



COST SHARE AGREEMENT
Between the
USDA Forest Service: Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest
USDA Forest Service: Custer-Gallatin National Forest
And the
State of Montana, Department of Natural Resources & 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 Response Agreement (2017-2021). The purpose of this agreement is to allocate financial responsibility and to describe the cost division.

General Incident Information:

Incident Name: American Fork
Incident Start Date and Time: 07/17/2021 0624
Origin
Latitude: 46.16494N N Longitude: 110.2475 W
Estimated Size: 21,892 acres Acres at the time of this agreement: 21,892
Incident Cause: Lightning

Incident Numbers by Protection Agency:

Agency	Incident #	Accounting Code
USDA Forest Service	MT-HLF-005087	P1N57E (0115)
Montana DNRC	MT-HLF-005087	901359

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

Start date/time: 7/17/2021

End date/time: 8/22/2021

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 (including supporting agencies) will bill for their costs as outlined in the Montana Statewide Cooperative Fire Management and Stafford Act Response Agreement (2017-2021), billing procedures.

Protecting Agencies’ Strategies:

The American Fork Fire was managed under a full suppression strategy from initial attack throughout the life of the incident by all cooperating agencies.

Cost Share Methodology and Rationale:

The agencies agree to use a burned-acre split for this cost share. The acres are defined on the American Fork Protection Final Map provided by the GISS. As of 8/20/2021, the final acres are 21,892. Burned acres are divided among three counties (Park, Meagher and Sweet Grass) and two national forests (Helena-Lewis and Clark, and Custer Gallatin). The acres and percentages are reflected on the Protection by Agency Final Map included here as Appendix A. A final map produced by the DNRC did not show acres in the legend, but they were calculated and reflected in an email. DNRC map and email attached as Appendix B.

Final Agency Apportionment:

1. Federal Share:

a.	USFS	96.35%
b.	BLM	%
c.	FWS	%
d.	NPS	%
e.	BIA	%

2. State Share :

a.	MT	3.65%
b.		%

The agencies understand and agree:

1. That these percentages will be applied to the final, actual costs that the respective agency financial systems will produce.
2. That the agency financial system costs may not reflect the true cost of the incident as some costs may be reflected under the Divide Complex since the fires were managed by the same Incident Management Team.
3. Final, actual, financial system costs will be accepted as they appear.

Principal Contacts:

The following personnel are the principal contacts:

Title: Agency Administrator	Name: Sara Mayben	Agency: USFS Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest
Agency Administrator	Hoyt Richards	Montana 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.

Agency Name: USDA Forest Service: Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest
Address: 2880 Skyway Drive
City, State Zip: Helena, MT 59601

Signature: _____ Date: _____
NAME: Sara Mayben
Title: (Acting) Forest Supervisor

Agency Name: Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation
Address: 8001 N. Montana Ave.
City, State Zip: Helena, MT 59602

