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Enclosed is the initial Griffin Fire Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) funding request (2500-8) for recommended emergency treatments, and the soil burn severity (SBS) map. The Griffin Fire started on the Tonto National Forest on 8/17/2020 and burned a total of 61,821 acres, of which 16,347 acres burned on lands administered by the Tonto National Forest. The remaining acres burned were on the San Carlos Apache Nation. Only the portion administered by the Tonto National Forest was considered in this assessment.

The SBS map shows the fire resulted in a mixture of primarily low and moderate soil burn severity. Initial assessments indicate the forest could experience increased water and mud flows that could pose a risk to forest users, and post-fire conditions could exacerbate the spread of invasive weeds. Funding in the amount of \$27,394 is initially requested to provide signage to warn or prevent Forest users from accessing roads, trails, and campsites where dangerous conditions could exist; to detect and remove invasive species encroaching into riparian areas and Sonoran desertscrub; to monitor the presence and condition of signs and barriers placed for protection of life and safety; and to monitor vegetation recovery around cultural sites and inspect whether damage is occurring at the sites.

If you have questions, please contact Mike Martinez, BAER Team lead, at 602-499-5818.

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Enclosures

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