



EARLY NOTIFICATION

Request for Proposals to Provide National Environmental Policy Act Services

Eldorado National Forest

Caldor Fire Restoration Project

September 2, 2022

The Great Basin Institute (GBI) is seeking proposals from qualified entities for the Caldor Fire Restoration Project National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). This project is being planned within and adjacent to the Caldor Fire boundary on the Placerville, Pacific, and Amador Ranger Districts of the Eldorado National Forest (ENF). The project area includes all National Forest System (NFS) land within the fire-burned area, including locations where roads and fuel treatments extend outside the burn perimeter. By implementing salvage, timber harvest, fuel reduction, reforestation, prescribed burning, transportation system management, and watershed improvement treatments, the Forest Service (FS) seeks to restore a diverse ecosystem that is resilient to fire, weather events, drought, insect, disease, and other stressors and supports a mosaic of forest seral stages and habitat types at a landscape scale.

The Caldor Fire started on August 14, 2021 and burned for 69 days before it was declared 100 percent contained on October 21, 2021. The fire ignited in the lower elevations (1,840 feet) of the Middle Fork Cosumnes River canyon on the ENF and eventually burned over Echo Summit at 9,800 feet into the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit. The Caldor Fire encompassed 221,835 acres total. The majority of the fire was within the ENF burning 186,562 acres within the forest boundary, and 162,529 acres on NFS land.

The GBI will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) within the month, posting the announcement on the GBI website (<https://www.thegreatbasininstitute.org/>) and also release through vendor email list serve. The GBI and the ENF also will hold a virtual pre-proposal information meeting prior to submission deadline to answer questions regarding scope of work.