

## Eagle River RFP Questions

1. Is there a fixed budget for implementation/construction, as well as for design?
  - a. There is no fixed budget for implementation/construction or design. We have secured funding which can be used immediately for design. We just do not know what the costs are going to be until we have a conceptual design with given estimates and costs.
2. Is stakeholder engagement primarily the responsibility of the Eagle River Coalition, with contractor support/collaboration? Or is the contractor primarily responsible?
  - a. Yes. ERC will be primarily responsible for the stakeholder engagement. BLM and contractor will support/collaborate.
3. Is it safe to assume that permitting will be the full responsibility of the contractor (but with potential support from BLM)?
  - a. BLM will complete NEPA. The stormwater permit will be obtained by the contractor since they have operational control of the contract. BLM can work to get other permitting done such as 404 permits.
4. Has topographic and hydrographic survey been completed recently on the site, and if so could it be made available prior to the due date of the proposal?
  - a. Topographic/hydrographic surveys have not been completed recently on the site. Most recent topographic lidar available is from 2016.
5. Has a budget been determined for the design/planning/NEPA/permitting effort?
  - a. The budget for design will be determined once BLM sees the proposals from contractors. NEPA and other permitting such as 404 permits will be done internally by the BLM.
6. Has a budget been determined for design implementation?
  - a. The budget for design implementation will be determined once BLM sees proposals from contractors.
7. The Case for Support document mentions \$300-\$400K for design implementation and a total of \$522K in funding secured. If this value is correct, should we assume that our total effort including from the start of planning through construction needs to be scaled to fit in this budget?
  - a. ERC will secure additional funding for construction leveraging the BLM assistance funds and reserved ERC funds. Possible options for additional funding are a CWCB Water Plan or Great Outdoors Colorado RESTORE grant. Others are Trout Unlimited, CPW, etc.

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8. The scope of work discussion on the channel design uses the phrase “Natural Channel Design” (sometimes with capital letters) in several locations. This phrase often refers to a specific approach to stream restoration developed by Wildland Hydrology and Dave Rosgen. Is the project’s selected design team expected to utilize this stream restoration approach or are other methods acceptable?
  - a. Other methods are acceptable, but preference toward Natural Channel Design. Depends on the methods.
9. Has a haul off/disposal location been identified for the large amount of material potentially generated by the floodplain lowering/re-connections?
  - a. No, however materials could be distributed in other parts of the reach where needed. Not all materials will necessarily need to be hauled off site. TBD.
10. How many project milestones during the design/planning process (i.e. 30%, 60%, 100%, etc) should be assumed for BLM, ERC, and project stakeholder to review and provide input?
  - a. 60% and 100%
11. How many design review meetings should be assumed? Will they be in-person or virtual?
  - a. Virtual most likely. Hard to know how many design review meetings will be assumed. 3-5?
12. Is boundary survey needed that would require a CO licensed Professional Land Surveyor?
  - a. No
13. Is the HEC-RAS model used to develop the Base Flood Elevations, 100-year floodplain and floodway boundaries through the project reach available prior to the due date of the proposal?
  - a. A HEC-RAS model output has not yet been created/obtained for the reach
14. Have the number and locations of sustainable river access points been identified?
  - a. No this can be discussed in the design review process.
15. Related to Q3 above, have BLM, ERC, and project stakeholders considered making this phase of the project design/planning/permitting only and then going out to bid to select a construction contractor?

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- a. Yes, but because we have fallen behind schedule we chose to make this a Design/Build RFP. We are open to just design if it can be completed by the new year to get us back on track. BLM and ERC will discuss this potential next week.
16. The amount of unknowns related to the proposed configuration of the project make it difficult to estimate a construction cost at this time. Design-build RFP's often have a conceptual design available to use as a starting point so we can understand the general scale of the project. The construction cost of 2 miles of stream restoration could vary greatly depending on how much work is being done.
  - a. The companies that have responded to the RFP, what is their definition of a conceptual design? Is this a 30% design for them? There is no current conceptual design. What additional information needs to be provided?
17. Has the BLM suggested that this project could potentially require an EIS for NEPA compliance?
  - a. No, EIS's are typically triggered when proposed actions have significant environmental effects that can't be mitigated. There will be short term impacts such as elevated turbidity, however, these impacts are typically mitigated during stream restoration.