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To: Regional Director, Region 2, Albuquerque, NM
From: Chief, Fire Management Branch, NIFC, Boise, Idaho
Subject: Marcial Burned Area Rehabilitation Plan

Bosque del Apache NWR burned area rehabilitation planning produced a commendable Burned Area Rehabilitation Plan.

The Branch of Fire Management staff has entered plan data into NFPORS; however, they should be reviewed and validated at your earliest convenience. The cost structure established for this burned area rehabilitation project is 9262-CJ83. Based on the plan the following fiscal year budget needs are listed in the tables below.

Refuge Lands		Private Lands Under Wyden Amendment Authority	
Specification	FY2007	Specification	FY2007
Groundwater Survey	\$16,363	Groundwater Survey	\$16,362
Herbicide Treatment	42,340	Herbicide Treatment	191,210
Implementation Leader	36,400	Implementation Leader	20,000
Mechanical Treatment	92,400	Mechanical Treatment	330,000
Soil Survey	22,800	Soil Survey	49,620
Topographic Survey	1,600	Topographic Survey	3,480
Upland Grass Establishment	10,760	Upland Grass Establishment	75,000
Wetland Plant Establishment	82,585	Wetland Plant Establishment	47,625
Grand Total	\$305,248	Grand Total	\$733,297

The FY2007 Burned Area Rehabilitation appropriation has not yet been approved. At this time it appears that there will be more Departmental burned area rehabilitation needs than there will be funding to accomplish those needs. Individual bureau allocations will be a proportion of FY2007 approved planned treatments and activities. Because Burned Area Rehabilitation appropriations are part of the continuing resolution, bureau and regional budget allocations will be in incomplete increments with regional budget allocations based on available and proportional funding available to the FWS. Specific regional budget allocations will be announced in the October.

If you have any questions or need any additional information you can contact Bill Leenhouts – National Burned Area Emergency Response Coordinator - in this office at 208-387-5584.

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