



**COST SHARE AGREEMENT**  
**Between the**  
**USDA Forest Service, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest**  
**And the**  
**State of Montana, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation**

This cost share agreement is between the agencies identified above, as negotiated for the following incident in accordance with the 2023-2027 Statewide Cooperative Fire Management and Stafford Act Agreement (23-FI-11015600-048) executed between the parties on 1/26/2023. The purpose of this agreement is to allocate financial responsibility and to describe the cost division.

**General Incident Information:**

Incident Name: Sawlog  
Incident Start Date & Time: 5/1/2025 1407  
Origin: USFS  
Township: 1N Range: 13W Section: 17  
Estimated Size: Acres at the time of this agreement:  
Incident Cause: Unknown

**Incident Numbers by Protection Agency:**

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Incident #</b>	<b>Accounting Code</b>
USFS	MT-BDF-256074	P1S0EL (0102)
MT DNRC	MT-BDF-256074	905071

**Cost Share Period:** This agreement becomes effective on the date indicated below and will remain in effect until it is amended or terminated.

Start date/time: 5/1/2025 @ 1407

End date/time: End of Incident

**Other conditions relative to this agreement:**

1. Responsibility for tort claim costs will not be a part of this agreement. Responsibility for these costs will be determined outside this agreement.
2. Costs for accountable, sensitive, and durable property purchased by each agency will be charged directly to that agency.
3. Non-suppression rehabilitation costs are the responsibility of the jurisdictional agency.

**Protecting Agencies' Strategies:**

The strategy on this fire is full suppression.



**Cost Share Methodology and Rationale:**

Each Agency will pay for the Resources which they provided to the Sawlog fire. There will be no reimbursement or billing between the Montana Department of Natural Resources and the Federal Wildland Fire Agencies.

**Final Agency Apportionment:**

1. Federal Share: Not Applicable. Each Agency is responsible for the Resource they brought to the fire and no cross billing will occur.
2. State Share: Not Applicable. Each Agency is responsible for the Resource they brought to the fire and no cross billing will occur.

**Principal Contacts:**

The following personnel are the principal contacts:

<b>Title:</b>	<b>Name:</b>	<b>Agency:</b>
Agency Administrator	Alfred Watson	USFS
Agency Representative	Kristen Thompson	USFS
Agency Administrator	Hoyt Richards	MT DNRC
Agency Representative	Tim Egan	MT DNRC
Incident Business Advisor(s)		
Incident Commander(s)		
Other IMT members as appropriate		

**Signatures of Authorized Personnel & Attachments:**

This agreement and the apportionment described are our best judgments of fair and equitable agency cost responsibilities.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Alfred Watson  
Forest Supervisor, Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF

Signature: Hoyt Richards Date: 5/14/2025  
Hoyt Richards  
Area Manager, Central Land Office, Montana DNRC

**Addendums to this Document:** N/A