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**Subject:** Bush Fire BAER Pilot Minor Facilities and Infrastructure Funding Request

**To:** Regional Forester

In accordance with the Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) FY20 Pilot for Minor Facilities and Infrastructure repairs, we are submitting the enclosed Pilot Request Forms for funding to repair minor facilities and infrastructure damaged or destroyed by the Bush Fire on the Tonto Basin and Mesa Ranger Districts. For the Bush BAER assessment we have submitted an initial 2500-8 and two interims. The initial funding request was approved on July 2, 2020.

We have captured the assessment for each District in separate Forms. The projects are listed in priority order by District. On the Tonto Basin Ranger District, the fire damaged and/or destroyed a leachfield and backflow preventer, approximately 33.2 miles of allotment fence, and 18.75 miles of water system pipeline. On the Mesa Ranger District, the fire damaged and/or destroyed approximately 90 miles of allotment fence, and 31 miles of water system pipeline. For range improvements, we have a record of maintenance of structural improvements on these allotments through the Annual Operating Instructions. Additionally, there is no record of non-compliance for maintenance actions for these allotments. As such, it is our assessment that improvements were maintained to an operational level prior to the fire.

Under the Pilot, funding in the amount of \$543,745.79 is requested to replace infrastructure damaged or destroyed by the fire; \$346,218.30 on the Tonto Basin RD, and \$197,527.49 on the Mesa RD. This does not include the cost of installation for range improvements, which we expect to be significant. If you have questions, please contact Mike Martinez, Ecosystems Staff Officer, at 602-499-5818.