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Date: September 1, 2020

Subject: Bush Fire Burned Area Emergency Response, Interim No. 3 Request Approval

To: Forest Supervisor, Tonto National Forest

We received your emergency stabilization request for the Bush Fire (BAER), Interim No. 3 dated August 21, 2020. We are approving this request for early detection and rapid response for invasive weeds, land treatments to protect endangered fish habitat, channel treatments for Mesquite Wash and Fox Gulch and land treatments to prevent erosion at Little Daisy Repository. However, we are still awaiting more information regarding the trail stabilization. You were previously approved for \$226,234 but we identified an error in accounting in the amount of \$30,000. With additional cost savings realized from actual treatment costs in the amount of \$73,381. The treatments are listed in the table below and in Part VI of the 2500-8 funding request.

BAER Treatment Category	BAER \$
Land treatments (EDRR and erosion control measures)	(b) (5)
Channel treatments	
Previously approved (accounting for the \$30,000 adjustment)	
<i>This Request</i>	
Cost savings realized	
Total	\$258,063

Per BAER program direction, treatments must be implemented before first damaging storm. An emergency stabilization incident job code H3M6M6 0312 was established with initial request approval for implementation. Priority should be placed on implementing those planned measures that protect human safety (i.e., warning signs and public safety notification). A progress report is due to the Regional Office 60 days after implementation of treatments.

The Forest is responsible for providing financial oversight for this project. Any changes to this plan must be approved by the Regional Office. In addition, you will be required to provide a final accomplishment report by February 1, 2022. Please contact Anna Jaramillo-Scarborough, Regional BAER Coordinator, at 505-842-3254 or anna.jaramillo@usda.gov if you have questions regarding this project.

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Enclosure

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