

Mission Ridge RFP Questions from Prospective Responders

1. **Could you please provide electronic files of the original 1987 Mission Ridge Master Plan Resort and 1988 and 1995 Amendment documents referenced in the RFP?** Those have all been posted to the Community Development website.
2. **Could you please provide electronic files of the Geologic Hazard Report referenced in the 1-17-20 SEPA Checklist as Appendix F?** Appendix F has been posted to the Community Development website.
3. **Do you know when the USFS plans to issue the Final NEPA EA?** Consultation has been on going, anticipated no later than the end of 2021.
4. **Do the Cover, Cover Letter, Table of Contents, and Dividers count toward the 20-pg. maximum allowed for the proposal?** Numbered, substantive pages count towards the total, not the ones you have listed.
5. **Is there a minimum font size that you require for the proposal?** Please do not use less than 11-point font.
6. **Do you envision short-listing and conducting interviews in your selection process?** We have discussed the possibility of short-listing and interviews but have not decided yet. We may just do straight up scoring or we may incorporate an interview process. The County will notify submitters of their decision.
7. **Do interviews hold more weight than the response to the RFP's?** In general, County will still be using same basic scoring criteria. We will likely use the criteria twice, one to RFP, one to interview.
8. **Our team would also like to confirm that no utility reports (e.g., stormwater and sewer/septic system) and survey information have been submitted to the County.** That is correct; the information that we have from the applicant has been posted to the Community Development website. There is no additional information available.
9. **Is there any information related to off-site PUD power and water?** There are some concepts that were provided as public comments from the PUD regarding power and water requirements and those are attached. The applicant is currently working with the PUD power and load demands and water options that would be available to the selected EIS consultant.
10. **Submittal requirements update:** The County will accept mailed items and will accept a May 19, 2021 postmark date or earlier. Please email Mike Kaputa that you are submitting and to expect the package along with submitting the electronic version by 5pm on May 19th.
11. **Evaluation of proposals:** This will be a joint effort between County and Mission Ridge with both groups participating in the scoring process. This will result in a three-party contract between the selected consultant, the County, and the applicant.
12. **What does the County see as the key issues to be addressed in the EIS?** The County has issued a scoping summary document that outlines what the scope of the EIS should be. This available on the website.

13. **Have the scoping comments created any new work product on behalf of the County or development team? Or are there comments that need to be addressed that the EIS consultant needs to address?** It would be up to the consulting team to answer those questions. There has been a substantial amount of work done by the applicant; use existing studies to cover those topics where available. However, if additional analysis is needed, the applicant may want to participate in the development of those technical studies as well.
14. **If there are gaps in applicant's documentation, who fills those gaps? Will the consultant prepare information, or would it go back to applicant?** We're looking for skill set from a team that can address those gaps; the applicant may want to take them on as well. This will likely be an iterative process with the selected consultant. The applicant would like to be highly involved and with their experts, if possible, as they have been conducting studies and analysis for several years.
15. **What is the on-going role of Shockey Planning Group?** They will be support to County to act as an extension of County staff. Intent is to continue to work with them as they go through the EIS process. The EIS consultant will produce a manuscript which will undergo editing by the County with assistance by SPG. The County will have final and absolute editorial control. Once consultant is selected, SPG would be a part of a team to ensure that the best manuscript is developed. SPG would assist in editing and issuance. Ultimately, the County will assign a project staff person to track budget, the project and generally be involved in the EIS process. SPG will assist his/her efforts.

Project permitting will go through Community Development. SPG may be asked to assist in that effort as well.
16. **Who will be responsible for issuance and production of the EIS?** The County will be responsible for the production and issuance of the draft EIS and final EIS.
17. **RFP references to coordination with tribal governments, there were no comment letters from Tribal leaders. Did the County have any government-to-government conversations?** There are no current plans to have direct conversations with tribes outside of required comment periods through agency distribution process.
18. **There has been some public outreach. How do you foresee any future public outreach and what are you hoping to gain with this EIS?** There hasn't been any County or USFS outreach done as of this point formally. The applicant has done mailings and engagement with the local and broader community at large. The County's role as far as public outreach would be within the SEPA process. It is expected that there would be a public comment meeting during the Draft EIS comment period. The County will discuss with the applicant how to get the information out to the community as to what they can expect during the SEPA process. The County would like to explore ways to engage the public during the SEPA process to inform the community about the status of the project and upcoming comment opportunities.
19. **What is the status of the Alternatives process and analysis?** The EIS consultant would coordinate with the County and applicant to identify and assess Alternatives.
20. **What is the value when you don't have a dollar figure at this level of the process, what's important to the applicant?** The applicant emphasized the importance of cost.