

HORSESHOE 2 BAER UPDATE

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HORSESHOE 2 AERIAL SEEDING CONTRACT AWARDED

Willcox, AZ (July 14, 2011) The Horseshoe 2 BAER) Implementation Team is scheduled to start a large aerial seeding project as early as this weekend. The seeding will occur on approximately 5,681 acres of the Horseshoe 2 fire area, along both sides of Onion Saddle utilizing crop duster type airplanes.

The purpose of the project is to establish a short-lived grass mixture to hold the soil in place during the first two years following the wildfire knowing that native species will get established within the first three years after the burn. According to Bob Lefevre, Coronado National Forest Watershed Officer, this mixture of blue grama, western wheatgrass, and annual barley has been used successfully post-fire rehabilitation in this region since 2003.

Meanwhile, other contractors continue to work clearing slides and debris flows along Forest Road 42. Contractors also continue to work on hazard signing along various Forest roads to warn travelers of potential hazards such as debris flows, fallen hazard trees, and rocks on the road surfaces.

The visiting public should be aware that the forest within the burn area remains closed until further notice due to safety concerns. Forest managers expect that certain roads trails and facilities within the Chiricahua Mountains of the Coronado National Forest will be re-opened for visitors to enjoy once the hazards are mitigated.

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