

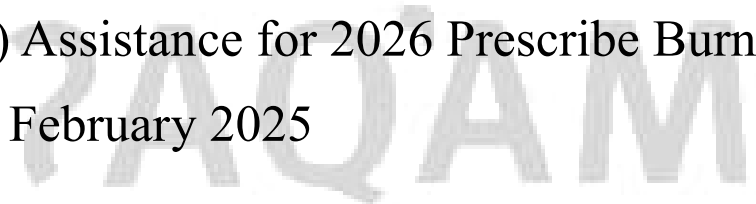
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Department of Lands and Natural Resources

Request For Quote

Species at Risk (SAR) Assistance for 2026 Prescribe Burns

February 2025



Issue Date: Feb 10, 2025

Closing Date: Feb 24, 2025

Closing Location: ᐱᓱᓂ, 7470 Mission Road, Cranbrook BC V1C 7E5

Telephone: 236-703-9542

Email: wkaufman@aqam.net

INTRODUCTION

ʔaqam is a First Nations community whose government organization services 374 Band Members and other aboriginal peoples within the Ktunaxa Nation. Geographically, the community is located 8 km north of Cranbrook in the East Kootenay region of British Columbia. The community of ʔaqam wishes to continue the traditional land practice of prescribe burning on ʔaqam lands. Objectives of the project include ecosystem enhancement by reducing dense trees, revitalizing herbs and ungulate forage on the land base and continuing cultural practice for ʔaqamnik.

ʔaqam's Lands and Natural Resource Department is seeking quotes for assistance from a Qualified Environmental Professional in Species at Risk (SAR) surveys and, if necessary, applying for a SAR Permit with Environment Climate Change Canada (ECCC). Anticipated work activities include SAR surveys on Kootenay IR #1 and a report including how anticipated prescribed burn activities may impact the listed SAR and developing appropriate mitigation measures as needed.

A service agreement will be issued to the successful bidder in compliance with the terms, specifications, and provisions in the submitted quote, which must include the provision of skilled labor, transportation, supplies, and incidentals. Suppliers will be responsible for all their own equipment and transportation.

BACKGROUND

The study area will be conducted primarily within Kootenay IR #1. There are two planned burn units within ʔaqam's Lands "Parcel A" (168 ha) and the "Lot 79" (137 ha) units as seen in **Appendix B and C**. Anticipated safety practices should be outlined by contractors, and all safety practices and standards with required PPE should be met as per WorkSafe BC. The awarded contractor will be responsible for all their own equipment. Contractors will have access to all existing data and reports on SAR on ʔaqam's Lands to the awarded bidder. The contractor will assist in all necessary pre-work and prescribe burn prescriptions to ensure SAR mitigations and best management practices are being followed.

Please note the prescribe burn area's may have minor changes once the contract is awarded

REGULATORY APPROVALS

- The Contractor is responsible for complying with all Federal, Provincial, and Municipal legal regulatory requirements and all applicable environmental legislation.
- The Contractor shall comply with the province of British Columbia's requirements for spill prevention and response.
- The Contractor must demonstrate their qualifications as a Qualified Environmental Professional (QEP) and membership with BC's College of Applied Biology or an equivalent organization.

INSURANCE

- The Contractor shall carry Comprehensive General Liability Insurance in the amount of a minimum of \$5M for each and every occurrence and Workers Compensation Insurance in accordance with the requirements of the British Columbia *Workers Compensation Act*
- If awarded the contract, each of these will need to be submitted to the ʔaqam Lands Department.

SCHEDULE

- ʔaqam will award the contract resulting from this Request for Quote (RFQ) to the responsible Contractor whose offer conforming to the RFQ will be most advantageous to ʔaqam, based on price competitiveness, qualifications, and previous work with ʔaqam or other Ktunaxa First Nations.
- Proper PPE and survey equipment for all field work.
- Follow all WorkSafe BC work standards to complete all required field work.

HOW TO APPLY

Complete the attached **Species at Risk Assistance for 2026 Prescribed Burns Questionnaire** as well as any additional relevant information needed and email to: Will Kaufman, Manager, Forest Stewardship, wkaufman@aqam.net, by 4:00pm Mountain Time on Feb 24, 2025

The contract to be awarded from this RFQ will be made to the prospective contractor whose quote conforms most to this RFQ, being most advantageous to ʔaqam, price and other factors considered. The following factors will be used to score each offer received, forming the basis for awarding this contract:

- Contractors/companies which are ʔaqamnik, Ktunaxa, or of other First Nations will be given preference.
- Experience working with ʔaqamnik, Ktunaxa, or of other First Nations on related projects.
- Demonstration of qualifications and experience of company/contractors working within the southern rocky mountain trench with SAR surveys and reporting.
- Cost competitiveness.
- Inclusion of all safety and regulatory requirements to complete the scope of work.

