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Dear Erv:

The Department of the Interior, Burned Area Emergency Response Team (BAER) has been requested to assist with the BAER assessment for the Forest Service portion of the Murphy Complex Fire. Within the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, you are hereby-delegated authority and responsibility to:

- 1) Assess damage from the Murphy Complex Fire on National Forest lands and prepare a Burned-Area Report (FS-2500-8) proposing emergency treatment measures necessary to mitigate threats. The FS-2500-8 report will only propose treatments pertaining to the National Forest.
- 2) The Burned-Area Report shall be prepared in accordance with Part 2523 (Emergency Stabilization - Burned - Area Emergency Response (BAER)) of Amendment No. 2500-2004-1 of the Forest Service Manual and FSH 2509.13 (Burned-Area Emergency Stabilization Handbook). The proposed mitigations will comply with local planning documents; state, local and federal laws; and sound resource management practices.
- 3) Proposed emergency treatments shall be developed with close coordination with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, permittees, Nevada Department of Wildlife, Nevada Division of Forestry, Natural Resource Conservation Service, County Officials, State Historic Preservation Office, members of the public or interest groups.
- 4) An itemized cost estimate for the proposed emergency treatment measures specifically pertaining to National Forest lands will be contained in the Burned-Area Report.
- 5) Submit an initial Burned-Area Report (FS-2500-8) to the Forest Supervisor's Office within seven days of fire containment. Interim Burned-Area Reports may be submitted as needed following the seven-day timeframe for the Forest Service.
- 6) A detailed monitoring plan describing monitoring needs, what treatments will be monitored, and when monitoring will occur will be submitted as a separate document (or as an appendix to the FS-2500-8). A copy of this document will be submitted to the Forest Supervisors Office within seven days of fire containment.

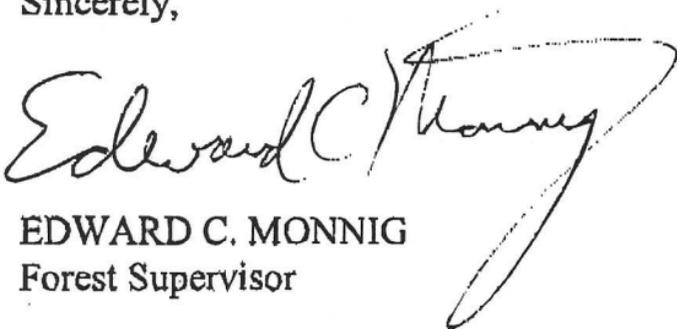


7) Specialist reports pertaining to resource specialties will be submitted as separate documents for the project record. A Biological Evaluation (BE) will be submitted as the wildlife/fisheries report or as a separate document. A copy of these documents will be submitted to the Forest Supervisors Office within seven days of fire containment.

8) The Forest will make available members of their staff to coordinate and work with members of the National BAER team. In addition, space in the Mountain City Ranger District office (located in Elko) will be made available as a staging area for the BAER team.

Your Point of Contact will be Ron Hudson (775-934-6636).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edward C. Monnig". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

EDWARD C. MONNIG
Forest Supervisor