



**COST SHARE AGREEMENT**  
**Between the**  
**US Forest Service**  
**the**  
**Montana Department of Natural Resources**  
**and the**  
**USDI Bureau of Indian Affairs – Flathead Agency**

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

**General Incident Information:**

Incident Name:	River Road East	
Incident Start Date and Time:	1318 08/18/2023	
Origin	47.381550, -114.805800	
Township: T19N	Range: R25W	Section: S29
Estimated Size	Acres at the time of this agreement: 11,951	
Incident Cause:	Undetermined – Under Investigation	

**Incident Numbers by Protection Agency:**

Agency	Incident #	Accounting Code
USFS	MT-LNF-200730	P1 QKQ4 (0116)
MT DNRC		903311
USDI BIA		QKQ4

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

Start date/time: 08/18/2023 at 1318

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 Montana Cooperative Fire Management Agreement billing procedures.



### **Protecting Agencies' Strategies:**

The strategy for all Agencies associated with this incident is full suppression.

### **Cost Share Methodology and Rationale:**

Due to the initial rate of fire growth, all direct resources utilized across protection responsibility are considered equal for the fire. Cost Share Methodology will be based on the final percentage of acres burned by protection responsibility on the date the fire is declared out. Costs to be shared include all costs associated with the management of the incident and suppression repair based on protecting agency suppression repair standards. The decision was made to use the actual acreage burned in each agency's protection responsibilities based on equal effort expended on all areas of the incident. Starting 8/23/23, the daily 209 will include a delineation of acres burned by protecting agency in the narrative.

The final cost share percentage will be applied to all actual expenses per Agency transaction registers to determine the total amount owed by the State. The State payment to the USFS (if a bill to the State is applicable) will be derived from Aviation, Contracts, Agreements & Fleet, AD Casuals and Supplies cost centers.

### **Final Agency Apportionment:**

1. Federal Share:

a.	USFS	29.0%
e.	BIA	3.2%

2. State Share:

a.	DNRC	67.8%
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### **Principal Contacts:**

The following personnel are the principal contacts:

<b>Title:</b>	<b>Name:</b>	<b>Agency:</b>
Agency Administrator	Carolyn Upton	USFS
Agency Representative	Dave Wroblewski	USFS
Agency Administrator	Bryan Mercier	BIA Northwest Region
Agency Representative	Shane Hendrickson	BIA Flathead Agency
Agency Administrator	Greg Poncin	MTDNRC
Agency Representative	Dave Olsen	MTDNRC
Incident Business Advisor(s)	Deanna Crawford	USFS
	Amanda Boatright/Regina Hoffmann	BIA
	Susan Dowler	MTDNRC
Incident Commander(s)	Brent Olson	NR CIMT T1



**Signatures of Authorized Personnel & Attachments:**

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

Signature: Nick Aschenwald Digitally signed by Nick Aschenwald  
Date: 2025.06.30 09:38:26 -06'00' Date: 6/30/2025  
Nick Aschenwald  
Area Operations Manager  
Montana DNRC – NW Land Office

Signature: JEREMY  
CASTERSON Digitally signed by JEREMY  
CASTERSON  
Date: 2025.07.14 08:11:48 -06'00' Date: 7/14/2025  
Jeremy Casterson  
Acting Forest Supervisor  
Lolo National Forest

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kurt Fredenberg  
Acting Regional Director  
Bureau of Indian Affairs, Northwest Region

**Addendums to this Document:**

Addendums to this document include:  
Map of Fire Area with protection layer  
Final 209 with Acreage by protection agency