

RFP Addendum 2 CFR-25-003

2025-2026 Fireguard Thin/Prune/Clean

Site Viewing Notes – August 20

- Haul road strippings are NOT included in this project
- The Orange “Fireguard” labelled flagging does NOT indicate Unit boundaries - Unit boundaries are as per:
 - The edge of the harvested areas or thinned areas as per the last stump
 - The fresh Orange/Pink flagging on new boundaries
 - The Avenza geo-referenced map
- Orange-flagged trees are included in the Unit and will be treated as per prescription standards
- Burn piles can be located in the Units and in the harvested fireguard areas

Questions and Answers

It is my understanding that by LGP equipment you are generally referring to compact equipment, is there a limit that you have in mind particularly when it comes to excavators for size? Would a 6-8 ton machine be acceptable? And is there any preference for steel or rubber tracks?

LGP equipment is typically defined as having wider tracks/tires, may have rubber tracks, and with typical ground pressures of 2-4 psi. The RFP Section 4.2 requests that you “provide details including type, size/model, attachments, and photos” of your proposed equipment.

Can equipment be used to aid in thinning operations where terrain permits? Stew had made a mention of equipment being used just for the piling of debris. I Just want to confirm that using it during the thinning stage would also be acceptable.

Please provide these details on your proposal.

For the SW3 treatment block is the removal of small trees permitted to allow access for LGP equipment?

The prescription standards for SW3 state “**Retain all green Coniferous and Deciduous OS, AGUS, Regen, and shrubs** unless damaged or unhealthy”

For HH1 debris and downed trees laying within the breaks of the banks but extending into the treatment area, should they be pulled out of the creek or cut off on the breaks?

Retain the portion of the trees that are within the breaks of the banks.

For HH5 are dead Standing to remain? The treatment table indicates removal of dead/down however the detailed descriptions states all dead standing will be retained.

“Dead/down” is not “dead standing”. The prescription states “Retain all live and dead standing coniferous and deciduous trees and shrubs”.

In the HH treatment table it mentions LGP equipment to stay on trail in HH5 Would an excavator be permitted to work off the trail and load out heavier pieces? Sorry my wording for question 6 was pretty poor; the excavator would remain on the trail at all times if its use is permitted in unit HH5 to load heavy pieces.

The Special Operating Conditions for HH5 state “ATV’s/Trailers permitted on trail only to move debris to HH4 for burning”

For hauling debris out of HH5 would you be open to equipment not specifically an ATV but similar in size? See the attached photos the tractor weighs the same as a SxS but is narrower and on larger tires, the tracked machine is a little heavier but creates very little disturbance and ground pressure with the tracks and greatly increases capacity vs an ATV trailer.

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Are there any crown spacing requirements for stands exceeding the DBH limit in the treatment units to be thinned?

The prescriptions clearly state “Thin live conifer stems <=DBH limit in the Treatment Summary table to Xm crown-spacing”

Are smaller branches from pruning considered part of the fuel load requiring cleanup or can they be left?

The term “smaller branches” is not quantifiable. The prescription states: “All debris from the following to be disposed of:

- Current fuel modification operations
- Existing 2024 mechanical harvesting debris within the Unit boundaries
- Existing debris piles”

Is burning permitted on the old gravel pit/stockpile area adjacent to/partially surrounded by the EPG treatment Unit?

That should be acceptable depending on season of burning.

Is there a specific time period when burn scars should be seeded and is there any review or approval process for seed mixes/certificates?

Seed certificates will need to be submitted to the Town of Canmore. Seeding timelines will be determined with the successful proponent.

Can we add debris to large burn piles in the forestry block?

No.

If chipping, can we spread chips into cut areas/forestry block?

The prescriptions for Harvie Heights and Stoneworks West state “Pile/Burn”. The prescription for East Park Gates states “Pile/Burn or Chip/Remove”

If the road where the large sinkhole remains unpassable, can we take large equipment around the side of the track in that area?

You may take LGP equipment around the side of the wet spot.

If chipping, can we dump chips on large piles in the forestry block to burn?

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If chipping, is there a designated dump spot?

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If leaving chips is allowed, is a tracked chipper considered LGP?

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Will drone use be permitted while working on this job?

No.