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Notice Description

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Project Background:

Various management techniques have been employed to guide caribou recovery efforts in the province. To prevent further declines of caribou populations and ensure delivery of management recommendations provided in the "Alberta Woodland Caribou Recovery Plan 2004/05-2013/14" (Alberta Species at Risk Recovery Plan No. 4) and "A Woodland Caribou Policy for Alberta" (June 2011), the wildlife management section is requiring contracted helicopter services for caribou tracking, captures and radio-collaring, and for wolf tracking, captures, radio-collaring and lethal control activities until March 31, 2015, contingent on availability of funding.

Adult female caribou are tracked, located, captured and fitted with radio collars with the use of helicopter net-gunning, between December and March of each year. As a means to increase caribou survival rates and avoid loss of the caribou population, wolf tracking, captures, radio-collaring and lethal control has been utilized in the Little Smoky and A La Peche caribou ranges since winter 2005/2006. Wolf control may be expanded to include other caribou ranges. All activities related to capture, collaring and lethal control follow Alberta Wildlife Animal Care Committee Class Protocols #8 and #9.

Project Objectives:

The Caribou and Wolf Management Program – is designed to monitor caribou population vital rates and distribution and inform provincial caribou management and recovery efforts. Wolf management is designed to prevent extirpation of individual caribou populations. The government requires contractor assistance in achieving the following objectives:

1. Caribou and wolf tracking and captures: the process of efficiently tracking and locating animals and using net-gunning equipment from a helicopter to safely, quickly and efficiently restrain caribou and wolves until the helicopter is landed. This work typically takes place in areas of dense boreal forest.
2. Caribou and wolf collaring: a radio collar will be attached to each individual animal. This activity is to be completed as quickly and efficiently as possible, with animal and aircraft crew safety as priorities. In winter 2014/15, the goal is to deploy up to approximately 150 radio collars on 15 caribou populations across the province and up to 40 radio collars on wolves, conditions, consultant availability and other logistics permitting.
3. Wolf lethal control – euthanizing wolves from the air, using firearms. Requires specialized skills to track, locate and kill both radio collared and non-radio collared wolves from the air, often under difficult conditions (e.g. poor snow conditions). This work typically takes place in areas of dense boreal forest.
4. The caribou and wolf portions of the work (including lethal control of wolves) will often occur in a simultaneous/concurrent manner.
5. Data records will be required on all aspects of the work accomplished in the field.

A tender package will be prepared for the above noted work - responses will be assessed in consideration of a combination of factors, including contractor experience, qualifications, demonstrated success in achieving project requirements in equivalent landscape and related field conditions, rate at which field operations can be completed, appropriateness of available aircraft, and bid price. Since the caribou and wolf work occurs concurrently in the field, one contract will then be awarded for a contractor who best satisfies the overall evaluation criteria.

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