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

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

We received your Bush Fire Post-fire Rehabilitation Pilot request dated September 16, 2020. Per Post-fire Rehabilitation Pilot Program guidelines, we submitted the request for review and approval to the Washington Office (WO). The Regional Office and the WO agree that most of the requested actions proposed meet the intent of the Post-fire Rehabilitation Pilot being administered through the BAER program and therefore approved your request for the following treatments:

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

As noted in the approval letter from the WO (enclosed), the interior fence line repairs are not approved under the pilot program. However, 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 are for completion of pilot projects are available through the BAER authorization process under a fire incident H-code that was established (H3M6M620 0312). Total funding authorized for BAER and rehabilitation pilot actions is \$686,727. Please ensure that cost tracking for each are maintained.

Projects authorized under the pilot program should be completed by the end of calendar year 2021. A progress report is due 60 days upon completion of projects and a final accomplishment report will be due by February 1, 2022 for both emergency stabilization and pilot program projects. 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 Anna Jaramillo-Scarborough, Regional BAER Program Coordinator at (505) 842-3254.

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Enclosure

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