

# Staff Report

**TO:** Directors of the Board, Nevada Irrigation District

**FROM:** Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager  
Neysa King, Environmental Resources Administrator

**DATE:** June 12, 2024

**SUBJECT:** **Award a Contract to Frank Dial Logging for Bear River Wildfire Recovery Project (SNC Grant, Project #2651)**

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## ***ADMINISTRATION***

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Award a contract to Frank Dial Logging in the amount of \$134,800 to complete large debris removal and cleanup on District-owned lands as part of the Bear River Wildfire Recovery Project (Project #2651) and authorize the General Manager to execute all necessary documents.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Nevada Irrigation District (NID, District) requested bids from licensed timber operators to implement fuels reduction activities on approximately 37 acres of burned land owned by NID in the Bear River watershed.

In 2021, the River Fire scorched over 2,600 acres, including more than 4 river miles of the Bear River in Nevada and Placer counties. In 2022 NID received a \$570,000 grant from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy's Wildfire Recovery and Forest Resilience Program to implement post-wildfire recovery work. Projects undertaken under this grant include removal of hazard trees, mastication, chipping, slope stabilization and replanting. NID has completed over 200 acres of wildfire recovery projects since and has addressed immediate and long-term adverse impacts to watershed health and water conveyance. These projects have helped to reduce the potential for excessive erosion and foster ecosystem health and recovery.

The grant funded work supported by the Sierra Nevada Conservancy has occurred in multiple phases over the last 2 years, and this contract will be part of the final 37 acres to be treated.

The project is divided into two units – Unit 1 at Taylor Crossing Road is 15 acres and Unit 2 at Lower Meyer Road is 22 acres. Both Units were previously treated in 2021 and now require additional follow-up treatment to reduce future wildfire risk and to expedite watershed recovery.

NID has received a bid of \$134,800 from Frank Dial Logging to complete Unit 2. This work will consist of medium and large diameter hazardous fuels treatment, chipping, grinding and hillslope cleanup. District staff are working with a Registered

Professional Forester (RPF) to assess the site, prepare the site for treatment, and to obtain a CAL FIRE Exemption for Substantially Damaged Timberlands.

On May 10, 2024 NID distributed a Request for Bids package and Bid Instructions to six (6) potential contractors. On May 16, 2024 staff hosted a mandatory site walk of the two treatment units and was attended by five (5) contractors. Ultimately, two bids were received for the Unit 2 portion of the bid package. Due to the steepness of the slope, the density of the burned trees, the difficult access, and the hardness of the wood to be chipped and ground, this project will prove to be challenging. Please see Unit 2 Map – Taylor Crossing.

Bids received for Unit 2 large debris cleanup and burned forest treatment:

Frank Dial Logging	15 ac. @ \$8,987/ac. = \$134,800
Jensen's Tree Care	15 ac. @ \$9,876 = \$148,140

Staff recommends awarding this contract to Frank Dial Logging as they are highly qualified and capable of doing this work, successful contractors with a proven record on NID projects, and the lowest bidding contractor for this project.

**BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

This contract will be 100% grant funded. The SNC grant matching requirement has been met through work previously completed. There is no anticipated budgetary impact because of this award of contract.

