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## Memorandum

To: All Regional Directors  
Agency Superintendents  
Attention: Wildland Fire Management

Through: Deputy Bureau Director, Field Operations

From: Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs

Subject: Fiscal Year 2025 Burned Area Rehabilitation (BAR) Five to Ten Year Lookback Project Solicitation

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Purpose: The Department of Interior (DOI) Fire Directors and Interior Fire Executive Council approved a proposal, utilizing Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding, to extend the timeframe from five years to ten years to achieve post wildfire land management goals and/or to support BAR projects that were previously not funded due to lack of agency BAR funds. This memorandum provides guidance to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Regional and Agency offices on how to submit such BAR project proposals from five to ten years post wildfire.

How to Apply: Bureaus will follow existing protocols to apply for extended BIL BAR funds. This includes providing a BAR Plan with the associated specification forms.

- If a Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER)/BAR/Emergency Stabilization (ES) plan was previously developed, submit the plan with the extended BAR/ES Plan and associated specification forms or follow your agency specific guidance provided with this memorandum.
- If a BAER/BAR/ESR plan was not developed, the project may still be eligible. Consult with the BIA PWR Deputy Coordinator prior to submitting the plan.
- Project reporting must be completed according to the DOI Burned Area Rehabilitation Guidebook or your agency specific guidance.
- Final project proposals must be routed through your Regional BAER Coordinator and Regional Director prior to submission to the BIA Post Wildfire Recovery (PWR) Deputy Coordinator.

### Timeline:

1. Projects must be submitted to the BIA PWR Deputy Coordinator by close of business, May 31, 2024.
2. Projects will be compiled, reviewed, and prioritized in June and July of 2024 for funding in October and November of 2024.

Projects that were approved in FY 2024 for BIL BAR five to ten year lookback must reapply to this solicitation for outyear funding. This provides for an opportunity of these projects to update their proposals as new information is learned from the FY 2024 approval process.

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Attachment: FY25 Guidance on Burned Area Rehabilitation Projects from Five to Ten Years Post Wildfire

cc: Directorate, Environmental and Natural Resources