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Memorandum

To: Superintendent, Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area

From: Regional Director, Intermountain Region

Subject: Burned Area Rehabilitation Funding, M-L Fire

We have received national approval for Burned Area Rehabilitation funding for the M-L Fire at Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area. This memorandum details the approvals and fund sources for your request. The attached memo from Dan Buckley, Chief, Branch of Wildland Fire, is included for your information.

PROJECT APPROVALS

Funding sources are based on Department of Interior policy as found in Departmental Manual Part 620, Chapter 3, Burned Area Emergency Stabilization and Rehabilitation. The following tables summarize the approval requests for post-fire projects at Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area.

FY17 Approved Burned Area Rehabilitation (BAR):

Proposed Activity/Treatment	Cost
Cottonwood Planting	\$10,800
Fence Repair	\$550
Invasive Species Treatment	\$15,000
Monitoring	\$2,200
Seeding	\$27,700
Total:	\$56,250

Please use the following account number for this project:

Fund	Cost Center	Functional Area	WBS
17XP112585	PPIMBICAR0	PF320BR85.RM0000	<i>PF.FBJ8C5017.00.1</i>

One burned area rehabilitation request (Archaeological Survey; \$20,100) included in the M-L Fire BAR Plan is not approved for funding. The request that was not approved was determined by national and regional specialists to be a prohibited action for post-fire funding based on current policy and guidance.

COMPLIANCE

Any related environmental compliance is the responsibility of Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area staff. NEPA documentation may be included with the Fire Burned Area Emergency Response Plans, and park staff should confirm that agreements and/or processes for compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act are in place in support of identified burned area rehabilitation projects.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

The policy for post-fire programs can be found in the Interior Departmental Manual, Part 620 Chapter 3, titled Burned Area Emergency Stabilization and Rehabilitation, and in the National Park Service policy found in Reference Manual 18, Chapter 19.

All accomplishments related to post-fire funding will be reported to the Regional BAER Coordinator upon completion or no later than September 15 for documentation in the National Fire Plan Operations and Reporting System (NFPORS) online database. Annual and final accomplishment and monitoring reports will include the information required by NPS policy (Reference Manual 18, Chapter 19, Page 14), will be submitted to the Intermountain Regional Fire Management Officer, and will be made publicly available. Culturally sensitive information can be excluded.

If you have any questions, please contact Cody Wienk, Regional BAER Coordinator, at 402-661-1754.



For Sue E. Masica

Attachment (1)

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