

## **Project Specifications June 2025**

**Project Name:** Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center - Tree Removal Project 2025

**Landowner/Manager Contact Information:**

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**Property Location and Directions:** The project site is located in Lancaster County, about 4 miles south of Denton. Take SW 98<sup>th</sup> Street south from Denton, turn east on Kolbrook Road, gate access is from Kolbrook Road. Project area is the property located southeast of the intersection of SW 98<sup>th</sup> Street and Kolbrook Road.

**Legal Description:** S34, T9, R5, 6th Principal Meridian, LOT 17 & 18 SW, 6,8,13 & 14 SE

**Project Description:** The Project consists of 4 phases. Contractor shall submit a total sum bid, divided into the 4 phases, with the ability to invoice as phases are completed.

Phase 1: The project consists of removing all scattered invasive Eastern Red Cedar (ERC) and other woody species from the project area. Identified in red on the attached map and is accessible by machine. Herbicide will not be used in Phase 1.

Phase 2 and 3: The project consists of removing all woody species, including those in the south fence line, except for Burr Oak, Black Walnut, and other individual trees identified from the project area. Areas are identified in blue and green on the attached map and are mostly accessible by machine.

Phase 4: The project consists of removing existing fence line as described in this document.

**Size of area to be treated:** Total: 313 acres

Phase 1 (red): 242 acres.

Phase 2 (blue): 28 acres

Phase 3 (green): 43 acres

Phase 4 (fence line): 10,221 linear feet.

### **Cutting Specifications**

**Cutting Tree Species:** All ERC trees in selected areas are to be either shredded/mulched and/or cut and piled. The bulk of the trees within the project area are accessible by machine; however, hand-cutting may be required in certain areas to ensure all ERCs are removed. ERC skeletons, if present, are to be mulched or incorporated into piles. Mulching should be the primary method of removal, with piling only to occur as necessary.

All other species in selected areas are to be either shredded/mulched and/or cut and piled. The bulk of the trees within the project area are accessible by machine; however, hand-cutting may be required in certain areas to ensure all targeted species are removed. Tree skeletons, unless otherwise identified, are to be mulched or incorporated into piles.

**Chemical:** All cut stumps of deciduous trees and shrubs 2" DBH or larger are to be sprayed immediately with Pathway or equivalent herbicide where applicable by label. In areas in which the label prevents Pathway application, stumps should be treated with Triclopyr 4 or equivalent herbicide. Spray must include dye so that treatment can be verified.

**Stumps and piles:** All trees should be mulched down to ground level or as close to ground level as possible. If piles are made, they must be piled on **flat** ground where material can be burned when conditions permit. The contractor is responsible for discussing pile sizes and locations with the landowner before work begins. Failure to do so could result in the contractor moving or re-piling cut trees based on the Landowner or funding partner representative's discretion. Piles will be located at least 300 feet from a fence, 100 feet from any overhead powerlines, and outside the dripline of any uncut trees, unless indicated by the landowner. All mulched material must be scattered widely enough so that vegetation will be able to grow through the mulched material. Any areas of deep chips or mulch must be spread prior to contract completion.

**Timing:** Phase 1 must be completed by December 31, 2025. All work must be completed by December 31, 2026, unless otherwise dictated by conservation partners' funding sources. **The earliest anticipated start day is August 18, 2025.**

**Fences:** Fence lines on the west, north, and east sides of the project area are to be removed. After all trees adjacent to the fence are cut as described in this document, the contractor may use excavator or dozer type equipment to clear and pile trees and fencing infrastructure. Care will be taken not to damage fence line on the south side of the project area. Trees that are physically within the south fence are to be cut at fencepost height and treated with herbicide.

**Old Wire/Junk/Homesteads:** The landowners will clean up all interior old wire and junk around homesteads before tree clearing. If debris and wire are present in treed areas when the contractor is working, the contractor will not cut those trees, and the landowner will be responsible for them.

