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Location for gate on Ash Canyon Road

PROGRESS MADE ON MONUMENT FIRE BAER

Sierra Vista, AZ (July 15, 2011) – The West Coronado Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) team has been busily preparing for the Monument Fire implementing emergency treatments, especially through its work with contractors.

“We are currently soliciting bids for a watershed treatment contract from aircraft companies,” said Justin Seastrand, BAER team leader. “An airplane or helicopter will be broadcasting seeds and mulch from the air, so the specialized skills that are needed are very specific.”

The team will also focus on road treatments. By tomorrow, specifications for warning signs will be ready for procurement to take place.

“Because of the need to protect the traveling public during potential flood events, fires, or from the danger of rocks falling from burned slopes, we will be installing five gates in key locations,” said BAER Engineering Technician Dale Stanley.

There will be one gate replaced on Hunter Canyon Road and new gates placed in White Lily Lane and Miller, Stump, and Ash Canyon Roads.

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