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Dear Applicants,

We are requesting brief proposals describing projects that will help enhance or restore whitebark pine throughout its range in the United States. Please see the attached documents for details. States, non-governmental organizations, universities, tribal, and federal agencies may apply for funding. Non-federal partners may need to meet specific cost share requirements. All applicants need to identify a local U.S. Forest Service Forest Health Protection (FHP) contact who is familiar with the project.

An interdisciplinary technical team, consisting of Regional specialists in pathology, entomology, genetics, ecology, silviculture and research, will evaluate proposals to determine those that meet current priorities and needs within the program including scope, urgency, outcomes or products, likelihood of success, technical merit, cost efficiency and level of matching funds. Additionally, FY2024 funding priority will be given to on the ground restoration treatments (ex. rust resistance, cone collections or planting rust-resistant seedlings). Funds will need to be spent or obligated prior to September 30, 2024. *Final or progress reports for funded projects are required each year.* Failure to provide a report by November 15 of the year funds were granted will affect future funding consideration. A blank report form is attached.

Please feel free to share this announcement with others you think may be interested.

Proposals are DUE December 15, 2023 via e-mail to: Candee Wilfong
(candee.wilfong@usda.gov).

If you have any questions, please contact Christy Cleaver, (christy.cleaver@usda.gov; (C) 208-215-6014) Plant Pathologist, Forest Health Protection, Regions 1 & 4. The National contact for this program is Sky Stephens, (stephanie.s.stephens@usda.gov; (C) 202-527-4914). National Entomologist, Forest Health Protection, Washington Office.

Sincerely,

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DANIEL MCBRIDE
Director State, Private, and Tribal Forestry

Enclosures



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