**Soil and Vegetation Damage Mitigation:** Work will be done when the ground is dry or frozen to ensure minimal rutting.

**Insurance:** The contractor must carry and provide proof of liability insurance for work performed and workmen's compensation insurance for any employees. The landowner may require the contractor to post a performance bond. Minimum insurance requirements include Workers Compensation and Employers Liability Insurance of \$100,000 per accident per employee, Comprehensive General Liability Insurance of \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 general aggregate, and automobile and umbrella insurance. Contact our office for a complete list of required insurance coverage.

**Bids & Payments:** **On-site pre-bid meeting will be Tuesday, July 8, 2025, 8:00-9:30 am. Rain date is July 15, 2025, 8:00-9:30 am. RSVP not required, but appreciated. Meeting location is gated entrance to property, approximately 1/3 of a mile east of the intersection of SW 100<sup>th</sup> Street and Kolbrook Road.**

Bids must be submitted as per acre rate, with total costs listed, **by 11:59 p.m. on Monday, July 28, 2025.** The acres represented on the map are only for reference purposes, and the contractor will be paid based on the completion of the project. Invoices must be submitted by contractor to the Landowner within 30 days of phase completion. Payment to the contractor will be made by the landowner within 30 days of phase or project completion, regardless of conservation partners' reimbursement payments to the landowner. Before work starts, any early or partial payment arrangements will be discussed between the landowner and contractor. Landowners are responsible for making necessary financial arrangements to ensure contractors are paid within 30 days. Contractors shall not charge interest for late payments until

after 30 days from project inspection. Any interest costs incurred by the landowner due to late payments are at the expense of the landowner. Please include your proposed start and finish date based on your best estimate. **The landowners will hire a contractor by August 6, 2025.**

**Please sign and return the attached bid sheet to:**

**Ed Hubbs  
Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center  
11700 SW 100<sup>th</sup> St  
P.O. Box 117  
Denton, NE 68339  
(402) 797-2301  
[Ed.hubbs@audubon.org](mailto:Ed.hubbs@audubon.org)**

**Project Bid**

**Project Name:** Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center - Tree Removal Project 2025

**Legal Description:** S34, T9, R5, 6th Principal Meridian, LOT 17 & 18 SW, 6,8,13 & 14 SE as shown on the map

**Contactor Name/Business** \_\_\_\_\_  
**& Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Administrator Contact Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**On-Site Contact Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Has the contractor or representative visited the site?** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Phase 1 Cost: Woody Removal Acres: 242 acres x \$** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cost per Acre = \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phase 2 Cost: Woody Removal Acres: 28 acres x \$** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cost per Acre = \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phase 3 Cost: Woody Removal Acres: 43 Acres x \$** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cost per Acre = \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phase 4 Cost: Fence line Removal Linear Feet:**

10,221 Feet x \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Cost per Foot = \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Project Cost = \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: Include all costs associated with tree removal, including mulching, additional machinery rental, etc. Feel free to provide an itemized list below or supply the total cost per acre & total cost. Please review the 'Cutting Specifications' section on the attached page. **Please identify an estimate of the percentage of cut/pile vs. mulch.****

**Cut/pile:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Mulch:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Equipment that will be used (machine types and numbers – please list below):**

**Number of Employees:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Estimated Duration (in days or weeks):**\_\_\_\_\_

**Approximate Date of Availability:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Feel free to list other concerns/comments about the site on the back or another sheet.**

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**Receipt of Bids deadline: Monday, July 28, 2025, 11:59 PM**

