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MONUMENT BAER PLAN APPROVED

Sierra Vista, AZ (July 9, 2011) – The West Coronado Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) team received final approval last night for their emergency stabilization request and recommendations involving burned areas affected by the Monument Fire.

Now that we have the plan approved, we can move forward with the treatments suggested by the assessment team,” said Justin Seastrand, Monument BAER implementation team leader. “Once we are staffed with specialists to oversee projects, we will begin implementing those treatments.”

Initial treatments could begin as early as next week. Some examples of projects scheduled to be implemented on National Forest land within the burned area of the Monument wildfire include:

- Constructing or improving water control features on roads and trails such as dips and low water crossings;
- installing warning signs;
- application of mulch and seed for soil stabilization; and
- protecting identified cultural resources sites from flooding.

More than 60 people attended the community meeting yesterday, hosted by the Hereford Natural Resource Conservation District, at the Sierra Vista Library. There were updates from Cochise County, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Coronado National Forest, and West Coronado BAER team.

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