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**Date:** October 13, 2020

**Route To:**

**Subject:** Bush Fire Post-fire Rehabilitation Pilot Request Approval

**To:** Forest Supervisor, Tonto National Forest

We have received your Post-fire Rehabilitation Pilot request dated September 16, 2020, for the Bush Fire on the Tonto National Forest. Our National BAER program leader has worked with your regional program leader to evaluate this request, which exceeds your regional approval authority. We agree that most of the requested actions proposed meet the intent of the Post-fire Rehabilitation Pilot being administered through the BAER program in FY 2020. Please use fire wise material, if possible, in the replacement of the poly drinkers. Your request is approved for the following treatments:


<b>Treatment</b>	<b>Authorization</b>
Cholla water system and leach field	<b>(b) (5)</b>
Hazard marker and sign replacement	
Replacement and repair of range infrastructure	
Fence line repair - boundary	
Livestock waster systems repair	
<b>Total Pilot Authorization</b>	<b>\$290,483</b>


The interior fence line repairs are not approved under the pilot program. After extensive review of several requests, the pilot program will be limited to allotment boundary fence lines and enclosure fencing for protection of natural resources. We would like to commend the staff of the Tonto National Forest for their efforts to provide additional background and pre-fire infrastructure condition information for this request.

The funds for completion of pilot projects are available through the BAER authorization process under a fire incident H-code that has already been established. Total funding authorized for BAER and rehabilitation pilot actions is \$686,727.

Projects authorized under the pilot program should be completed by the end of calendar year 2021 and an accomplishment report will be required. Currently, funds are available for this project, although they could be restricted later due to Agency apportionment limitations. We will notify you if that occurs.

If you have any questions, please contact Cara Farr, National BAER Program Leader at (503) 956-1026.

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Signed by: Department of Agriculture

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Acting Regional Forester

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