



EARLY NOTIFICATION

Request for Proposals to Provide National Environmental Policy Act Services

Six Rivers National Forest

2022 Lightning Complex Restoration Project (EA)

and

Route 1 & 6 Timber Stand and Wildlife Habitat Improvements (CE)

August 14, 2025

The Great Basin Institute (GBI) is seeking proposals from qualified entities to support National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance for two upcoming projects within the Six Rivers National Forest (SRF): the 2022 Lightning Complex Restoration Project Environmental Assessment (EA) and the Route 1 & 6 Timber Stand and Wildlife Habitat Improvements Categorical Exclusion (CE).

The Lightning Complex Fire started on August 5, 2022 and burned for 90 days before it was declared fully contained on November 2, 2022 ([CalFire](#)). The Lightning Complex Fire burned approximately 42,000 acres within the SRF near the communities of Willow Creek, Salyer, and Trinity Village. Although much of the fire burned at a healthy low to moderate severity, it created unsafe conditions for some forest infrastructure while also providing an opportunity to manage the area for long term wildfire resilience.

The priority project for this RFP will be the 2022 Lightning Complex Restoration Project EA, which will cover ~11,100 acres of forestry actions within the 42,000-acre Lightning Complex Fire footprint (see Figure 1 below). The NEPA analysis for this project will be on an expedited schedule, with a target completion timeline of approximately 9 months after initiation (anticipated to be late September, TBD). The project will include a range of proposed actions aimed at restoring forest structure and function, stabilizing soils, protecting aquatic resources, and enhancing community and infrastructure resilience.

The Route 1 & 6 CE will follow the EA and is anticipated to proceed under CE authority [7 CFR 1b.4\(d\)\(30\)](#) for timber stand and wildlife habitat improvement. This project will cover ~3,900 acres of plantation thinning treatments within ~28,000 acre analysis area, aimed at reducing fire hazards and improving forest resiliency (see Figure 1 below).

To support these efforts, field data collection and survey work will be required across multiple disciplines. Anticipated survey needs for the EA include, but are not limited to, cultural inventory (~6,000 acres), riparian reserve boundary flagging (~157 miles) in conjunction with hydrology/soils fieldwork (~5–10 days) to identify unstable areas using LiDAR and on-the-ground flagging, and botany surveys (~450 acres) focused on roadside invasive species.

Survey needs for the CE will include, but are not limited to, cultural inventory (~3,000 acres), aquatic and riparian habitat mapping (~1,800 acres) in conjunction with hydrology/soils fieldwork (~2-3 days) to identify unstable areas using LiDAR and on-the-ground flagging, and botany surveys (TBD acres) focused on roadside invasive species.

GBI anticipates releasing the RFP in the next 30 days on the GBI website (<https://thegreatbasininstitute.org/partnerships-rfps/>) and through its NEPA vendor email listserv (to be added to the list sign up – [HERE](#)). Work is anticipated to begin in **October 2025** with a kickoff meeting in person on the Forest.

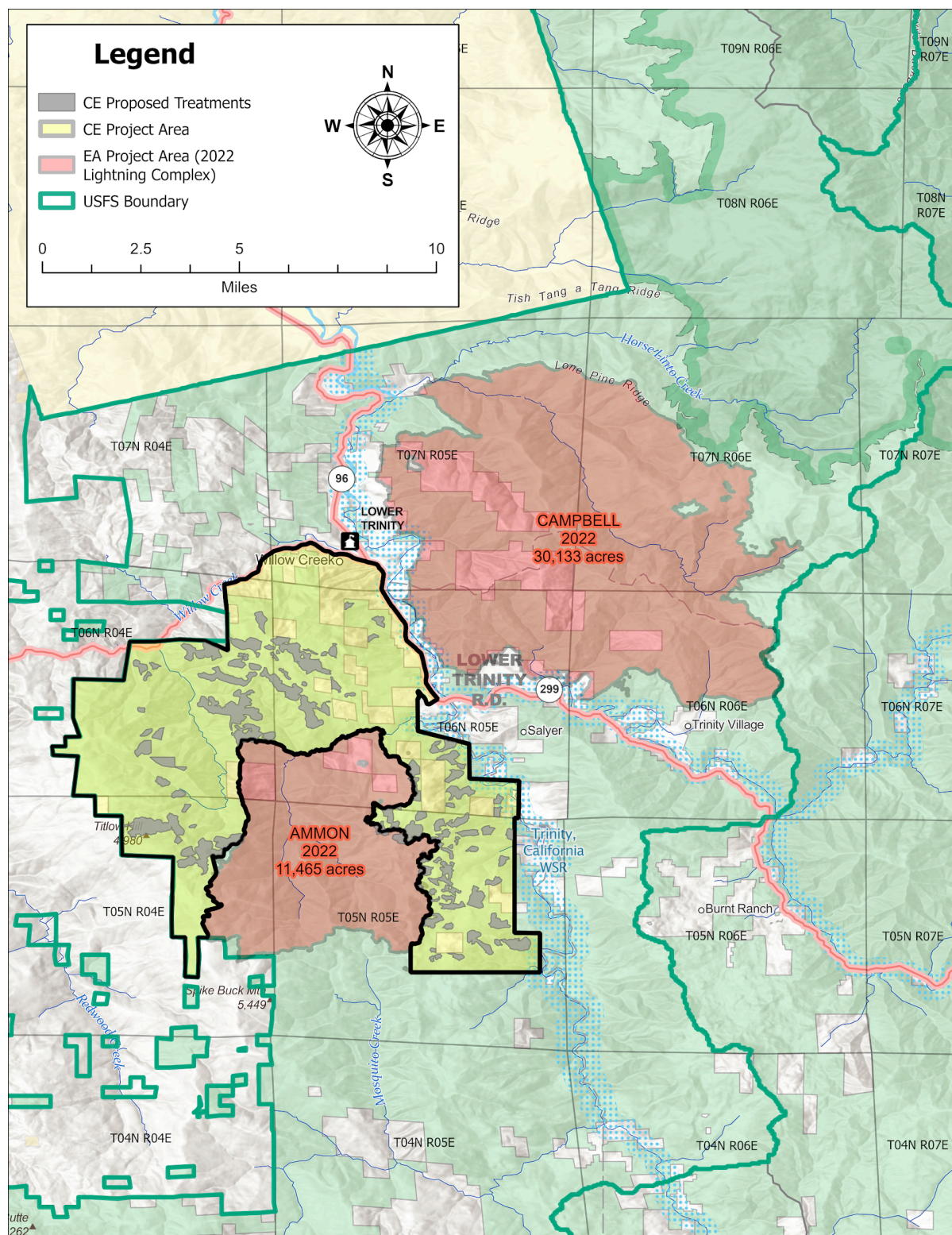


Figure 1. Six Rivers National Forest NEPA Project Areas for the 2022 Lighting Complex EA (red) and Route 1 & 6 CE (yellow).