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PROSPECTUS—SOLICITATION OF INTEREST

Swan Ecosystem Center is soliciting bids for two backcountry ranger services stewardship contracts on national forest land. Both of these contracts may be extended annually for an additional four years. The purpose of this "Solicitation of Interest" is to inform prospective contractors of the proposed contracts to ensure a competitive bidding process.

Project #1

Mission Mountains Wilderness (MMW) Ranger Services Stewardship Contract.

Project Duration: Approximately Memorial Day to October 1 annually.

Project Description: Services include visitor contact and education, trail and trailhead maintenance, naturalization of campsites, and monitoring recreation use and impacts.

Project #2

Swan Front (SF) Ranger Services Stewardship Contract

Project Duration: Approximately Memorial Day to October 1 annually.

Project Description: Services include visitor contact and education, trail and trailhead maintenance, naturalization of campsites, and monitoring recreation use and impacts.

Evaluation of Bids

Bid evaluation and selection will be based on the contractor's technical and business proposals. Bids with prices exceeding the amount of funding currently allocated for the 2010 field season for these projects will not be considered. Funds allocated for the MMW project are \$32,000. Funds allocated for the Swan Front project are \$22,000.

Deadline

To receive a detailed bid packet, contact Swan Ecosystem Center at the numbers and addresses shown above, after February 1, 2010. Bid packets will be mailed to interested parties. Bids are due at Swan Ecosystem Center by 3:30 p.m. on March 12, 2010.

For more information contact Swan Ecosystem Center, 754-3137.