*****Incomplete bids will not be accepted*****

THE BAND RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ANY OR ALL BIDS. THE LOWEST BID WILL NOT NECESSARILY BE ACCEPTED AS THE SUCCESSFUL BIDD

Appendix A: Species at Risk Assistance for 2026 Prescribe Burns Questionnaire

Complete and email to: wkaufman@aqam.net, Manager, Forest Stewardship, by 4:00pm Mountain Time on Feb 24, 2024 by 4 PM MST.

Contractor Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Provide resumes for all personnel and their related experience that would conduct this work:

Please provide the work plan prior to anticipated burn windows of Spring/Fall 2026 to outline which surveys at which time periods will be done as well as anticipated reporting such that a SAR permit could be obtained:

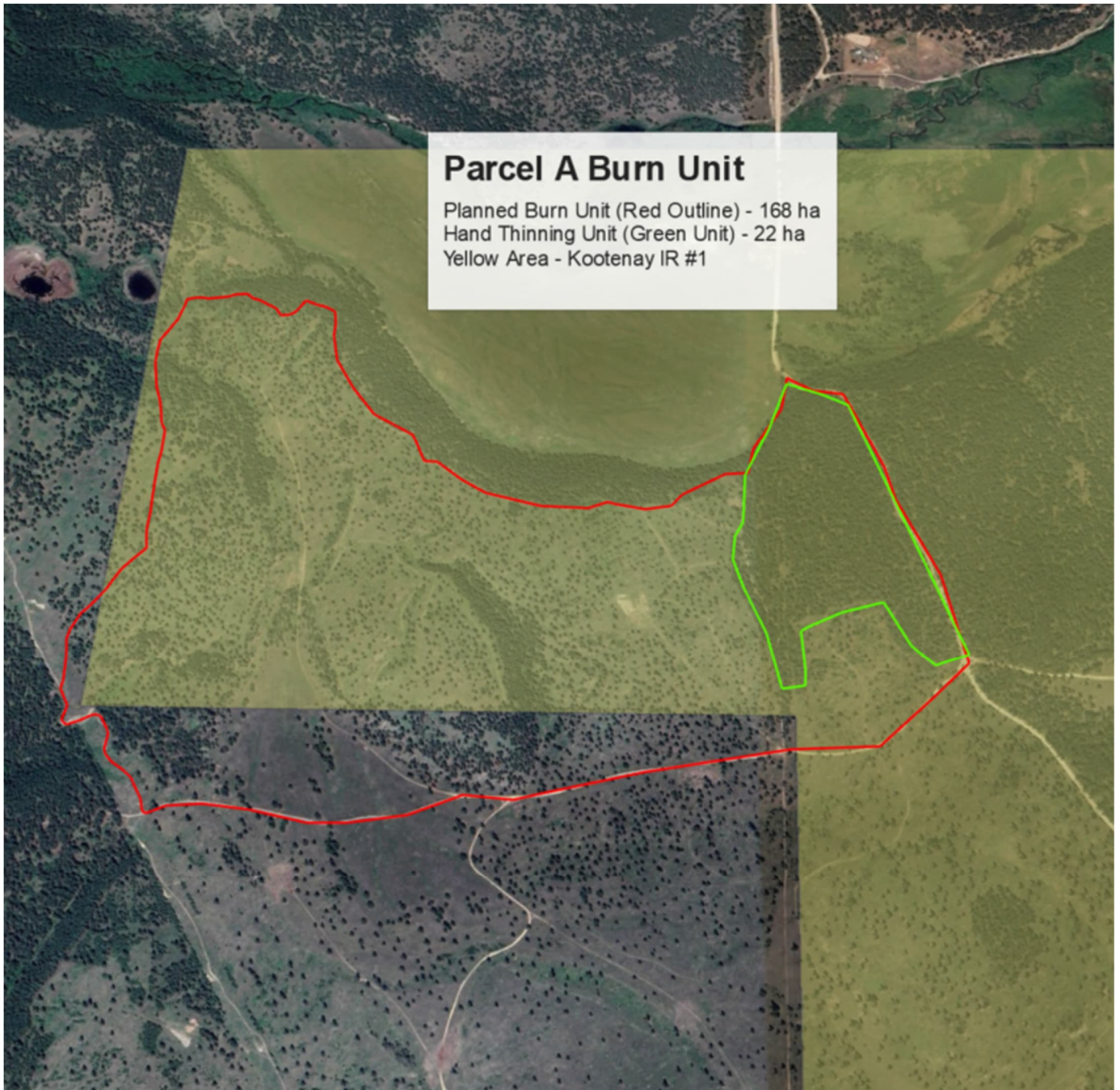


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Provide overall cost estimate within the work plan time frame to conduct this work:

Please provide proof of all applicable insurance:

Appendix B: Overview Map of Parcel A Burn Unit



Appendix C: Overview Map of Lot 79 Burn Unit

