



COST SHARE AGREEMENT
Between the
USDA Forest Service
And the
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 Montana Statewide Cooperative Fire Management and Stafford Act Agreement executed between the parties on 2/21/2017. The purpose of this agreement is to allocate financial responsibility and to describe the cost division.

General Incident Information:

Incident Name: Beeskove Fire
Incident Start Date and Time: July 23, 2019 at 10:56
Origin: 46°57.61 x 113°52.25
Township: 14N Range: 18W Section: 22
Estimated Size Acres at the time of this agreement: 430
Incident Cause: Lightning

Incident Numbers by Protection Agency:

Agency	Incident #	Accounting Code
USFS	MT-LNF-001231	P1MJJE6
MT-DNRC		769006

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

Start date/time: 8/01/19

End date/time: 8/24/19

Other conditions relative to this agreement:

1. Costs incurred by cooperators not engaged with the host agency or Incident Management Team (IMT) in the fire suppression activities will not be included as a part of this cost share agreement.
2. Responsibility for tort claim costs will not be a part of this agreement. Responsibility for these costs will be determined outside this agreement.
3. Agency specific costs will not be shared.
4. Costs for accountable, sensitive, and durable property purchased by each agency will be charged directly to that agency and will not be shared.
5. Non-suppression rehabilitation costs are the responsibility of the jurisdictional agency and will not be shared.
6. Each agency will bill for their costs as outlined in the Montana Cooperative Fire Management Agreement billing procedures.



Protecting Agencies' Strategies:

Factors affecting the management strategy included the following: amount of standing dead trees on the upper slopes; continuous stands of mixed conifer forest with few escape routes or safety zones; lack of dependable ingress/egress into the fire area without the capability of aviation resources for insertion, extraction, and support; and the location of identified values and assets located near the valley bottoms.

Based on the combination of these factors primary, alternate/contingency, and emergency lines were identified based on creating a working zone for firefighting resources that had escape routes and safety zones, was less steep with fewer snags, had fuels more favorable for successful suppression actions, and therefore a higher probability of success. A full suppression strategy based on impacts to critical values at risk and areas of high probability of success guided actions.

Cost Share Methodology and Rationale:

Cost Share Methodology is effort based. Percentage of effort was determined by using GIS data to determine ownership acreage within the divisions. USFS assumed cost for FS lands, FS lands under State protection and private lands within FS direct protection. The State assumed cost for MT lands and private lands within MT direct protection (referenced as Marshall Mountain Ski area, ½ section of private land near H-70 and The Nature Conservancy (TNC) lands). The IAP and other documents (CTR/shift tickets/aviation cost summaries) were used to track Direct resources by division. Aviation was tracked using same methodology as Direct resources. Final cost share percentages will be applied to support and suppression repair costs.

Use of jurisdictional boundaries versus the traditional protection boundaries is based on recent land acquisitions since 2012 and the fact that the fire is currently all on USFS protection and/or jurisdictional lands.

Final Agency Apportionment:

1. Federal Share:

a.	USFS	67%
b.	BLM	%
c.	FWS	%
d.	NPS	%
e.	BIA	%

2. State Share :

a.	MT	37%
b.		%



Principal Contacts:

The following personnel are the principal contacts:

Title:	Name:	Agency:
Agency Administrator	Jen Hensiek	USFS
Agency Representative		
Agency Administrator	Jon Hansen	MT-DNRC
Agency Representative		
Incident Business Advisor(s)	Deanna Crawford	USFS
Incident Commander(s)	Jeff Hayes	USFS
	Joe Sampson	BLM
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.

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Agency Name: Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation - Missoula Unit
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Addendums to this Document:

Addendums to this document include:

- Appendix A – Map of Fire Area 08/01/19
- Appendix A.1 – Map of Fire Area 08/12/19
- Appendix B – Cost Share Map dated 8/3/19
- Appendix C – Cost Share Map dated 8/5/19
- Appendix D – Cost Share Map dated 8/9/19
- Appendix E – Cost Share Map dated 8/13/19
- Appendix F – Final Cost Share summary dated 08/24/19