

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN SANTA FE COUNTY AND  
ECOTONE LANDSCAPE PLANNING, LLC  
FOR ENVIRONMENT CONSULTING SERVICES  
FOREST HEALTH PRESCRIPTION**

**THIS AGREEMENT** is made and entered into this 29<sup>th</sup> day of May 2018, by and between **SANTA FE COUNTY**, hereinafter referred to as the "County" and **ECOTONE LANDSCAPE PLANNING, LLC** whose principal address is 1413 Second St. Suite 5, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505, hereinafter referred to as the "Contractor".

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 13-1-125 NMSA 1978, Small Purchase for Professional Services, the County issued a Letter of Interest No. 2018-0313-GM/MAM for these services; and

**WHEREAS**, the County requires the services of a Contractor to develop a forest health prescription for the Ortiz Mountain Open Space; and

**WHEREAS**, the Contractor will produce a prescription providing a specific guide for County Open Space and Wildland Fire staff to complete forest thinning in a way that enhances the forest environment while at the same time reducing the fire risk of the property; and

**WHEREAS**, the County requires the services of the Contractor and the Contractor is willing to provide these services and both parties wish to enter into this Agreement.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is agreed between the parties:

**1. SCOPE OF WORK**

The Contractor shall provide, without limitation, the following services:

**A. Forest Restoration Prescription that includes:**

1. Treatment to help increase herbaceous ground cover and plant diversity, reduce soil loss, increase wildlife habitat values and reduce wildfire risk. Over time, the treatments would enhance scenic qualities.
2. Fire hazard assessment may focus on thinning, pile burning of slash, and prescribed burns as a potential follow-up treatment.
3. Specific treatments for each of the three woodlands/forest types including pinon, juniper woodland, ponderosa pine forest, and mixed conifer forest.
4. Phasing plan that indicates size and location of project areas, and priority for treatment.

**B. Background information to review:**

1. Conduct research to establish reference conditions for the property.
2. Evaluate climate predictions that need to be accounted for in the prescription.
3. Evaluate the thinning prescription prepared in 2017 and decide to what extent

the prescription is appropriate.

4. Review Forest Service General Technical Report RMRS-GTR03010 Restoring Composition and Structure in Southwestern Frequent Fire Forests: a science-based framework for improving ecosystem resiliency and apply concepts as appropriate. Other specific best management practices for species of concern and habitat types will be identified through working with staff.
5. Review Forest Health Thinning Prescriptions and Monitoring Plan for Santa Fe County Open Space Properties.

## 2. ADDITIONAL SERVICES

A. The parties agree that all tasks set forth in Section 1 (Scope of Work), of this Agreement shall be completed in full, to the satisfaction of the County, in accordance with professional standards and for the amount set forth in Section 3 (Compensation, Invoicing and Set-off), of this Agreement, and for no other cost, amount, fee or expense.

B. The County may from time to time request changes in the scope of work to be performed hereunder. Such changes, including any increase or decrease in the amount of the Contractor's compensation, which are mutually agreed upon by and between the County and the Contractor, shall be incorporated in a written amendment to this Agreement.

C. The County is requesting services including all incidental labor and materials to complete the scope of work in coordination with County Planning staff.

The County shall provide the following:

The County will provide or make available to Contractor, at no cost to Contractor, such GIS data or digital files as are necessary for Contractor to complete the Scope of Work under this Agreement. Such GIS data files (e.g. shapefile, mosaic, images), if available for the project, will include without limitation GIS data files pertaining to areas within half of a mile on either side of the project reach corridor and any other GIS data or records that the Contractor deems necessary for the Contractor to satisfactorily complete the Scope of Work under this Agreement. Contractor agrees to use the GIS data or digital files solely for purposes of completion of the Scope of Work under this Agreement. Contractor agrees to provide the County with, or share, at no cost to the County electronic copies of any digital mapping files (aka GIS data) produced by the Contractor under this Agreement. GIS data, if generated for the project, shall be provided by the Contractor in ESRI feature classes file geodatabase or shapefile formats compatible with ArcGIS 10.3.1. All GIS datasets will reference the New Mexico State Plane Coordinate System, Central Zone, NAD1983 HARN in units of U.S. Survey Feet (NAD 1983 HARN StatePlane New Mexico FIPS 3002 Feet).

Contractor understands and acknowledges that the County assumes no liability for the accuracy of the GIS data or digital files, or errors associated with the GIS data or digital files, or the use of GIS data or digital files provided by the County.

