

**Crow Creek Mitigation Project
Questions and Answers
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11.19.2025 Pre-bid tour questions

Question: Will all the wood materials be gathered onsite?

Answer: No. The "Logs w/ Optional Rootwad" will be collected onsite at locations identified by Owner and/or Restoration Consultant, but all other materials will need to be collected elsewhere and transported to the site by the Contractor.

Question: In the willow specifications, it says that you can only collect 25% of any single plant, is that true on private lands?

Answer: No, that would apply to Tribal Lands only. If the selected offeror proposes collection sites on CSKT land, they will need to coordinate with the Restoration Program to ensure proper access.

Question: Do we have a gradation of the cobble?

Answer: The following table shows a suggested gradation for cost-development purposes, but the Owner and Restoration Consultant understand that this may vary depending on local sources, and may need to be modified. In light of that, the Contractor will be asked to provide a submittal for their proposed 4-inch minus cobble that will need to be approved by the Owner and/or Restoration Consultant before being used.

Desired Cobble Gradation (Rounded Rock)

Mean Particle Size	Percent Passing
6"	100%
4"	40-60%
2"	0-10%

Question: Do you have an engineer's estimate of cost?

Answer: Based on other projects of similar scale and scope in the region, Geum would expect the project cost to be around \$50,000-\$75,000, and take roughly 4 weeks to construct. Typical equipment we see on a project of this scale would be an excavator (300 series or smaller), a dumptruck, and a skid steer, with labor to haul and place willows and brush.

Question: Do we have haul route locations? What about the road condition from county road to project site—will it hold up in spring?

Answer: We did not specify haul routes on the plans, but will work with the Contractor to situate appropriate routes that will work with Contractor's operation. We understand that equipment will need to move around much of the treatment areas, but expect Contractor to be reasonable, and to decompact travel routes before completion. CSKT will flag existing wetlands as exclusion areas (do not disturb) before work begins. If hauling before spring thaw works for the Contractor's schedule, that would help limit impacts to the road and make transporting materials easier.

Question: Will there be construction staking and oversight?

Answer: Yes, Geum will provide construction staking and oversight, as needed.

Questions received after pre-bid tour

Question: Can you provide a description with photos of desired willow species?

Answer: A packet titled "Simple Identification Key to Common Willows, Cottonwoods, Alder, Birch, and Dogwood of the Intermountain West" (USDA, 2005) comprises Addendum 1. It will be the responsibility of the Contractor to ensure plants collected for the project are native species and are collected in accordance with the guidelines in the RFP Section 3, Scope of Work, Task 9. Acceptable native willow species include (but are not limited to): *Salix exigua* (no more than 50% of total cuttings collected), *Salix geyeriana*, *Salix bebbiana*, *Salix lutea*, *Salix boothii*, *Salix drummondiana*, and *Salix lucida ssp. lasiandra*. Up to 5% of cuttings may be red-osier dogwood (*Cornus sericea*). Additional plant identification information can be found at the State of Montana's online field guide tool, available here <https://fieldguide.mt.gov/displaySpecies.aspx?family=Salicaceae>.