

OFFER FORM	1. SOLICITATION NO. 2026 Little Salmon River Planting Project	2. TYPE OF SOLICITATION SEALED BID	3. DATE ISSUED 3/3/2026	PAGE OF PAGES 1 of 9 pages
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IMPORTANT - The "offer" section on the next page must be fully completed by offeror.

		4. ADDRESS OFFER TO Delivered to: Nez Perce Tribe Fisheries Watershed Division Attn: Wes Keller 14054 Burr Drive McCall, ID 83638
5. FOR INFORMATION CALL:	A. NAME Wes Keller	B. TELEPHONE NO. (Include area code) (NO COLLECT CALLS) 208-634-3031

SOLICITATION

NOTE: In sealed bid solicitations "offer" and "offeror" mean "bid" and "bidder."

6. THE NEZ PERCE TRIBE REQUIRES PERFORMANCE OF THE WORK DESCRIBED IN THESE DOCUMENTS (*Title, identifying no., date*):

**2026 Little Salmon River Planting Project
Nez Perce Tribe, DFRM Watershed Division
Adams County, IDAHO**

ELECTRONIC OR MAILED OFFERS ARE ACCEPTABLE. OFFERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY March 24, 2026, AT 4:30PM MOUNTAIN STANDARD TIME. EMAIL TO wesleyk@nezperce.org OR MAIL TO THE ADDRESS LISTED ABOVE IN BOX 4.

7. The Contract time shall begin upon receipt of notice to proceed, and the work shall be completed no later than November 15, 2026. This performance period is mandatory.

8. ADDITIONAL SOLICITATION REQUIREMENTS:

OFFER (Must be fully completed by offeror)

14. NAME AND ADDRESS OF OFFEROR (<i>Include ZIP Code</i>)	15. TELEPHONE NO. (<i>Include area code</i>)
	16. REMITTANCE ADDRESS (<i>Include only if different than Item 14</i>)

17. The offeror agrees to perform the work at the prices specified below in strict accordance with the terms of this solicitation, if this offer is accepted by the Nez Perce Tribe within 60 calendar days after the date offers are due.

AMOUNT

18. The offeror agrees to furnish any required performance and payment bonds.

Request for Technical Proposal / Bid Price

The Nez Perce Tribe Department of Fisheries Resources Management Watershed Division (Tribe) is requesting a statement of qualifications and bid proposal from professional planting contractors for the planting of 600 plants (5-gallon and 3-gallon tall container nursery stock purchased by the Tribe) within private property along the Little Salmon River, just upstream of Zim's Hot Springs near the town of New Meadows, Idaho (see attached location map and planting map, Appendix A). The purpose of this project is to revegetate the riparian area of Little Salmon River with native, woody species.

General Description:

In general, work requires planting trees and shrubs (see attachment for specific plant numbers, size and species, Appendix B) and the staging of plant species from the delivery point to the planting location.

Planting

Planting at the Little Salmon River sites may differ from traditional techniques typically used by contractors, due to planting depth. At these sites, the water table is often three to five feet below the ground surface. On past planting projects, we have used a mini-excavator with a 12-inch auger to reach the water table and plant these riparian plants deep into the substrate (Appendix C, Figure 1). Certain species will not tolerate being planted so deep: alder, hawthorn, and aspen shall not be buried above root collar and shall be planted slightly above the water table, and thus they should be placed where the floodplain is closer to the water table. All planting holes shall be backfilled to six-inches below the surface with a soil and water slurry to ensure all air pockets are filled in and root-soil contact is made. The services secured with this contract require appropriate handling and planting techniques as well as planting during a period of time (fall) when environmental conditions are most favorable to survival. Machine assisted planting using a small excavator (we used a Bobcat E42, R2 Series for size comparison) or similar piece of equipment will be feasible in all planting areas. The substrate here is generally soft and sandy with rocks being rare, making the auger a useful tool. The Tribe will identify and mark planting locations with pin flags to ensure plant spacing, and species arrangements for the Contractor. The Tribe will simultaneously be planting and fencing in an adjacent area and will be available for inspections and to answer questions during implementation.

