



File Code: 6520

Date: July 26, 2012

Route To: (2520-3 Burned Area Emergency Response)

Subject: Waldo Canyon Fire, Burned Area Emergency Response Initial Request

To: Regional Forester, R-2

We have received your July 25, 2012, request for Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) funding for the Waldo Fire on the Pike National Forest. The standards for approving emergency actions are found in ID-2520-2012-1 and FSH 2509.13.

Our National BAER program leader has worked with your Regional program leader to evaluate this request, which exceeded your approval authority. We agree that the predicted watershed response and proximity to communities, drinking water supply, and other infrastructure, and critical natural and cultural resources justify emergency response measures to manage unacceptable risks. Your request is approved for the following treatments and activities as described in Part VI of the FS 2500-8:

Treatment	Authorization
Land Treatments	Information protected from release under FOIA Exemption b5,
Aerial straw mulch (2198 acres)	
Aerial wood shred mulch (1000 acres)	
Invasive detection/treatment	
Road/Trail Treatments	
Road storm proofing	
Trail stabilization	
Protection/Safety Treatments	
Signs and closures	
Recreation sites	
Haz-mat stabilization	
Interagency coordination	
Monitoring	
Treatment effectiveness	
WO approval (this request)	
Total Approved to Date	



Priority should be placed on implementation of the treatments that protect human safety. Please contact Penny Luehring (505-842-3141) if you have any questions.

/s/ Chris Savage (for)

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