



TRES LAGUNAS POST-FIRE EMERGENCY RESPONSE



UPDATE - JUNE 19, 2013

PECOS, NM (June 19, 2013) A Public Meeting will be held at the Pecos High School auditorium on Monday, June 24th at 6:00 pm. The U.S. Forest Service Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) assessment team will share their assessment data and findings for the Tres Lagunas fire area and potential for post-fire runoff, flooding and debris flows.

The BAER assessment team hosted a field trip into the burn area this week for cooperators involved in the post-fire emergency response efforts for the Tres Lagunas fire. Approximately 50 representatives from private, local, state and federal jurisdictions attended, and a strong working relationship among these cooperators has been established on behalf of Pecos-area landowners and residents who stand to be affected by flooding and runoff concerns.

A burn severity map has been provided to the cooperators and the public, and can be downloaded from the InciWeb site (<http://inciweb.nwcg.gov>), under "Tres Lagunas Post-Fire Response". This map shows that approximately 70% of the 10,219 acres within the Tres Lagunas fire perimeter are either unburned or received low-severity burn, 15% sustained burn at a high severity, and approximately 15% burned at moderate severity.

The BAER team will complete their assessment and final report by Monday, June 24th and submit it to BAER coordinators at the Regional and Washington Offices of the U.S. Forest Service. Based upon their findings, the BAER assessment team may recommend treatments on National Forest lands if their data supports the probability that such treatments will help stabilize soil and lessen impacts from post-fire flooding and runoff. If such recommendations are approved and funded, a separate BAER implementation team will oversee the approved treatments and projects.

As updated information becomes available it will be posted on InciWeb at <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov> and NM Fire Info at <http://www.nmfireinfo.com>. Contact information for the cooperators involved in this post-fire response can also be found on InciWeb. The information phone line for U.S. Forest Service BAER updates is (505) 670-6072.

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