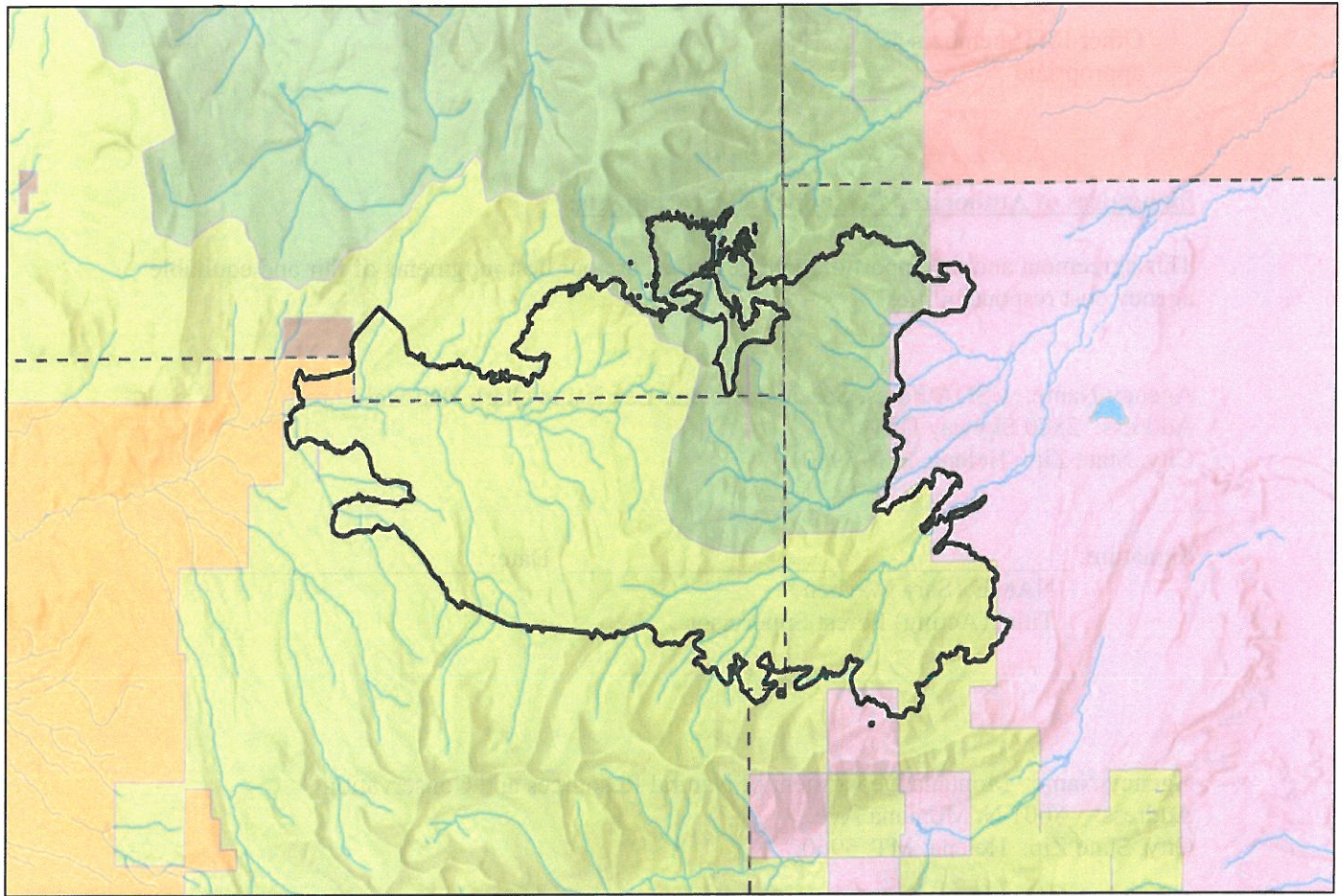
Signature: Hoyt Richards Date: 3-23-2022
NAME: Hoyt Richards
Title: Area Manager, MT-DNRC Central Land Office

Addendums to this Document:

Addendums to this document include:
Appendix A – Map of Fire Area: Acres by Protection
Appendix B – Map of Fire area: Acres by Protection and Email showing the calculated percentages.



Appendix A: American Fork Fire Protection by Agency Final Map

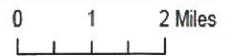


American Fork Fire
Fire Protection by Agency

MT-HLF-005087
Approx. 21,892 acres
8/20/2021 2120



- County Boundary
- Contained Line
- County - Meagher
- County - Park
- County - Sweet Grass
- County - Wheatland
- Federal - Custer Gallatin NF
- Federal - Helena-Lewis & Clark NF
- Water
- Streams

