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Subject: Bush Fire BAER 2500-8 Interim #3 Funding Request

To: Regional Forester, R3

Enclosed is interim #3 request (2500-8) for Bush Fire Burned Area Emergency Response for recommended emergency treatments on the Tonto National Forest. The Bush Fire burned a total on 195,107 acres with a mixture of soil burn severity including 9.4% unburned, 41.3% low, 44.7% moderate, and 4.6% high. Prior funding requests were focused on treatments for the protection of human life and public safety, and included gates, signage, and road treatments, primarily to prevent Forest users from accessing areas where dangerous conditions may exist.

We are now requesting an additional \$343,710 for treatments to protect other NFS values, including natural resources and infrastructure that is at risk from post-fire conditions. These are outlined in the enclosed report and include:

Early detection and rapid response for invasive weeds Land treatments to protect endangered fish habitat Channel treatments for Mesquite Wash and Fox Gulch Land treatments to protect trail infrastructure Land treatments to protect Little Daisy Repository



Total \$343,710

If you have questions, please contact Mike Martinez, Ecosystems Staff Officer, at 602-499-5818.

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Enclosures

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