Contractor is solely responsible for confirming the accuracy of GIS data or digital files obtained from the County under this Agreement.

### 3. COMPENSATION AND INVOICING

A. In consideration of its obligations under this Agreement the Contractor shall be compensated as follows:

- 1) County shall pay to the Contractor in full payment for services satisfactorily performed.
- 2) The total amount payable to the Contractor under this Agreement shall not exceed **\$13,000.00 inclusive** of New Mexico gross receipts tax.
- 3) In the event the Contractor breaches this Agreement, the County may, without penalty, withhold any payments due the Contractor for the purpose of set-off until such time as the County determines the exact amount of damages it suffered as a result of the breach.
- 4) Payment under this Agreement shall not foreclose the right of the County to recover excessive or illegal payment.

### 4. EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERM

This Agreement shall, upon due execution by all parties, become effective as of the date of the last signature by the parties and shall terminate one year later, unless earlier terminated pursuant to Section 5 (Termination) or Section 6 (Appropriations and Authorizations). The County has the option to extend the term of this Agreement at the same price , terms and conditions for one additional year. The notice must be submitted to Contractor at least 60 days prior to expiration of the term of the Agreement.

### 5. TERMINATION

A. Termination of Agreement for Cause. Either party may terminate the Agreement based upon any material breach of this Agreement by the other party. The non-breaching party shall give the breaching party written notice of termination specifying the grounds for the termination. The termination shall be effective 30 days from the breaching party's receipt of the notice of termination, during which time the breaching party shall have the right to cure the breach. If, however, the breach cannot with due diligence be cured within 30 days, the breaching party shall have a reasonable time to cure the breach, provided that, within 30 days of its receipt of the written notice of termination, the breaching party began to cure the breach and advised the non-breaching party in writing that it intended to cure.

B. Termination for Convenience of the County. The County may, in its discretion, terminate this Agreement at any time for any reason by giving the Contractor written notice of termination. The notice shall specify the effective date of termination, which shall not be less than 15 days from the Contractor's receipt of the notice. The County shall pay the Contractor for

acceptable work, determined in accordance with the specifications and standards set forth in this Agreement, performed before the effective date of termination but shall not be liable for any work performed after the effective date of termination.

## **6. APPROPRIATIONS AND AUTHORIZATIONS**

This Agreement is contingent upon sufficient appropriations and authorizations being made for performance of this Agreement by the Board of County Commissioners of the County and/or, if state funds are involved, the Legislature of the State of New Mexico. If sufficient appropriations and authorizations are not made in this or future fiscal years, this Agreement shall terminate upon written notice by the County to the Contractor. Such termination shall be without penalty to the County, and the County shall have no duty to reimburse the Contractor for expenditures made in the performance of this Agreement. The County is expressly not committed to expenditure of any funds until such time as they are programmed, budgeted, encumbered and approved for expenditure by the County. The County's decision as to whether sufficient appropriations and authorizations have been made for the fulfillment of this Agreement shall be final and not subject to challenge by the Contractor in any way or forum, including a lawsuit.

## **7. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**

The Contractor and its agents and employees are independent contractors and are not employees or agents of the County. Accordingly, the Contractor and its agents and employees shall not accrue leave, participate in retirement plans, insurance plans, or liability bonding, use County vehicles, or participate in any other benefits afforded to employees of the County. Except as may be expressly authorized elsewhere in this Agreement, the Contractor has no authority to bind, represent, or otherwise act on behalf of the County and agrees not to purport to do so.

## **8. ASSIGNMENT**

The Contractor shall not assign or transfer any interest in this Agreement or assign any claims for money due or to become due under this Agreement without the advance written approval of the County. Any attempted assignment or transfer without the County's advance written approval shall be null and void and without any legal effect.

## **9. SUBCONTRACTING**

The Contractor shall not subcontract or delegate any portion of the services to be performed under this Agreement without the advance written approval of the County. Any attempted subcontracting or delegating without the County's advance written approval shall be null and void and without any legal effect.

## **10. PERSONNEL**

A. All work performed under this Agreement shall be performed by the Contractor or under its supervision.

B. The Contractor represents that it has, or will secure at its own expense, all personnel required to discharge its obligations under this Agreement. Such personnel (i) shall not be

employees of or have any contractual relationships with the County and (ii) shall be fully qualified and licensed or otherwise authorized or permitted under federal, state, and local law to perform such work.

**11. RELEASE**

Upon its receipt of all payments due under this Agreement, the Contractor releases the County, its elected officials, officers, agents and employees from all liabilities, claims, and obligations whatsoever arising from or under or relating to this Agreement.