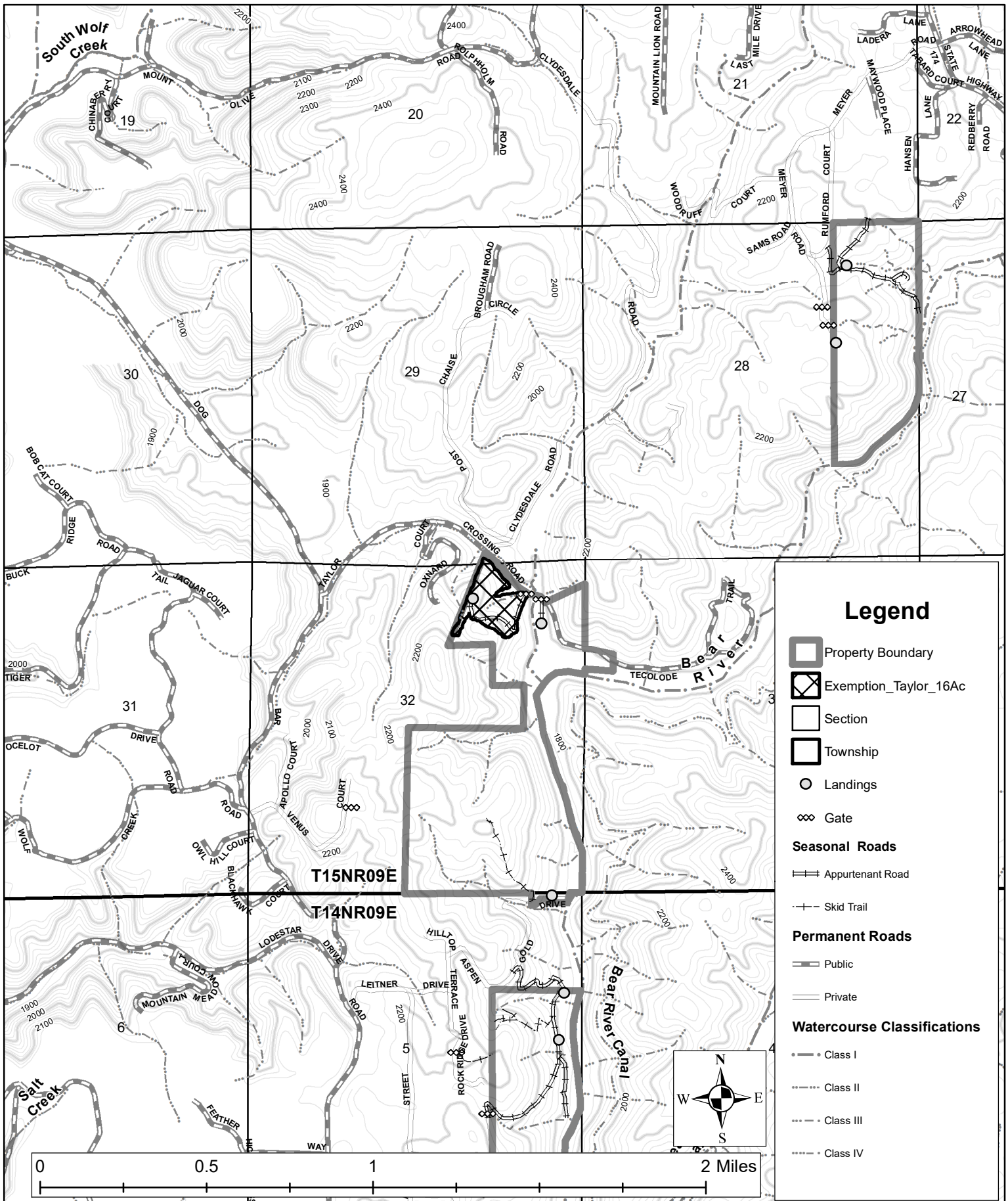
**ATTACHMENT (1)**

- Unit 2 Map – Taylor Crossing



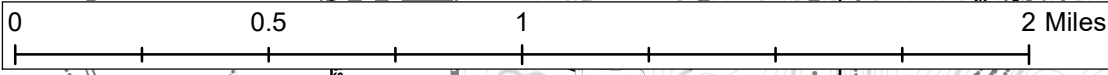
Unit 2 Area: large, burned trees will be cut, chipped and spread during this project

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### Legend

- Property Boundary
- Exemption\_Taylor\_16Ac
- Section
- Township
- Landings
- Gate
- Seasonal Roads**
  - Appurtenant Road
  - Skid Trail
- Permanent Roads**
  - Public
  - Private
- Watercourse Classifications**
  - Class I
  - Class II
  - Class III
  - Class IV



**14 CCR 1038(d) - Substantially Damaged Timberland Exemption Map**  
 Portion of Sections 32, & 29 T15N., R9E., MDB&M;  
 Nevada County 40' Contour; USGS Colfax Quad



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 NEVADA COUNTY -- PLACER COUNTY  
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