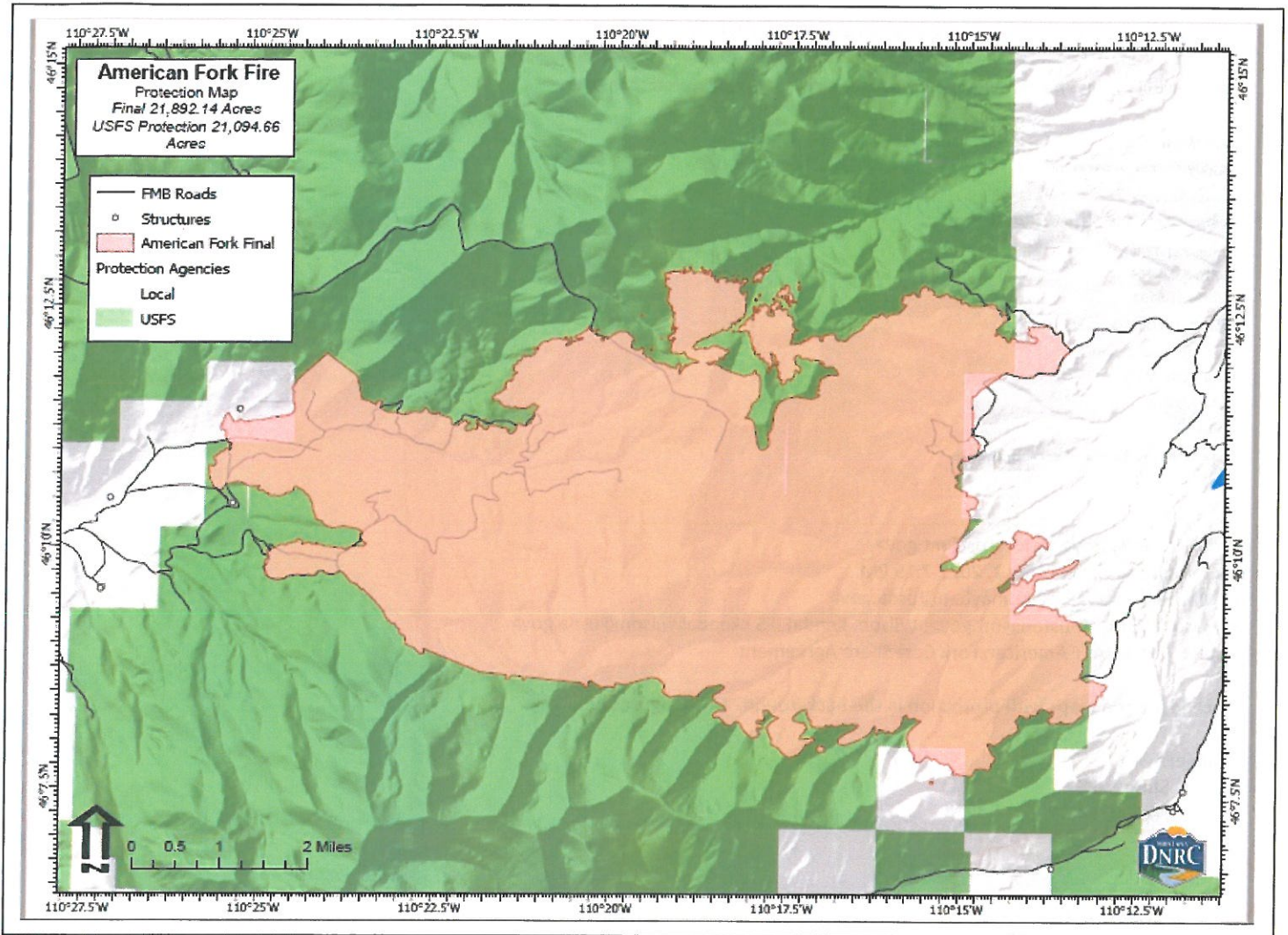


Protection Agency	Acres	Percentage
County - Meagher	2	1%
County - Park	146	1%
County - Sweet Grass	635	3%
Federal - Custer Gallatin NF	14,418	65%
Federal - Helena-Lewis and Clark NF	6,691	30%
Total	21,892	100%

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Appendix B: American Fork Fire Protection by Agency Final Map created by DNRC, plus email reflecting the calculated percentages:





FW: DRAFT American Fork Cost Share Agreement

Mayben, Sara -FS <sara.mayben@usda.gov>

Thu 2/3/2022 8:05 AM

To: Nunn, David -FS <david.nunn@usda.gov>; Simet, Elizabeth -FS <Elizabeth.Simet@usda.gov>

Cc: Crawford, Deanna -FS <Deanna.Lewis1@usda.gov>; Petersen, Tammy -FS <tammy.petersen@usda.gov>

Please see Hoyt's email below – they determined the acreages based on protection lands.

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Caring for the land and serving people

From: Richards, Hoyt <hrichards@mt.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, February 2, 2022 7:15 PM

To: Mayben, Sara -FS <sara.mayben@usda.gov>

Cc: Huston, John <jhuston@mt.gov>; Wilson, Kendal -FS <kendal.wilson@usda.gov>

Subject: FW: DRAFT American Fork Cost Share Agreement

Attached are the maps with protection in the background. DNRC figures are:

Balsinger:

State 5.4%

Federal 94.6%

American Fork

State 3.65%

Federal 96.35%

Does the math make sense to each of you?

From: Hall, Matthew <matthall@mt.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, February 2, 2022 5:42 PM

To: Richards, Hoyt <hrichards@mt.gov>

Cc: Huston, John <jhuston@mt.gov>

Subject: RE: DRAFT American Fork Cost Share Agreement

Hoyt,

Let me know if you need anything else.

Matt

From: Richards, Hoyt <hrichards@mt.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, February 2, 2022 7:01 AM

To: Hall, Matthew <matthall@mt.gov>

Subject: FW: DRAFT American Fork Cost Share Agreement

Matt, I reached out earlier to see if you could put a protection layer under the final perimeter. Any chance you or any of your staff have looked at this? I know some of the private lands are FS protection through the offset. We also need to do this for Balsinger also.