Staging

The Tribe will arrange the delivery of all plants to the site from the nursery contractor. We will work to coordinate with the nursery and planting contractor for the staging part of this project. If a suitable date cannot be found, the Tribe will stage the plants, but the Contractor will not be able to bill for the staging part of this project. Plants will arrive by semi-truck on pallets, they will need to be unloaded with equipment provided by the Contractor, or by hand, and transported via truck and trailer through the field to the planting site (up to 2,000 feet). Cattle might be actively grazing in the area, in which case all gates must remain closed when not in use. The Contractor shall stage plants on-site in shallow areas of the Little Salmon River and care for them in a manner which will ensure their health and vitality prior to planting, it is imperative that staging

time be expedited so plants get into the ground (Appendix C, Figure 2). Tribe staff will be on site to inspect planting materials delivered by the nursery and will reject plants that are in unacceptable condition (e.g. desiccated, damaged, etc.). If the number of rejected plants is significant, a contract modification will be negotiated. After planting, the contractor will stack and return all planting pots to a designated on-site project location.

Planting Timeline

The deep planting technique required at this location is more conducive to a fall planting window when the water table is lower. Tentative planting windows are from September 28 through November 15, 2026. We can work with the contractor and nursery to schedule plant delivery during this work window.

In summary, work tasks to be completed:

1. Distribute plants from delivery location to staging locations and then to planting locations.
2. Plant up to 600 rooted container stock (5 gallon and 3 gallon tall) to water table depth (select locations for excepted species where water table depth does not exceed root collar/pot depth).
3. Ensure plant care and handling, backfill with soil/water slurry
4. Return empty planting pots to an on-site designated location

Required Qualifications

All professional planting contractors submitting a bid package for this project must demonstrate experience and expertise as well as the machinery needed for planting riparian species at this site. Expertise in planting large nursery container stock and plant placement is preferred. The planting location is fairly remote, but worker trailer sites (dry camping without RV hookups) may be available for rent at Zim's hot springs or at Packer Johns Cabin County Park.

Contract Performance Period:

Work is expected to be performed between September 28, 2026, and November 5, 2026, unless working/planting conditions are not conducive to this timeframe and another timeframe is approved.

Submittals:

The written technical proposal (hardcopy or electronic accepted) must be submitted to the Nez Perce Tribe Watershed Restoration Project Leader by March 24th, 2026, at 4:30pm MST. Please send to:

wesleyk@nezperce.org

OR

Nez Perce Tribe Fisheries Watershed Division
Attn: Wes Keller
14054 Burr Drive

We anticipate that the selection of the Contractor will be completed by April 8th, 2026.

Preparation of Technical Proposal:

Please prepare your Technical Proposal using the following format:

- Firm information
- Resumes of key project team members
- Summary of planting experience
- Example projects
- Work plan / equipment list / crew logistics
- Schedule
- Price (see table below)

Evaluation of Technical Proposal:

Each firm wishing to be considered must submit a technical proposal following the format described above. A selection committee will review the submitted proposals and score them based on the following criteria:

1. Qualifications of team	15%
2. Planting experience	15%
3. Work plan	15%
4. Completion schedule	15%
5. Price	40%

Upon completion of the evaluation of the technical proposal by the selection committee, the firm who is considered to have the most advantageous qualifications & reasonable price to complete the Little Salmon River Planting Project will be notified of the selection.

Certified Indian Owned Businesses (CIB) registered with the Nez Perce Tribe that meet or exceed the above outlined qualifications will be given preference. Please specify if you are a registered CIB with the Nez Perce Tribe.

The chosen contractor must comply with the Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) compliance plan. The details of the TERO compliance plan may be obtained from Melvin Wheeler melvinw@nezperce.org or 208-843-7363.

SUPPLIES OR SERVICES AND PRICES

**2026 Little Salmon River Planting Project
New Meadows, Idaho**

Item	Description	Quantity	Unit	Total Price
1	Mobilization	1	Lump Sum	\$
2	Staging and Distribution	1	Lump Sum	\$
3	Single Hole Deep Planting	600	Lump Sum	\$
5	TERO FEE	ADD 3.5%		
		Total Price		\$

Appendices

Appendix A:

