



**To:** Debbie & Norm Johnson/Applegate Forestry

**From:** Adam Stebbins, Benton County Natural Resources Coordinator

**RE:** Request for Interpretation of RFP Documents

Dear Debbie & Norm Johnson/Applegate Forestry,

The attached letter dated May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 was received at our office May 6<sup>th</sup> and included several questions within nine numbered categories (see **Attachment A**). Responses reference the *Forest Resources Stewardship Plan Update (1,022 acres) Request for Proposals*, hereinafter referred to as "RFP", including published addenda provided on RFP release websites and are provided to address the questions in order of the nine numbered categories of **Attachment A** as follows:

1. **See Section II. of RFP**, specifically primary objectives including conservation of endangered and threatened species.

**See Section 1.3.2.1.1 of RFP**, specifically 1.3.2.1.1 "Highly Sensitive: Typical of riparian areas and endangered species habitat. These units will be managed for no disturbance from forest management, except for careful enhancement of desirable features".

**Review the "Benton County Prairie Species Habitat Conservation Plan"** as this document provides management guidance adhered to by Benton County including monitoring data collection and schedule.

2. **See above references**
3. **See above references**
4. **See Section II. of RFP**, specifically existing geospatial data available and possibility of other geospatial data to be determined during plan development period.
5. **See above references**
6. **See plan documents referenced and provided on Benton County Forest Stewardship RFP/Benton County websites**

7. **See Section II. of RFP**, specifically “The 10-year plan for each property with associated mapping data updates provide a framework to guide managers, ensuring a long-term management approach, including following current standards for sustainable forest management”.
8. **Review the “Benton County Prairie Species Habitat Conservation Plan”** as this document provides management guidance adhered to by Benton County including monitoring data collection and schedule.
9. **See Section II., 8.1 of RFP**, specifically “10 Year plan with adaptive management, annual management priorities and recommended timeline schedule within each Resource Management Unit and for each year within the plan period for each property is required. Activities should be scheduled in a sustainable sequence and at a steady rate to spread annual costs and revenues over the next decade”.

**See Section II., 1. of RFP**, specifically “The first phase of the plan development will be to update and upgrade existing GIS database for each of the three properties as described in 2.1. Once this is completed, County staff will review the geospatial data with the contractor to develop 10-year management plans for each unit around its overall goal set”.

Sincerely,



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Cc. Laurie Starha, Director of Benton County Natural Areas & Parks Department

## Attachment A

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May 4, 2020



To: Adam Stebbins, Benton County Natural Resources Coordinator

Subject: Questions about *Forest Resources Stewardship Plan Update Request for Proposals*

We have reviewed the RFP for the plan update and have these questions:

- 1) The endangered Taylor's checkerspot butterfly has been observed historically on all three of the properties that are part of this plan update, and the threatened Kincaid's lupine was introduced on them. How will the Forest Resources Stewardship Plan integrate with the Benton County HCP? Are there current surveys of the populations of these two species, and/or habitat condition and trend?
- 2) Are there any other known threatened, endangered or candidate species? If so, do you have GIS layers that document their probable locations?
- 3) One of the objectives is to "Reverse trends of habitat loss; restore degraded habitats." Can you tell us more about which habitats that you have either measured or observed losses in?
- 4) Do you have GIS layers or maps that document the boundaries of known archeological sites that we can look at so that we understand where ground-disturbing activities cannot occur, or would we need to hire an archeologist to research this?
- 5) Are there important cultural sites that people currently use that would benefit from avoidance (like important mushroom gathering areas) or enhancement (like camas areas) that you would be able to help us understand?
- 6) Are there any research or demonstration projects currently in place on any of the properties?
- 7) The RFP calls for a 10-year plan where harvest activities are scheduled in a sustainable sequence. Over what time period should we look at for sustained yield?
- 8) Have recent invasive plant surveys been conducted on any of the properties?
- 9) Are there any existing problems that this plan update should address? This might influence how the adaptive management section is structured.

Thank you for your help.  
Debbie and Norm Johnson

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