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Memorandum

To: Superintendent, Bryce Canyon National Park

From: Regional Director, Intermountain Region

Subject: Emergency Stabilization Funding, Riggs and Lonely Fires

We have received your request for Emergency Stabilization funds for the Riggs and Lonely Fires that occurred within the jurisdiction of Bryce Canyon National Park. This memorandum details the approvals, fund sources, and reporting requirements for your request. The plan has been reviewed by Richard Schwab, National Post-Wildfire Program Coordinator and Windy Bunn, Regional Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) Coordinator.

For the National Park Service, the approval authority for Emergency Stabilization plans under \$500,000 is with the Regional Director. Plans over this amount are approved by the Division Chief of Fire and Aviation Management at the National Park Service's Fire Management Program Center. Therefore, the decision to approve the Emergency Stabilization request remains with this office.

PROJECT AND FUNDING APPROVAL

Funding sources are based on Department of Interior policy as found in Departmental Manual Part 620, Chapter 7, Post-Wildfire Recovery. We have determined that it is appropriate to fund the treatments and activities submitted within the Riggs and Lonely Fires BAER Plan through the Emergency Stabilization (ES) fund source. See the tables below for details. Per policy, ES funding is provided for no more than one year plus 21 days after the ignition date of a wildfire. Therefore, the ES funding authority for the Riggs and Lonely Fires expires on September 27, 2019. If the approved projects cannot be completed or the approved funds cannot be spent within this period, then the park should communicate with regional staff as soon as this is known. This funding cannot be appropriated to other purposes outside the authority of the BAER plan and funding cannot be transferred between approved treatments and activities within the plan.

FY19 Approved Emergency Stabilization (ES):

Proposed Activity/Treatment	Cost
Invasive Species Treatment	\$15,277

Water bar Installation	\$24,278
Trail Stabilization	\$13,000
Cultural Site Stabilization	\$2,730
Total:	\$55,285

Please use the following account number for these projects:

Fund	Cost Center	Functional Area	WBS
19XP112585	PPIMZIONF0	PF220ES85.RM0000	<i>PF.FEL4N0019.00.2</i>

COMPLIANCE

Any related environmental compliance is the responsibility of Bryce Canyon National Park staff. NEPA documentation may be included with the BAER Plan. 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 Emergency Stabilization treatments and activities.

ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORTING

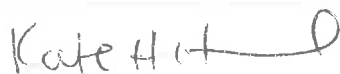
All accomplishments related to post-fire funding will be reported to the Regional BAER Coordinator upon completion or no later than September 15, 2019 for documentation in the National Fire Plan Operations and Reporting System (NFPORS) online database. Annual and final accomplishment and monitoring reports will include the information required by NPS policy (Reference Manual 18, Chapter 19, Page 14) and will be made publicly available. Culturally sensitive information can be excluded.

In addition to written accomplishment reports, spatial data (treatment polygons) are required for all post-fire treatments implemented using ES funds.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

The policy for post-fire programs can be found in the Interior Departmental Manual, Part 620 Chapter 7, Post-Wildfire Recovery, and in the National Park Service policy found in Reference Manual 18, Chapter 19.

If you or your staff have any questions, please contact Windy Bunn, Regional BAER Coordinator, at Windy_Bunn@nps.gov or 928-606-5599.



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