



**COST SHARE AGREEMENT**  
**Between the**  
**Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation**  
**Northeastern Land Office**  
**And the**  
**USDI Bureau of Land Management**  
**Lewistown Field Office**  
**And the**  
**USDI Fish and Wildlife Service**  
**Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge**

This cost share agreement is between the agencies identified above, as negotiated for the following incident in accordance with the Montana Master Cooperative Wildland Fire Management and Stafford Act Response Agreement (2023-2027) executed between the State of Montana, United States Department of the Interior, and the United States Department of Agriculture. The purpose of this agreement is to allocate financial responsibility and to describe the cost division.

**General Incident Information:**

Incident Name: Wilder  
Incident Start Date: 07/02/2025 Incident Start Time: 2040  
Point of Origin: Lat: 47° 33.418 N Long: 108° 27.188 W  
Point of Origin: Township: 21N Section: Range: 25E  
Estimated Size: Acres at the time of this agreement: 3,451  
Incident Cause: Lightning  
Command Structure: ☐ Unified Command ☒ Single Command  
Incident Type (1-5): Type 3  
Unified Ordering Point: Lewistown Interagency Dispatch Center  
Cost Share Type: Acres Burned  
Protection Units: Bureau of Land Management, Fish & Wildlife Service, Montana  
Department of Natural Resources and Conservation  
Incident Commander(s): Mark Belitz, Jeff Barnes (t)  
Agency Administrator(s): Brett Blumhardt – USDI-BLM, Jocce Hedrick – MT-DNRC, Paul  
Santavy – USDI-FWS

**Primary Incident Numbers by Protection Agency:**

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Incident #</b>	<b>Accounting Code</b>
BLM/FWS - Federal	MT-NCD-152	S46A
MT-DNRC - State	MT-NCD-152	905200

**Cost Share Period:**

This agreement becomes effective on the date indicated below and will remain in effect until amended or terminated.

Start Date/Time: 07/02/2025 2040 MST End Date/Time: End of incident

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**Other conditions relative to this agreement:**

1. This cost share will terminate at a date and time agreed upon by all agency administrators at the conclusion of the incident or when conditions significantly change resulting in a need to end or modify this agreement.
2. All costs originating from orders placed by and for the incident that can be reasonably obtained and estimated for the cost share period will be included in this agreement and will be shared based on the Agency Administrators (AA) or Agency Representatives (AR) mutual agreement.
3. Agency specific costs will not be shared.
4. Responsibility for tort claim costs or compensation for injury costs will not be a part of this agreement. Costs for nonexpendable property purchases by each agency will be charged directly to that agency and will not be shared.
5. Costs for accountable, sensitive, and durable property purchased by each agency will be charged directly to that agency and will not be shared.
6. Costs incurred by cooperators not engaged in joint fire suppression activities will not be included as a part of this cost share agreement. Responsibility for these costs will be determined outside of this agreement.
7. Non-suppression rehabilitation costs are the responsibility of the jurisdictional agency and will not be shared.
8. Each agency will be responsible for collecting actual cost/expenditure data that will make up their respectable costs.
9. Aircraft and retardant costs will be shared on an actual use basis as determined by the IC's/AA's and will be calculated as a separate cost. IMTs are responsible for providing the tracking records associated with aircraft and retardant costs.
10. The parties to this agreement will meet to determine the total costs of each agency on the incident.
11. Each agency (including supporting agencies) will bill for their costs as outlined in the billing procedures of the Montana Master Cooperative Wildland Fire Management and Stafford Act Response Agreement (2023-2027).

**Protecting Agencies' Strategies**

Full suppression and perimeter control.

**Cost Share Methodology and Rationale:**

The cost share methodology chosen for this fire will be based on acres burned according to ownership and jurisdiction. This has been chosen for this incident because of the values at risk and the effort was equal for all agencies involved. The following is the breakdown of acres burned in the Wilder fire.

Total:	3,451
BLM:	647
FWS:	2,365
Private:	439

**Cost Share Apportionment:**

## 1. Federal Share:

a.	USFS	%
b.	BLM	19 %
c.	FWS	68 %
d.	NPS	%
e.	BIA	%

## 2. State Share:

a.	MT-DNRC	13 %
b.		%
c.		%

**Principal Contacts:**

The following personnel are the principal contacts:

**Title:****Name:****Agency:**

Agency Administrator

Brett Blumhardt

DOI-BLM

Agency Representative

Josh Barta

DOI-BLM

Agency Administrator

Jocce Hedrick

MT-DNRC

Agency Representative

Keith Woods

MT-DNRC

Agency Administrator

Paul Santavy

DOI-FWS

Agency Representative

Jim Forsythe

DOI-FWS

Incident Business Advisor(s)

Cienna Mrnak

DOI-BLM

Incident Business Advisor(s)

Brandi VanKleeck

DOI-BLM

**Signatures of Authorized Personnel & Attachments:**

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

Agency	Agency Administrator or Representative Name & Title	Signature and Date
USDI Bureau of Land Management (Lewistown Field Office)	Brett Blumhardt Field Manager	
USDI Fish & Wildlife Service (CMR National Wildlife Refuge)	Paul Santavy Wildlife Refuge Manager	
Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (Northeastern Land Office)	Jocce Hedrick Area Manager	<i>Jocce Hedrick</i> 7/10/25

**Appendix to this Document:**

Appendix A – Map of Fire Area

# Operations

Wilder

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07/08/2025 Day

3,451 acres at 07/05/2024 09:43hrs

- USA Structures
- X Division Break
- Incident Command Post
- Draft Site
- Value at Risk
- Completed Dozer Line
- Wildfire Perimeter
- Contained Fire Edge
- Uncontained Fire Edge
- National Trail
- Secondary Paved
- Secondary Dirt
- Bureau of Land Management
- Other Federal Lands
- State
- US Fish and Wildlife Service Lands



1:24,000 1:12,000 1:6,000 1:3,000  
 Acres based on 2024 data. Not for navigation.  
 North American Datum 1983