**12. CONFIDENTIALITY**

Any confidential information provided to or developed by the Contractor in the performance of this Agreement shall be kept confidential and shall not be made available to any individual or organization by the Contractor without the prior written approval of the County.

**13. PUBLICATION, REPRODUCTION, AND USE OF MATERIAL; COPYRIGHT**

A. The County has the unrestricted right to publish, disclose, distribute and otherwise use, in whole or in part, any reports, data, or other material prepared under or pursuant to this Agreement.

B. The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that any material produced in whole or in part under or pursuant to this Agreement is a work made for hire. Accordingly, to the extent that any such material is copyrightable in the United States or in any other country, the County shall own any such copyright.

**14. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

The Contractor represents that it has no and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, that would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of its obligations under this Agreement.

**15. NO ORAL MODIFICATIONS; WRITTEN AMENDMENTS REQUIRED**

This Agreement may not be modified, altered, changed, or amended orally but, rather, only by an instrument in writing executed by the parties hereto. The Contractor specifically acknowledges and agrees that the County shall not be responsible for any changes to Section I (Scope of Work), of this Agreement unless such changes are set forth in a duly executed written amendment to this Agreement.

**16. ENTIRE AGREEMENT; INTEGRATION**

This Agreement incorporates all the agreements, covenants, and understandings between the parties hereto concerning the subject matter hereof, and all such agreements, covenants and understandings have been merged into this written Agreement. No prior or contemporaneous

agreement, covenant or understandings, verbal or otherwise, of the parties or their agents shall be valid or enforceable unless embodied in this Agreement.

#### **17. NOTICE OF PENALTIES**

The Procurement Code, NMSA 1978, Sections 13-1-28 through 13-1-199, imposes civil and criminal penalties for its violation. In addition, New Mexico criminal statutes impose felony penalties for bribes, gratuities, and kickbacks.

#### **18. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMPLIANCE**

A. The Contractor agrees to abide by all federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, and rules and regulations pertaining to equal employment opportunity and unlawful discrimination. Without in any way limiting the foregoing general obligation, the Contractor specifically agrees not to discriminate against any person with regard to employment with the Contractor or participation in any program or activity offered pursuant to this Agreement on the grounds of race, age, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, physical or mental handicap, serious medical condition, spousal affiliation, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

B. The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that failure to comply with this Section shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement.

#### **19. COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAW; CHOICE OF LAW**

A. In performing its obligations hereunder, the Contractor shall comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, and regulations.

B. Contractor shall comply with the requirements of Santa Fe County Ordinance 2014-1 (Establishing a Living Wage).

C. This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the substantive laws of the State of New Mexico, without regard to its choice of law rules. Contractor and the County agree that the exclusive forum for any litigation between them arising out of or related to this Agreement shall be state district courts of New Mexico, located in Santa Fe County.

#### **20. RECORDS AND INSPECTIONS**

A. To the extent its books and records relate to (i) its performance of this Agreement or any subcontract entered into pursuant to it or (ii) cost or pricing data (if any) set forth in this Agreement or that was required to be submitted to the County as part of the procurement process, the Contractor agrees to (i) maintain such books and records during the term of this Agreement and for a period of six years from the date of final payment under this Agreement; (ii) allow the County or its designee to audit such books and records at reasonable times and upon reasonable notice; and (iii) to keep such books and records in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

B. To the extent its books and records relate to (i) its performance of this Agreement or any subcontract entered into pursuant to it or (ii) cost or pricing data (if any) set forth in this Agreement or that was required to be submitted to County as part of the procurement process, the Contractor also agrees to require any subcontractor it may hire to perform its obligations under this Agreement to (i) maintain such books and records during the term of this Agreement and for a period of six years from the date of final payment under the subcontract; (ii) to allow the County or its designee to audit such books and records at reasonable times and upon reasonable notice; and (iii) to keep such books and records in accordance with GAAP.

## **21. INDEMNIFICATION**

A. The Contractor shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the County and its elected officials, agents, and employees from any losses, liabilities, damages, demands, suits, causes of action, judgments, costs or expenses (including but not limited to court costs and attorneys' fees) resulting from or directly or indirectly arising out of the Contractor's performance or non-performance of its obligations under this Agreement, including but not limited to the Contractor's breach of any representation or warranty made herein.

