

# COST SHARE AGREEMENT Between the USDA FOREST SERVICE, NORTHERN REGION (R1) And

USDI BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, ROCKY MOUNTAN & NORTHWEST REGIONS
And

**USDI BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT** 

And

USDI FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE

And

**USDI NATIONAL PARK SERVICE** 

And

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION And

**IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF LANDS** 

The purpose of this cost share agreement is to provide for expanded support for the Northern Rockies Coordination Center (NRCC), to allow for the interagency sharing of costs to preposition resources in the Northern Rockies due to "Red Flag" conditions, stage resources due to increased activity and/or severity.

Following is the cost share agreement between the agencies identified above as negotiated for the following incident in accordance with the Idaho and Montana Cooperative Fire Management and Stafford Act Response Agreements.

### **General Incident Information:**

Incident Name: 2025 NRGA Fire Support

<u>Jurisdictions</u>: USDA Forest Service; USDI Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, Fish & Wildlife Service, and National Park Service; Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation; & Idaho Department of Lands.

Cost Share Period: 2025 Fire Season

**Incident Numbers for all Protection Agencies:** 

Agency	Incident #	Accounting Code
USDA (Forest Service)	MT-R01-000005	P1SE80 (0156)
USDI (BIA/BLM/FWS/NPS)	MT-R01-000005	SE80
MT DNRC	MT-R01-000005	905006
ID Department of Lands	MT-R01-000005	Unique IDL Code

## Other conditions relative to this agreement:

- 1. In accordance with the Montana Cooperative Fire Management and Stafford Act Agreement, 23-FI-11015600-048.
- 2. In accordance with the Idaho Cooperative Fire Protection and Stafford Act Agreement, 23-FI-11015600-049.
- 3. Each agency will bill for their costs as outlined in the Idaho and Montana Cooperative Fire Protection and Stafford Act Response Agreement billing procedures. Federal agencies do not exchange funds.

#### **Rationale for Cost Share:**

Resources are added to expand the normal workforce at the Northern Rockies Coordination Center (NRCC) due to increases in workload as the season becomes more active. This is equated to an Expanded Dispatch.

The Northern Rockies Coordination Center Manager (or acting) in coordination with the Northern Rockies Operations Officer will determine when additional resources are needed to help run an effective coordination center based on increased workloads above the standard workforce. This cost share is not to be used to bring the coordination center up to the standard workforce or for detailers filling in for pre-established positions. Examples of resources used under this cost share agreement may include but are not limited to IR interpreter, Airspace Coordinator, Frequency Coordinator, FBAN, RIST, PIO (above normal assistance), MAC Coordinator, MAC Support, IARR, National Guard Liaison, or other desk support (Crew desk, etc.). These resources are not used by other dispatch centers.

Resources under this cost share agreement may be necessary for prepositioning in the Northern Rockies, extended due to "Red Flag" conditions or current activity, or staged due to increased activity and/or severity. Often decisions must be made quickly to extend or move resources. Resources may be utilized or assigned to any agency across the geographical area.

The Northern Rockies Operations Officer (or acting) and the Northern Rockies Coordination Center Manager (or acting) will determine which resources will be able to utilize this code. Examples of use of this code include but are not limited to staging of crews or IMT's for later assignment in Northern Rockies, relocating aircraft to the Northern Rockies, or extending daily tours of duty for smokejumpers or aircraft. On a case-by-case basis this code may be considered for ordering buying teams when in support of multiple fires on multiple agencies across the geographical area.

The costs will be split utilizing the 10-year average volume of business of the Northern Rockies Coordination Center. The calculation will take the "Resource Requests by Agency for Use In and Out of NR", less the number of Resource Requests in the "Other" category and then a % will be calculated on the remaining resource requests. This 10-year average report is available from the Northern Rockies Coordination Center and for use in 2025 is as follows.

#### 2015 – 2024 10-Year NRCC Volume of Business (As of 12/31/24)

Resource Requests by Agency for Use in Northern Rockies

Agency	Requests	%
BIA	5,661	5%
BLM	4,854	4%
FWS	207	0%
IDS	4,791	4%
MTS	8,864	8%
NDS	15	0%
NPS	3,257	3%
USFS	80,691	73%
OTHER*	2,164	2%
Total	110,504	
10-yr Average	11,050	

Resource Requests by Agency for Use outside of Northern Rockies

Use outside of N	ormern Rock	162
Agency	Requests	%
BIA	2,014	3%
BLM	3,917	6%
FWS	301	0%
IDS	356	1%
MTS	0	0%
NDS	0	0%
NPS	1,478	2%
USFS	41,751	66%
OTHER*	13,903	22%
Total	63,720	
10-yr Average	6,372	

Resource Requests by Agency for Use in and out of Northern Rockies

Use in and out of Northern Rockies		
Agency	Requests	%
BIA	7,675	4%
BLM	8,771	5%
FWS	508	0%
IDS	5,147	3%
MTS	8,864	5%
NDS	15	0%
NPS	4,735	3%
USFS	122,442	70%
OTHER*	<del>16,067</del>	9%
Total	174,224	
10-yr Average	17,422	

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1	2025 NRGA Fire S	upport Cost Sha	re % Splits		
2	10 year average o	f Resource Requ	lests by Agency for u	se In/Out o	f NR's
3					
		# of Resource	Adjusted %		
4		Requests	excluding "Other"		
5	BIA	7675	4.9%		
6	BLM	8771	5.5%		
7	FWS	508	0.3%		
8	IDS	5147	3.3%		
9	MTS	8864	5.6%		
10	NDS	15	0.0%		
11	NPS	4735	3.0%		
12	USFS	122442	77.4%		
13					
	Total excluding				
14	"Other"	158157	100.0%		
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# **Final Agency Apportionment:**

- 1. Federal Share:
  - a. USFS 77.4%
  - b. BIA 4.9%
  - c. BLM 5.5%
  - d. FWS 0.3%
  - e. NPS 3.0%
- 2. State Share:
  - f. MT 5.6%
  - g. ID 3.3%

## **Principal Contacts:**

The following personnel are the principal business contacts:

Title	Name	Agency
Incident Business	Melissa Swain	USDA Forest Service
Coordinator		
Incident Business	Amanda Boatright	USDI Bureau of Indian
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Incident Business	Brandi Van Kleeck	USDI Bureau of Land
Coordinator		Management
Incident Business	Lindsey Greene	MT DNRC
Supervisor		
Incident Business	Amber Honsaker	ID Department of Lands
Coordinator		
NRCC Center Manager	Kate Holsapple	NRCC
NRCG Operations Officer	Cory Buhl	NRCG

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