Äshèyi (Aishihik), at the headwaters of the Alsek River drainage. CAFN has more than 1,200 Dän (people) and is one of the largest of the 14 Yukon First Nations. CAFN currently has approximately 140 employees. The CAFN's main government office is located in Haines Junction, with offices in Takhini and Whitehorse.

CAFN has identified certain requirements and expectations that should be incorporated into the proposal. These requirements and expectations will be the provided by the Service provider including but not limited to the following:

- The individual/contractor shall be readily available to perform the following services as requested.
  - Complete vegetation management treatments to the following FireSmart Canada Guidelines on approximately 1.12 hectares adjacent to the Pine Lake Road:
    • 3-4 meter stem spacing of conifer trees. Removal of smaller diameter trees over larger trees when option is available to achieve stem spacing. Clusters of 2-5 coniferous trees are acceptable, provided that the cluster does not exceed 5m in diameter and with 8m cleared of conifer trees in every direction.
    • Removal of all conifer regeneration less than 4 meters tall.
    • Stems chosen for retention will be pruned to a height of 2 meters.
    • Removal of ALL standing dead, leaning and down dead trees of all types - This includes woody debris surface fuels; obvious standing bird habitat trees may be retained at a density of 6 per hectare. All woody debris (limbs, tops, rotted or dead materials unsuitable for fuel wood) will be piled and burned on-site.
    • Retain all healthy deciduous trees.
    • All fuel wood 12.5cm in diameter or larger to be cut into 1.2 meter (4 foot) lengths and stacked.
    • Stumps to be cut as close to the ground as possible and must not exceed a height of 10cm with a stump angle of less than or equal to 10 degrees.
    • Surface fuel/debris cleanup in EMAP-052.
    • Fires must be no more than 1.5 meters X 1.5 meters in size and should be hot to ensure complete combustion of debris.
    • Piles must be ignited using propane torches if accelerants are required for ignition and no more fires to be ignited than can be effectively supervised by the contractor.
    • Burning should not damage retained trees or be conducted on known squirrel dens.
    • All fires must be extinguished by the end of the day they were ignited.
    • Burning must only occur during periods of good venting or when local winds are such that adjacent properties are not adversely affected by smoke.

- The proposal should demonstrate qualifications and experience the contractor has in completing FireSmart Treatments.
- The proposal should describe how the contractor would maintain timelines as stated above and provide cost analysis per hectare.
- Provide services in a manner sensitive to the culture and traditions of First Nations;

Proposals submitted should include the contractor's business name and address, qualifications and experience. Proposals will be evaluated based on relevant qualifications and experience, the quality of the proposal submitted and a proposal that addresses all the requirements mentioned above, the contractor's ability to complete work in accordance with the deadline and the proposed price**.** The project will treat an area of 1.12 hectares as decided by the Project Manager. Please provide the price per hectare. The total

contract value available is $18,000. CAFN need not accept the lowest priced, the highest ranked, or any proposal, and reserves the right to reject or accept any proposal without further explanation.

This request for proposals does not commit the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations to award a contract. CAFN reserves the right to cancel this Request for Proposals at any time without award or compensation to proponents. Proponents are solely responsible for their own expenses of preparing, presenting, and delivering their proposals.

Please contact Land & Planning Manager, Dave Leegstra (dleegstra@cafn.ca), for additional information and maps of the treatment area. It is recommended that interested contractors view the treatment area prior to proposal submission.

Submissions must be sent by email to dleegstra@cafn.ca on or before November 15, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. (Yukon Time). The contract is expected to commence **November 26, 2026.** Questions regarding the submission of proposals may be directed to Megan MacKellar at 867-634-4200 ext. 245.

Proposals may be withdrawn by submitting a written withdrawal request, executed by the proponent, to the same email address to which the proposal was submitted prior to the proposal closing time.