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Subject: Bush Fire BAER 2500-8 Interim #4 Funding Request

To: Acting Regional Forester, Sandra Watts

Enclosed is interim #4 request (2500-8) for Bush Fire Burned Area Emergency Response for recommended emergency treatments to the Browns Trail on the Tonto National Forest. This request was previously unfunded in interim request #3, but since that time, the Tonto has completed comprehensive assessments on the trail, and evaluated stabilization needs.

To date, \$64,800 of BAER funds have been authorized for emergency trail stabilization of the 10.8 miles of Arizona National Scenic Trail that were determined to be at risk for increased post fire flows. On-the-ground assessments and further analysis has identified stabilization needs for 7.75 miles of the Arizona Trail, and 1.7 miles on other high-value National Forest System Trails. The \$64,800 of authorized funds are expected to meet the stabilization needs for the 7.75 miles of Arizona Trail, but an additional \$14,400 is requested to complete stabilization of the Brown's Trail work area. The work to be completed in the Brown's Priority Area is critical for its high recreational value and the risk posed by post fire flows. This request brings total requested funding for trails work to \$79,200. An updated 2500-8, trail assessment and project report are attached.

If you have questions, please contact Jeff Sturla, Acting Ecosystems Staff Officer, at 480-404-2831.

Sincerely,

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Acting Forest Supervisor

Enclosures

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