



**DEPARTMENT of the INTERIOR**  
**Burned Area Emergency Response Team**  
**Murphy Fire Complex:**  
**Wildhorse Zone**  
**Castleford Zone**

Memorandum

August 3, 2007

To: Jarbidge Field Office Manager, Bureau of Land Management

From: Team Leader, National Interagency BAER Team

Subject: Division of Duties: Jarbidge Field Office BAER Team and National Interagency BAER Team

Per our conference call on July 30 and our discussions on July 31 and August 1, the National Interagency BAER Team will commit to the following tasks:

1. Per the Delegation of Authority from the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, Mountain City District and the Ruby-Jarbidge District the National Interagency BAER Team will conduct assessments and prepare a BAER Plan for Forest Service lands within the Murphy Fire Complex;
2. The National Interagency BAER Team will provide GIS support for the BLM-Jarbidge Field Office BAER Team for the following activities:
  - a. Burn Severity Map based on satellite imagery and field verification by both teams,
  - b. Vegetation Mortality Map based on satellite imagery and field verification by both teams,
  - c. Analysis maps based on data layers provided by Twin Falls office;
3. The National Interagency BAER Team (watershed group) may propose treatments that extend across the Forest Service-BLM boundary into the jurisdictional boundary of the Jarbidge Field Office. These treatments will be based on the values-at-risk identified by the Jarbidge Field Office. The Jarbidge Field Office will incorporate any such proposed treatments into their Emergency Stabilization Plan.

4. The National Interagency BAER Team will, as time allows, review the Jarbidge BAER Team's proposed treatments, draft resource supporting information, and rehabilitation strategies for compliance with BAER policy. The purpose of these reviews is to provide peer consultation and collaboration with the recognized expertise of the National Interagency BAER Team.

5. As necessary, the National Interagency BAER Team may assist the Jarbidge BAER Team with public meetings or activities with private landowners or non-Federal entities. These meetings will be initiated and organized by the Jarbidge BAER Team.

It is understood that the Jarbidge Field Office BAER Team will conduct assessments and prepare a BAER Plan for the BLM lands within the Murphy Complex.

In addition, the Jarbidge Field Office BAER Team will coordinate any activities with Natural Resource Conservation Service and private landowners within BLM jurisdiction (within the fire perimeter) including the Idaho Department of Lands, Idaho Fish and Game, and counties.

The Jarbidge Field Office BAER Team is welcome to join our daily briefings via conference call at 2000 hours Pacific Time. Call-in number is: 877-492-5397; pass code: 9343454#.

Should you have any questions please call/email me. BAER Den phone: 775-778-6105.

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