



File Code: 2520**Date:** July 21, 2020**Route To:****Subject:** Bush BAER 2500-8 Initial Funding Request**To:** Regional Forester, R3

Enclosed is the interim #2 Bush Fire Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) funding request (2500-8) for recommended emergency treatments. The Bush fire started on the Tonto National Forest on 6/13/2020 and has burned a total on 195,107 acres. Completed assessments show that the Soil Burn Severity will be a mixture of unburned (9.4%), low (41.3%), moderate (44.7%), and high (4.6%). The completed assessment also indicates that we could see increased water and debris flows that could pose a risk to forest users. Funding in the amount of \$98,999 was previously requested in the initial and interim #1 request to provide two sturdy closure gates and signage to prevent Forest users of accessing roads, trails and campsites where dangerous condition could exist. An additional \$97,235 is being requested for an addition closure gates, warning sign and closure signs to enforce a post fire safety closures due to potential post fire watershed response. This closure is to protect human life and safety.

If you have questions, please contact Andy Casillas, BAER Team lead, at 505-842-3253.

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