

## **DRAFT Framework – Southwestern Region Fire Recovery and Restoration Workshops**

**Purpose:** Provide communities affected by fires in the Southwest with a forum to talk with Federal, state, and local agency representatives to learn about programs, funding, and technical assistance opportunities available. This DRAFT framework provides a concept for how these workshops will be organized.

### **Participating Agencies and Partners:**

- USDA – Forest Service, NRCS, FSA, Rural Development
- Other Federal Agencies – FEMA, Army Corps, Small Business Administration
- New Mexico State Agencies – NM State Forestry, NM Environment Department, NM Game & Fish, NM Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, NMSU Extension
- NM Partner Organizations – NM Assoc of Counties, NM Cattle Growers, NM Association of Conservation Districts
- Arizona State Agencies –State Forestry, Department of Environmental Quality, AZ Game & Fish, Department of Emergency and Military Affairs, U of A Extension, Department of Agriculture, Department of Insurance, Department of Water Resources
- AZ Partner Organizations –County Supervisors Association, Cattle Growers, Natural Resource Conservation Districts, AZ Insurance Council, Cochise and Apache Counties

### **Format:**

- Afternoon Session 2:00PM – 4:30PM and Evening Session 6:00-8:30PM (Same info at both sessions)
- The day would begin with some opening presentations to set the stage – providing the general context for fire extent and severity, immediate efforts underway (BAER, public health and safety, etc), and the long-term needs for restoration.
- After opening presentations, the rest of the day would be an Open House format with tables/booths for partner agencies organized into broad categories (potential list below) so participants can meet with the applicable agency representatives.
  - BAER Efforts
  - Grazing, Livestock, and Agricultural
  - Watershed and Forest Restoration
  - Community Infrastructure
  - Small Business
  - Housing and Insurance

**Locations:** There will be a total of 4 workshops in the Southwestern Region –

- New Mexico
  - Northern New Mexico – Española (July 26<sup>th</sup>)
  - Southern New Mexico – Ruidoso (July 28<sup>th</sup>)
- Arizona
  - Eastern Arizona – Springerville (July 28<sup>th</sup>)
  - Southern Arizona – Tucson or Benson (July 27<sup>th</sup>)