

MONUMENT BAER UPDATE

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BAER FACTS:

Background: The West Coronado BAER Assessment Team, consisting of scientists, geographic information systems experts, and public information officers, conducted an analysis of the Monument Fire. They recommended treatments previously approved by the forest, regional, and Washington offices. Implementation of approved projects has started on Forest Service land, and work will continue as additional contracts are finalized by the BAER Implementation Team

Jurisdiction: Coronado National Forest

Key Findings: Monument Fire Soil Burn Severity

High	2318	7.3% - When soil burn severity is high, rainwater does not absorb into the soil.
Moderate	12493	39.0%
Low	12946	40.0% - The majority of the soil burn severity on the Monument Fire is low.
Unburned	4317	13.7%
Total	32,074	

CURRENT SITUATION:

The Coronado Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) Implementation Team has solicited bids during the last two weeks from contractors for road projects and aerial application of seeds and straw. In anticipation of the road projects, the team's engineering crew has set stakes in the ground indicating locations for specific tasks such as installing low water crossings.

Bids for gate installation and trail treatments have recently been awarded. Some posts have already been set for the gates. The trail crew will begin working on them Tuesday.

The public is invited to a meeting tomorrow, hosted by the Hereford Natural Resource Conservation District on July 26, at 4:30 p.m. at the Sierra Vista public library, 2600 E. Tacoma Street, in Sierra Vista. Representatives from various agencies will provide updates on post-fire emergency response efforts.

For Monument BAER questions, please contact Rebeca Franco at 623- 670-9223 or e-mail her at coronado.west.baer@gmail.com. Updated information may be found at www.inciweb.org. To learn about current Coronado National Forest closures, go to <http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/coronado/index.shtml>