

PL24TLH006 – Summer Planting – Various Locations – Cascadia TSA

Broad Details:

- This contract contains **21 cutblocks**, with a total of **26 Planting Units**. We encourage site viewing.
- The contract is generally composed of regular harvest and fill plant blocks in the Big Valley and Little Swift operating areas.
- Total area for planting is **499.2 hectares**; this amounts to **approximately 810,000 seedlings**. Number of seedlings will be revised following receipt of actual winter lift numbers from the nursery.
- There is approximately **370 ha of raw ground** and **130 ha of site prepared ground**. The site preparation includes trenches, mounds, screefs, and raised screefs. As always, please be aware that some sections within site prepared ground may not have been treatable due to wet conditions, steeper slopes, drainages or slash loading.
- This contract will have an implementation contractor for project supervision and monitoring of stock handling. The implementation contractor is responsible for conducting payment plots and assisting BCTS staff.
- 2021 onward BCTS-TCC requirements for seedling marking. Review Clause 4.05 of the Schedule C.
 - *“Plastic ribbon cannot be used where it is not tied a minimum of one point three meter (1.3m) from the ground with a double knot.”*

Access:

- Known access issues or alternate access routes will be communicated in the allocation sheet and the viewing maps.
- Expect access to the blocks to require 4WD vehicles and ATVs, due to challenges with spring freshet. Most in-block roads are ATV access only.
- As always, exercise caution while traveling along resource roads and utilize proper road calling procedures. Some roads may be missing km signs and some units may also have active site preparation occurring.

Timing:

- **The target advertisement and closing dates for PL24TLH006 are October 20, 2022 and November 17, 2022, respectively.**
- Summer plant is expected to start beginning of July 2023 as soon as stock are available.
- The target finish date will be July 31, 2023.
- Together the BCTS representative and contractor representative will develop a Work Progress Plan for the contract. This will outline the order of blocks to plant and form an essential part of the contract.
- The previous contract requirement of minimum daily production of 100,000 trees has been removed.

Seedlings:

- **Summer seedling location is still to be determined. The winning bidder is responsible for arranging delivery at their own expense.**
- Seedling stock types are also presently being confirmed as sowing orders are placed; you may expect a general mix of 412 A and B.
- **All seedlings must be ordered through the PlantWizard program.**
- There are approximately 638,000 fertilizer tea bags planned for this contract. Please see the Planting Allocation Sheet for further details.
- The planting contractor is responsible for returning empty boxes to the Williams Lake transfer station for shredding – see Schedule C of the contract.

Other:

- Temporary Use Permits must be obtained from the Ministry within 30 days prior to camp establishment. The \$250.00 fee is waived for all FLNRORD and BCTS contracts. Depending on your chosen camp location, a minimum of 60 days consultation may be required prior to a permit being granted within First Nations territories. On the application, please specify the area used by the tenting area as well as the main camp amenities.
- If you plan to draw water from any water source, you must apply for a Water Permit. Advice is to apply for the camping permit at the same time as the water permit. Then these applications can support each other and make for easier approval. The area specified on your camping permit must be within 50' of the water source, or another special use permit is required in addition to the main one.
- The BCTS Contractor Rating System applies to this contract and all planting contracts in the Cariboo-Chilcotin business area. BCTS hopes to reward and recognize exemplary planting contractors.
- If the winning bidder intends to use a sub-contractor, the sub-contractor must first be pre-approved by BCTS.