



COST SHARE AGREEMENT
Between the
Montana DNRC and the
USDA Forest Service

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 (date). The purpose of this agreement is to allocate financial responsibility and to describe the cost division.

General Incident Information:

Incident Name:	Contact Creek	
Incident Start Date and Time:	4/30/23 1200	
Origin	Park County	
Township: 3S	Range: 12E	Section: 34, SWSE
Estimated Size	Acres at the time of this agreement: 21	
Incident Cause:	Human	

Incident Numbers by Protection Agency:

Agency	Incident #	Accounting Code
MT-DNRC	MT-LG49-230093	903042
USFS Custer Gallatin	MT-LG49-230093	PNP7H0 (1522)

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

Start date/time: 4/30/23 1200

End date/time: end of incident

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 MT Cooperative Fire Management Agreement billing procedures.



Protecting Agencies' Strategies:

The strategy on this fire is full suppression with full perimeter control.

Cost Share Methodology and Rationale:

Costs will be shared according to the percentage of acres burned on each agency's protection area for the duration of the incident. Suppression efforts were equal on all areas of the fire. See attached map. Each agency will pay for their own aviation costs incurred. The remaining suppression costs will be split by the percentage below.

Each agency will bill independently to recover for their own suppression costs from the liable party, if applicable.

Cost Share percentages determined by final protection acres burned:
Total Acres: 21, State Protection Acres: 5, USFS Protection Acres:16

Final Agency Apportionment:

- 1. Federal Share:

	USFS	76 %
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- 2. State Share :

a	DNRC	24 %
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Principal Contacts:

The following personnel are the principal contacts:

Title:	Name:	Agency:
Agency Administrator	Mary Erickson	USFS – Custer Gallatin
Agency Representative	Alex Sienkiewicz	USFS – Custer Gallatin
Agency Administrator	Hoyt Richards	MT DNRC
Agency Representative	John Huston	MT DNRC - CLO
Incident Business Advisor(s)	Fauzia Massey	USFS – Custer Gallatin
	Jennifer Coulter	MT DNRC - CLO
Incident Commander(s)	Ben Rock	USFS – Custer Gallatin
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.

Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation, Central Land Office
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Signature: **Hoyt Richards** Digitally signed by Hoyt Richards
Date: 2023.06.27 11:36:45 -06'00' _____ Date: _____
Hoyt Richards
Area Manager

Custer Gallatin NF
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Signature: **MARY ERICKSON** Digitally signed by MARY
ERICKSON
Date: 2023.05.23 22:20:20 -06'00' _____ Date: _____
Mary Erickson
Forest Supervisor

Addendums to this Document:

Addendums to this document include:
Appendix A – Map of Fire Area