



COST SHARE AGREEMENT
Between the
Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation
Southern Land Office
And the
USDI Bureau of Land Management
Eastern Montana Dakotas District

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:	Barber Draw	
Incident Start Date and Time:	08/21/2024 – 1518	
Origin	PRIVATE	
Township: T7S	Range: R40E	Section: 28
Estimated Size: ±6,738.9	Acres at the time of this agreement: ±6,738.9	
Incident Cause:	Lightning	

Primary Incident Numbers by Protection Agency:

Agency	Incident #	Accounting Code
MT-DNRC - State	MT-LG22-0474	904495
DOI/BLM - Federal	MT-LG22-0474	R6WT

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

Start date/time: 08/21/2024 – 1518

End date/time: 08/28/2024 – 0900

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. The parties to this agreement will meet to determine the total costs of each agency on the incident.
10. 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

A full suppression strategy was implemented on the fire. A map depicting the fire area and areas of protection responsibility is appended to this document.

Cost Share Methodology and Rationale:

The percentage of acres burned methodology has been chosen for these fires because the values at risk and the effort was equal for all agencies involved. See current attached map for incident acreage dated 8/22/2024 and will be updated at end of incident.

Final Agency

1. Federal Share: 989.05 acres

a.	USFS	%
b.	BLM	14.68%
c.	FWS	%
d.	NPS	%
e.	BIA	%

2. State Share: 5749.82

a.	MT-DNRC	85.32%
b.		%
c.		%

Principal Contacts:

The following personnel are the principal contacts:

Title:

Agency Administrator
Agency Representative
Agency Administrator
Agency Representative
Incident Business Advisor(s)
Incident Commander(s)
Other IMT members as
appropriate

Name:

Eric Lepisto
Scott McAvoy
Joe Holzwarth
Jeff Brown
Mariah Gibson
David Hamilton
Nate Arave

Agency:

Miles City Field Office-BLM
Miles City Zone BLM- FMO
Southern Land Office- DNRC
Southern Land Office-DNRC-FMO
MT-SO-BLM Fire Business Lead
County Assist Team IC
BLM – Billings Field Office

Signatures of Authorized Personnel & Attachments:

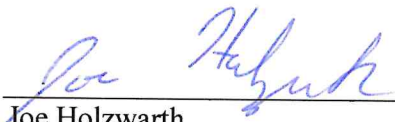
This agreement and the apportionment described are our best judgments of fair and equitable agency cost responsibilities.

Agency Name: Eastern Montana Dakotas District
Miles City Dispatch Center
(Mariah Gibson)
111 Garryowen Road
Miles City Field Office, 59301

Signature: **ERIC LEPISTO** Digitally signed by ERIC LEPISTO
Date: 2024.09.09 15:28:10 -06'00'
Eric Lepisto
Miles City Field Office
Field Office Manager

Date: _____

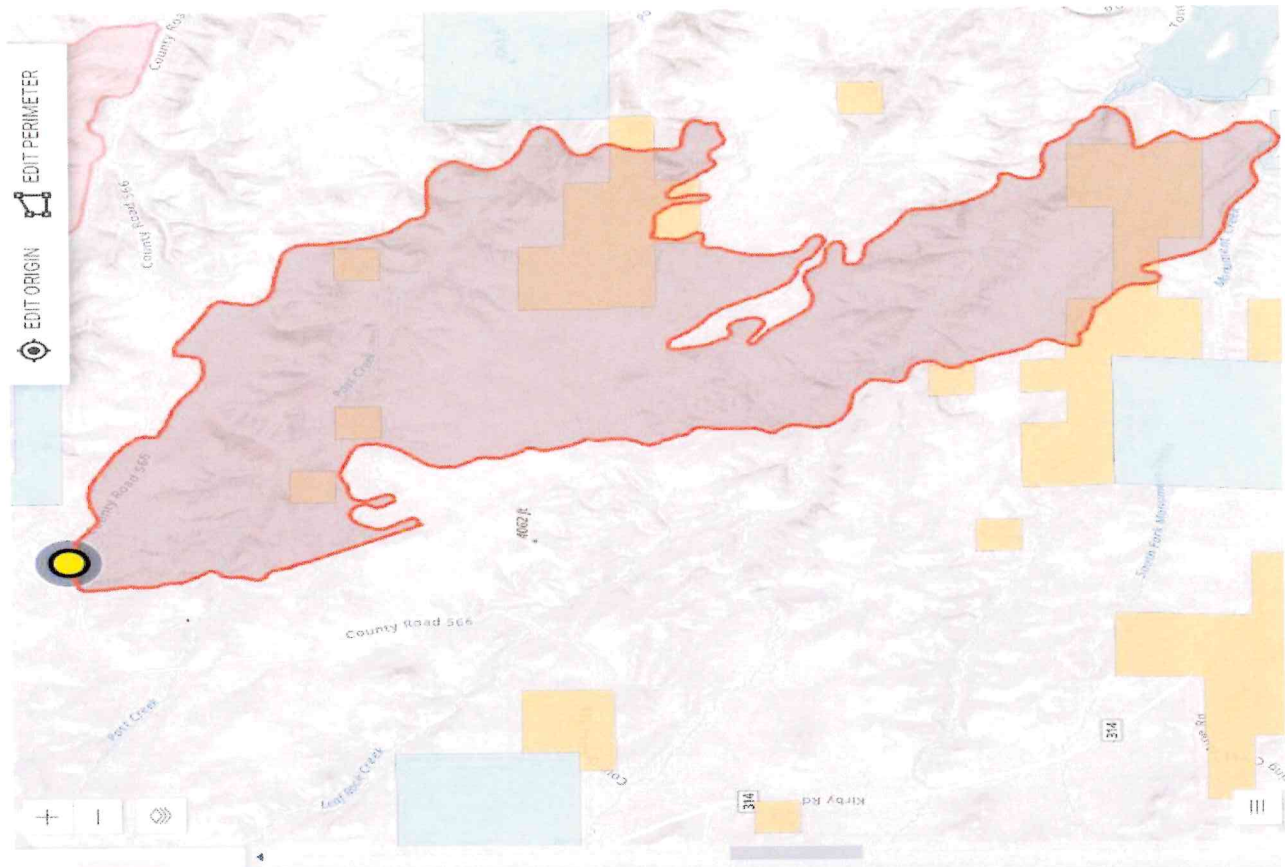
Agency Name: Southern Land Office DNRC
1371 Rimtop Dr.
Billings, MT 59105

Signature: 
Joe Holzwarth
Southern Land Office DNRC Area Manager

Date: 9/10/24

Addendums to this Document:

Addendums to this document include:
Appendix A – Map of Fire Area
Appendix B – WildCAD Incident Card



Barber Draw

SAVE CHANGES

CANCEL

2 Required Fields Missing ⚠ Note: Changes may take up to 60 seconds to appear

Landowner Kind	Landowner Category	Calculated Acres	User Acres
Federal	BLM	989.05	0.00
Private	Private	5743.82	0.00
Other	State	6.00	0.00
Total:		6738.87	

ADD ROW

RECALCULATE

SIZE	Calculated Size (AC)	DERIVE
	6738.860000000001	DERIVE
INCIDENT SIZE (AC)*	6738.90	(6738.90)