Location Map

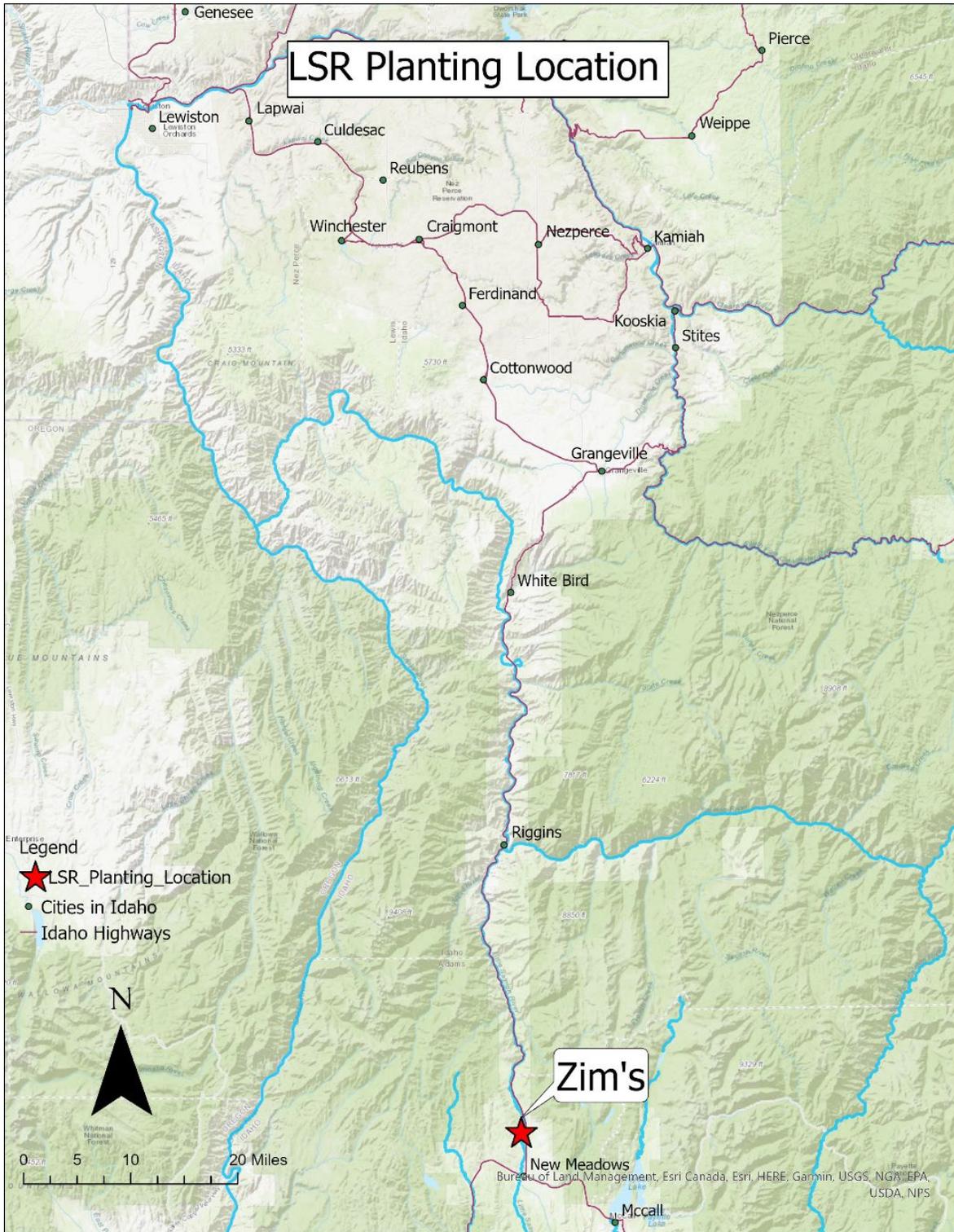


Figure 1. Map showing planting site location just upstream of Zims Hot Springs.

Site Specific Planting Map



Figure 2. Map Showing access gates and paths to planting sites.

Appendix B:

Plant Species, Size and Quantity

Species	Common Name	Size	Quantity
<i>Alnus incana</i>	Mountain alder	3 gallon tall	15
<i>Cornus sericea</i>	Red osier dogwood	3 gallon tall	45
<i>Crataegus douglasii</i>	Black hawthorn	5 gallon	23
<i>Populus tricocarpa</i>	Black cottonwood	3 gallon tall	11
<i>Populus tremuloides</i>	Quaking aspen	3 gallon tall	28
<i>Salix amygdaloides</i>	Peachleaf willow	5 gallon	30
<i>Salix bebbiana</i>	Bebb's willow	5 gallon	75
<i>Salix boothii</i>	Booth's willow	5 gallon	75
<i>Salix drummondiana</i>	Drummond's willow	5 gallon	80
<i>Salix exigua</i>	Coyote willow	5 gallon	75
<i>Salix geyeriana</i>	Geyer's willow	5 gallon	75
<i>Salix lemmonii</i>	Lemmon's willow	5 gallon	68
		Total	600

Appendix C:

Photos



Figure 3. Example of planting conditions and planting method.



Figure 4. Example of 5-gallon plants staged in the river.