

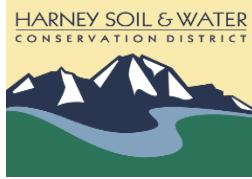
BID PACKET

Muddy Creek Cut & Hand Pile

JUNIPER & PONDEROSA REMOVAL

August, 2026





The Muddy Creek juniper removal project is located approximately 50 miles from Burns, Oregon, in NE Harney County. It consists mainly of phase III juniper on mild to moderate, sometimes rocky, slopes.

The project will include 1 cutting unit totaling 356 acres. Treatment is to cut and hand pile all Ponderosa Pine 12" dbh and under. Cut and hand pile ALL juniper not exhibiting old growth.

- Surplus vegetation including all live and dead western juniper not exhibiting old growth characteristics and all ponderosa pine 12" and under will be hand severed using a saw or loppers at the lowest stump height, not to exceed 12", followed by piling and covering.
- All surplus vegetation, both live and dead, shall be completely severed from the stump.
- All surplus vegetation shall be severed in a manner to minimize damage to leave trees.
- No live or dead limbs shall be left on the stumps of any severed surplus vegetation.
- Stump height shall not exceed 12 inches measured on the uphill side.
- Severed trees, slash or brush lodged in or covering a leave tree shall be dislodged or removed.
- All slash shall be moved at least 10 feet back from the edge of roads and property boundaries between government and private land on a daily basis, before the crew leaves the project area. Slash shall not be left along any roadway.
- All slash shall be moved at least 10 feet from the road cut on the upper side and ten 10 feet from the road shoulder on the lower side. All roads designated on the project map(s) shall be kept free of slash.
- All fences shall be kept free of cut trees concurrently with thinning. Leave all trees to which a fence is attached. Any damage to fences resulting from project shall be fixed by the Contractor, at the Contractor's expense, on the same day that the damage occurred.

- Leave trees shall not be cut or damaged. Leave down woody material that existed prior to treatment.
- All juniper trees and pine 12" and under with unit boundary ribbon shall be cut and piled unless protected by a mitigation/exception clause (listed below).
- All piles shall be constructed by laying limbs, stems, cut boles and other slash in the pile to be parallel with each other. On slopes over 15 percent materials shall be piled parallel to the slope so the material does not roll downhill. Slash that causes large air spaces in piles shall be cut or crushed to eliminate air spaces. Each pile shall include an area of small sized slash (small branches less than 1/4 to 1/2 inch in diameter and/or small branches with needles or leaves attached) to provide "kindling" for prompt ignition and to aid in combustion of larger slash. These fuels shall be placed in the center of the pile.
- Unless otherwise approved by the COR, maximum hand pile size shall be 12 feet in diameter by 8 feet in height, and minimum hand pile size shall be 6 feet in diameter by 5 feet in height.
- All hand piles shall be covered with a minimum of 6-foot by 6-foot piece of 4-mil thickness black polyethylene plastic. Hand piles shall be covered such that at least 80 percent of the pile's surface area shall be covered. All four corners and the middle of the covering sheets shall be anchored with slash or other debris. The covering sheets must be placed in the top 1/4 of the pile.
- Unless otherwise approved by the COR, hand piles shall not be closer than 15 feet to reserve tree's (leave tree's) drip line, 10 feet from another hand pile, and 15 feet to a unit boundary or fence line.
- Slash shall not be piled or placed in roadways, drainage or canal ditches, or within channel bottoms, streams or within no-treatment zones.
- Piles shall be compact and free of dirt or other non-flammable material.
- Any damage to roadways or fences resulting from the project shall be fixed by the Contractor, at the Contractor's expense, on the same day the damage occurred.

Both MC and OLV fields require cut, pile, treatment of **standing dead juniper trees** and **downed juniper trees and large juniper woody debris** where practical and as directed by Harney SWCD.

A mandatory bid tour is scheduled for **Thursday, August 6th, 2026**. Expect at least a 5-hour bid tour, meeting at the **Harney SWCD** office at 8:00am. An off-road vehicle is recommended.

Bids will be due on **August 21st, 2026 at 12:00 noon**. Bids will be ranked on cost, experience, and ability to complete work.

Start date will be **September 15th, 2026**, with project completion expected by **May 31st, 2027**, due to funding allocation and reporting constraints.