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Burned Area Emergency Stabilization (ES), Burned Area Rehabilitation (BAR) June 19, 2007

1. General: Emergency stabilization (ES) and burned area rehabilitation (BAR) are part of a holistic approach to addressing post wildfire issues which also includes suppression activity damage repair and long-term (>3 years) restoration. The incident management team begins the process by repairing suppression activity damage. ES is planned by burned area emergency response (BAER) teams and treatments are implemented within one year of wildfire containment to stabilize and prevent unacceptable degradation to natural and cultural resources, to minimize threats to life or property resulting from the effects of a fire, or to repair/replace/construct physical improvements necessary to prevent degradation of land or resources. BAR efforts are undertaken within three years of wildfire containment to repair or improve fire-damaged lands unlikely to recover naturally to management approved conditions, or to repair or replace minor facilities damaged by fire. The process concludes with long-term restoration.

2. Definitions: Contained in 620 DM 3 and Interagency Burned Area Response Guidebook.

3. Scope: The Contractor (FSE) will prepare a Burned Area Emergency Stabilization Plan (ES) and/or Burned Area Rehabilitation Plan (BAR) for given areas (refuges, monuments, others) according to provisions contained in Chapter 620 DM 3-Burned Area Emergency Stabilization and Rehabilitation, Presidential Proclamation 7319 of June 9, 2000, Interagency Burned Area Response Guidebook, current agency directives and plans, and the area Fire Management Plan.

The ES plan will involve 1) gathering, organizing and reviewing existing information on the fire affected area including Incident Management Team actions and recommendations, Resource Advisor reports and concerns, management plans, scientific reports, maps, jurisdictional information, cultural reports, biological reports and data, and other information; 2) performing general field assessments to become familiar with the area and to initially assess the situation; 3) evaluating and documenting the impacts of the fire on infrastructure and natural resources; 4) prioritizing areas for emergency stabilization projects; and 5) developing a draft and final ES plan.

Rehabilitation plans (BAR) will be written as a separate plan, if ordered, independently of an emergency stabilization plan (ES). The rehabilitation plan will specify non-emergency treatments and activities which meet approved land management plans to be carried out within three years following containment of a wildland fire.

The contractor will furnish all materials required by the BAER Team including transportation, logistical resources, communications (2 way programmable narrowband compatible radios and cell phones), appropriate nomex fire line clothing, leather boots meeting fire line requirements, personal protective equipment, and personal computers.

The contractor is required to have the BAER Team fire qualified with Incident Qualifications Card and equipped to be located on open fire line and on fires that have not been declared controlled or contained.

4. Place/Delivery/and Period of Performance: Timing of the ES is critical due to the nature of emergency stabilization and directives in 620 DM 3. The contractor (FSE) will be notified of the potential USFWS needs as the fire season evolves over the course of the season (June - September). BAER Team activation will be accomplished by notification of the contractor (FSE) usually at the time a fire is nearing the controlled phase but can be activated in advance to accommodate workloads and assist in getting the BAER Team to the fire. Notification of the contractor (FSE) in a timely manner with lead time will facilitate team mobilization. It is expected that the BAER Team leader will immediately take actions to mobilize the team and take necessary actions to ensure a timely response. The draft ES plan should be completed within 5-6 days of fire containment. Specific timelines will be identified depending upon agency requirements. "620 DM 3 - The initial emergency stabilization plan must be submitted within seven calendar days after total containment of the fire. If additional time is needed, extensions may be negotiated with those having approval authority."

A BAR Plan may be ordered by the government that will follow all guidance and timeframes established in 620 DM 3.

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5. Inspection and Acceptance: The contractor will develop the draft ES plan within timelines specified and follow established templates. Comments from the draft will be addressed in the final ES plan.

6. Government Furnished Equipment or Material/Information/Personnel: The Government will provide support materials and staff necessary to develop the plan. This may include resource specialists and GIS mapping assistance if available. This will be negotiable depending upon Government field unit and office capability. Federal Resource Specialist guidance and GIS capability are critical in completing the final ES or BAR. If the BAER Team is located in an Incident Management Base Camp or works directly with a Federal Incident Management Team, the same logistical support will be given to the BAER Team that other contract resources receive on the fire.

7. Availability: The work location will be variable and generally accessible by the BAER Team. The team may encounter hot, smoky, and dusty conditions and be located in areas that may have fire flare ups, spot fires, or open fire line.

8. Technical Coordinator: Government to identify.

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