



**Bureau of Indian Affairs
Western Region
Fort Apache Agency
Whiteriver, Arizona**

June 22, 2011

Memorandum

To: Team Leader, Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) Team

From: Superintendent *Nona Subawean*

Subject: BAER Team Delegation of Authority

You are hereby delegated authority and responsibility to assess post fire effects and produce an Emergency Stabilization (ES) Plan outlining measures and standards necessary to mitigate fire damage resulting from the Wallow Fire. All BAER activities will be conducted within the framework of provisions contained in Part 620 Department of Interior Manual Chapter 3, Bureau of Indian Affairs policy and sound resource management practices.

Your primary responsibility is to organize and direct your assigned resources to establish cost effective measures to protect the resources of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation from further damage and initiate the process of recovery. You are to work in cooperation with the Fort Apache Agency and the White Mountain Apache Tribe.

Using these authorities, please prepare an ES Plan which will outline the standards necessary to mitigate fire and suppression damages resulting from the Wallow Fire. A National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document will be prepared for the ES Plan.

As the Team Leader of the BAER planning process, you are accountable to the Fort Apache Agency Superintendent and to the Western Regional Director. On any occasion that I am not immediately available, Lynn Polacca, Deputy Superintendent has full authority to represent me.