

Request for Bids for Mobbs Farm Field Brush Hogging

Town of Jericho

Mobbs Farm Committee

August 2, 2016

The property known as Mobbs Farm is 278 acres owned by the Town of Jericho and is used for a variety of non-motorized recreational activities. As detailed in the Mobbs Farm Management Plan, there are field sections that need to be brush hogged on a 3-year rotating schedule. We are putting the 2016 brush hogging, Section C in the attached, up for bids. We are looking to have the work done in the last half of October or early November, so as to allow more milkweed in the fields for migrating monarch butterflies and give wood turtles more time to get out of the fields, in addition to not disturbing nesting birds. Please respond by 5pm on Sept. 20, 2016 to gillis1986@gmail.com. Email or call 879-1457 for any questions and please leave a message. You may bid on just 2016 or for multiple years.

Brush hogging Schedule

Section	Description	Years to Brush hog
A	Southern portion of the Lower Meadow on the Valley Side. Bounded to the <i>east</i> by Fitzsimonds Rd; <i>south</i> by forest (being mindful to create/ maintain a soft edge); <i>west</i> by draws and swales (being mindful to protect wet soils and the riparian buffer); <i>north</i> by the main trail bisecting the meadow. Note that in earlier periods the “hidden meadow” south of the Lower Meadow was brush hogged but with the construction of the boardwalk a tractor can no longer easily reach that patch.	2014, 2017, ...
B	Upper Meadow on the Valley Side. Bounded to the <i>east</i> by the swale separating the Upper Meadow from the Lower Meadow (being mindful to protect wet soils and the riparian buffer) and otherwise by forest (being mindful to create/ maintain soft edges). Particularly in the southern portion of that meadow, which is already a mix of grasses, forbs, shrubs, and small trees, the operator is encouraged to be creative in their mowing pattern (e.g., by leaving berry patches or by leaving islands of shrubs around some of the small trees).	2015, 2018, ...

Northern portion of the Lower Meadow on the Valley Side. Bounded to the *east* by Fitzsimonds Rd;

south by the main trail bisecting the meadow;

west by the swale separating the Lower Meadow from the Upper Meadow

C (being mindful to protect wet soils and the riparian buffer);

north by the windrow separating Mobbs Farm from the adjacent parcel
(mowing may be taken right to the windrow).

2016,
2019, ...

Also the sumac meadow to the east of Fitzsimonds Rd accessible via trail from Fitzsimonds Rd.

