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BAER TEAM IMPLEMENTING TREATMENTS TO HORSESHOE 2 BURN AREA

Tucson, AZ (July 3, 2011) – A Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) Implementation Team has begun work to install the BAER assessment team's proposed treatments within the burned area of the Horseshoe 2 wildfire.

Fire crews working on fire suppression repair work reported that light rains fell over portions of the fire on Friday, causing minor debris flows. Crews continued to work clearing debris and rock from culverts and from under bridges, allowing runoff to move through those systems without causing additional damage.

On Sunday, culverts will be cleaned using heavy machinery. Firefighters will hand-clear around some culverts and flush water from fire engines to ensure that they are ready for the next rain event.

Several hazardous trees were removed from work areas along the Forest 42 road (FS42) to provide a safe work area for crews working along the road. Trees damaged by the fire that had the potential to injure or kill were taken down as a precaution.

Residents downstream of the burned areas are encouraged to coordinate with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Cochise County Department of Emergency Management to prepare for the upcoming monsoon storm season.

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