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

To: Regional Forester

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 primarily on the protection of human life and public safety. Thus far we have requested, and been approved for, \$226,234 for the installation of gates, signage, and road treatments, to prevent Forest users from accessing areas where dangerous conditions may exist.

We are now requesting an additional \$336,710 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:

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

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Total

\$336,710

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

Sincerely,

NEIL BOSWORTH
Forest Supervisor

Enclosure

cc:

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