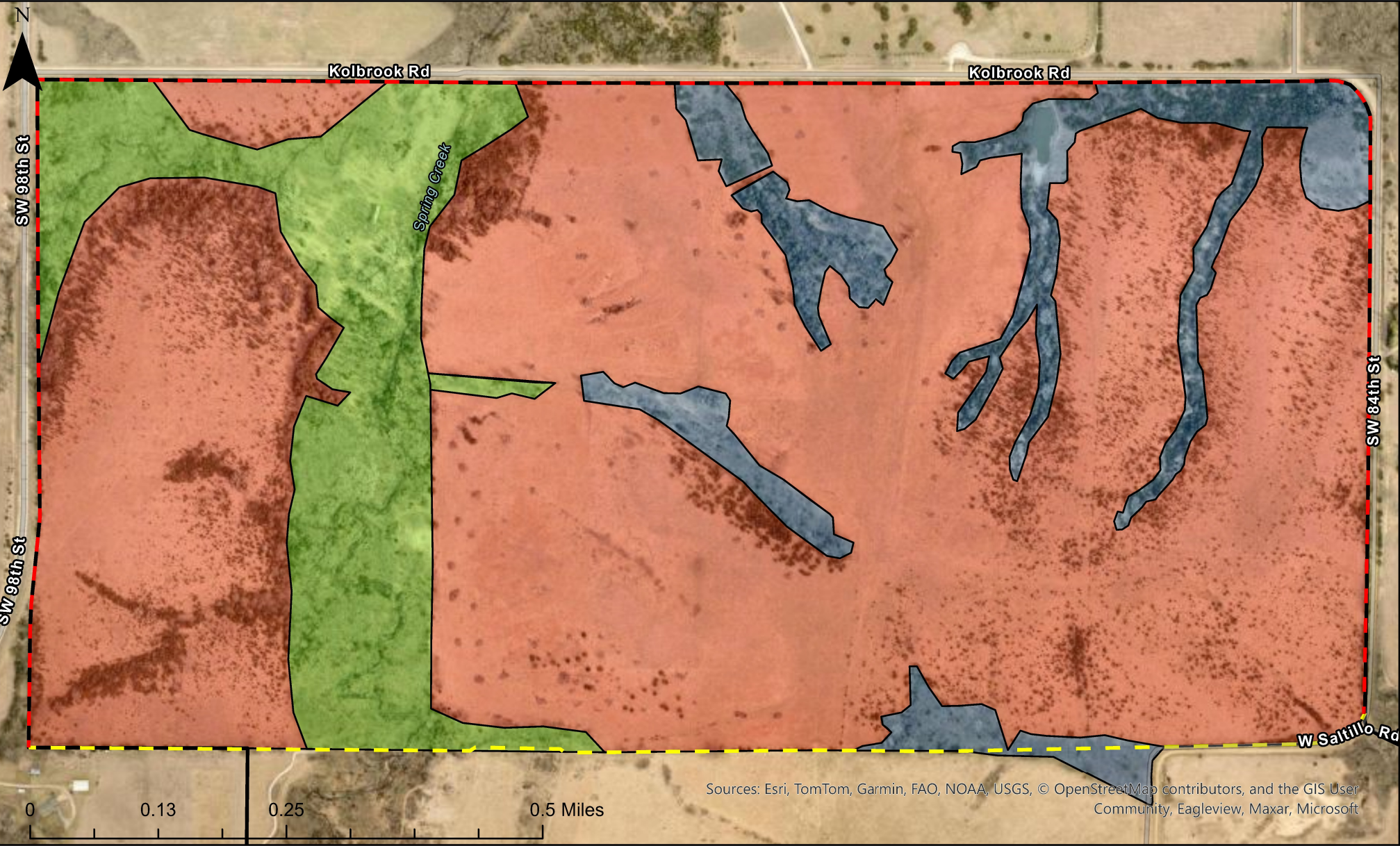
***I accept the above project specifications' responsibilities and am submitting a project bid based on these specifications.***

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**Company**

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**Signature**

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**Date**

# Kolbrook Tree Removal Map



- SCP Boundary
- Interior Fence Lines
- Fence Removal (10221 Feet)
- Phase 1 (No Herbicide) (242 Acres)
- Phase 2 (Herbicide) (43 Acres)
- Phase 3 (Herbicide) (28 Acres)