B. The Contractor agrees that the County shall have the right to control and participate in the defense of any such demand, suit, or cause of action concerning matters that relate to the County and that such suit will not be settled without the County's consent, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld. If a conflict exists between the interests of the County and the Contractor in such demand, suit, or cause of action, the County may retain its own counsel to represent the County's interest.

C. The Contractor's obligations under this section shall not be limited by the provisions of any insurance policy the Contractor is required to maintain under this Agreement.

## **22. SEVERABILITY**

If any term or condition of this Agreement shall be held invalid or non-enforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected and shall be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent of the law.

## **23. NOTICES**

Any notice required to be given to either party by this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be delivered in person, by courier service or by U.S. mail, either first class or certified, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, as follows:

To the County: Santa Fe County  
Attn: Santa Fe County Chief Procurement Manager  
102 Grant Avenue  
P.O. Box 276  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-0276

To the Contractor: Ecotone Landscape Planning, LLC  
Attn: Jan-Willem Jansens  
1413 Second Street, Suite 5  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

## 24. CONTRACTOR'S REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

The Contractor hereby represents and warrants that:

A. This Agreement has been duly authorized by the Contractor, the person executing this Agreement has authority to do so, and, once executed by the Contractor, this Agreement shall constitute a binding obligation of the Contractor.

B. This Agreement and Contractor's obligations hereunder do not conflict with Contractor's corporate agreement or any statement filed with the New Mexico Secretary of State on Contractor's behalf.

C. Contractor is legally registered and is properly licensed by the State of New Mexico to provide the services anticipated by this Agreement and shall maintain such registration and licensure in good standing throughout the duration of the Agreement.

## 25. FACSIMILE SIGNATURES

The parties hereto agree that a facsimile signature has the same force and effect as an original for all purposes.

## 26. NO THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARIES

This Agreement was not intended to and does not create any rights in any persons not a party hereto.

## 27. INSURANCE

A. General Conditions. The Contractor shall submit evidence of insurance as is required herein. Policies of insurance shall be written by companies authorized to write such insurance in New Mexico.

B. General Liability Insurance, Including Automobile. The Contractor shall procure and maintain during the life of this Agreement a comprehensive general liability and automobile insurance policy with liability limits in amounts not less than \$1,000,000.00 combined single limits of liability for bodily injury, including death, and property damage for any one occurrence. Said policies of insurance shall include coverage for all operations performed for the County by the Contractor; coverage for the use of all owned, non-owned, hired automobiles, vehicles and other equipment, both on and off work; and contractual liability coverage under which this Agreement is an insured contract. Santa Fe County shall be a named additional insured on the policy.

C. Increased Limits. If, during the life of this Agreement, the Legislature of the State of New Mexico increases the maximum limits of liability under the Tort Claims Act (NMSA 1978, Sections 41-4-1 through 41-4-29, as amended), the Contractor shall increase the maximum limits of any insurance required herein.

## 28. PERMITS, FEES, AND LICENSES



Contractor shall procure all permits and licenses, pay all charges, fees, and royalties, and give all notices necessary and incidental to the due and lawful performance of its obligations hereunder.

**29. NEW MEXICO TORT CLAIMS ACT**

No provision of this Agreement modifies or waives any sovereign immunity or limitation of liability enjoyed by County or its "public employees" at common law or under the New Mexico Tort Claims Act, NMSA 1978, Section 41-4-1, et seq.

**30. CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE FORM**

The Contractor agrees to compute and submit simultaneous with execution of this Agreement a Campaign Contribution Disclosure form approved by the County.

**31. SURVIVAL**

The provisions of following paragraphs shall survive termination of this Contract: INDEMNIFICATION; RECORDS AND INSPECTION; RELEASE, CONFIDENTIALITY, PUBLICATION, REPRODUCTION, AND USE OF MATERIAL; COPYRIGHT; COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAW; CHOICE OF LAW; NO THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARIES; SURVIVAL.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have duly executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

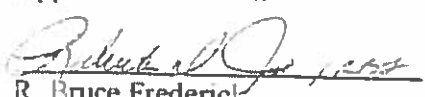
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Katherine Miller  
County Manager

5-29-18


Date

Approved as to form

  
R. Bruce Frederick  
County Attorney

5-29-18  
Date

Finance Department

  
Stephanie S. Clarke  
Finance Director

5/21/18  
Date

**CONTRACTOR:**

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**CONTRACTOR:**

  
(Signature)

5/25/2018  
Date

Jan-Willem Jansens  
(Print Name)

Owner - Ecotone Landscape Planning, LLC  
(Print Title)