



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

RANGELAND HEALTH STUDIES FOR ALLOTMENTS WITHIN THE
GRAND STAIRCASE ESCALANTE NATIONAL MONUMENT

GARFIELD & KANE COUNTIES

DUE JULY 26, 2024

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Request for Proposals Summary Page

1. Project: Rangeland Health Studies for Allotments within the Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument
2. Location: Garfield & Kane Counties, Utah
3. Requested Services: Provide Rangeland Health Studies on approximately 61 allotments within the Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument.
4. Source of Funding: Garfield County
5. Project Administrator: David Dodds, Public Works Director, P.O. Box 77, Panguitch, Utah 84759, (435) 238-0935
7. Type of Proposal Required: Proposal with budget
8. Pre-bid Consultation: Pre-bid consultations can be held as needed by request.
9. Proposals Due Time: 5:00 p.m. July 26, 2024
10. Additional project information can be obtained by contacting the Project Administrator, David Dodds, (435) 238-0935, dave.dodds@garfield.utah.gov

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Rangeland Health Studies GSENM

I. **Introduction**

Garfield County, in partnership with Kane County, is seeking proposals from qualified range specialists to conduct rangeland health assessments on allotments within the Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument (GSENM). The GSENM currently relies on rangeland health assessments conducted in 2006 to guide its grazing management decisions. Given the evolving nature of the landscape and changing ecological dynamics, there is a need for updated and comprehensive data to inform current and future resource management plans. This RFP seeks to commission a thorough study of rangeland health on all allotments proposed for closure under Alternative D of the monument's resource management plan.

II. **Scope of Work**

The selected contractor will be required to:

- Conduct comprehensive rangeland health assessments in accordance with current BLM standards on all allotments outlined in Alternative D of the current draft of the resource management plan.
- Utilize state-of-the-art methodologies in rangeland health evaluation, ensuring data is comparable with historical assessments.
- Provide a detailed report on current conditions, trends, and potential impacts of proposed allotment closures.

III. **Submission of Qualifications**

Interested consulting firms are invited to submit their qualifications for consideration. The submission should include the following:

1. Educational Background
 - An individual with a minimum of a Master's degree in Environmental Science, Range Management, Ecology, or a closely related field.
2. Professional Experience:
 - At least five years of experience in rangeland health assessments, ecological monitoring, or similar fields. Experience should include direct involvement in projects of similar

scope and complexity, preferably within the region of the Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument or similar ecosystems.

3. Technical Expertise:

- Proficiency in the application of the BLM’s “Interpreting Indicators of Rangeland Health” protocol or similar methodologies.
- Demonstrated ability to identify plant species, soil types, and indicators of ecological health specific to the ecosystems within Utah.
- Experience with GIS and remote sensing tools for landscape analysis and data management.

4. Project Management Skills:

- Demonstrated capability to manage large-scale environmental projects, including coordinating with multiple stakeholders, adhering to strict timelines, and managing project budgets effectively.

5. Licenses and Certification:

- A Certified Professional in Range Management (CPRM) or equivalent is highly desirable.
- Any relevant state or federal licenses pertinent to ecological assessments or environmental consulting.

IV. Proposal Guidelines

Proposals must include:

- Detailed methodology for rangeland health assessments.
- Experience and qualifications of the team members, particularly in conducting similar studies.
- Project timeline and milestones.
- Budget breakdown, including all costs associated with the project execution.
- References from previous projects of similar scope and complexity.

V. Proposal Evaluation Process

Each section will be worth a set number of points for a total of 650.

	Points
1. Qualifications and Experience of the Project Team	100
2. Timeline and Methodology	100
3. Experience in Conducting Rangeland Health Studies	100
4. Experience in working with Federal and State Agencies	100
5. References	100
6. Budget	150

VI. Required Completion and Acceptance Criteria

Payment for services will be issued within 3 weeks of receipt of the work's completion and an acceptable invoice. Individual payments may be made as individual tasks are completed. Final payment shall not be made until all work is completed and the required documentation is submitted.

VII. Pre-Bid Consultation

Pre-bid consultations will be held as requested.

All relevant questions raised during the consultation will be documented and posted online for further review. The document, along with background information, including maps, allotment reports, GIS data, and the 2006 rangeland health study, can be accessed here: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1AAU1w2rYwyRdZFci-ISro7QPrzC-IWW?usp=sharing>

VIII. Proposal Deadline

Proposals must be delivered to the Garfield County Courthouse by 5:00 p.m. on July 19, 2024. Emailed and faxed proposals will be accepted.

IX. Number of Proposal Copies and Point of Delivery

Two copies of written proposals or a single copy of emailed proposals shall be delivered to the Garfield County Courthouse, 55 South Main, P.O. Box 77, Panguitch, Utah 84759, Email: dave.dodds@garfield.utah.gov

X. Project Management Responsibility

The selected consultant shall be responsible for complying with federal, state, and local laws and shall possess all required licenses, bonds, and insurance.

XI. Disposition of Proposals

Proposals shall become the property of Garfield County and shall be open to public inspection at the Public Works Office until December 31, 2025.