



COST SHARE AGREEMENT
Between the
State of Montana, Department of Natural Resources & Conservation
and the
USDA Forest Service: Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest

This cost share agreement is between the agencies identified above, as negotiated for the following incident in accordance with the 2023-2027 Montana Cooperative Fire Management and Stafford Act Agreement executed between the parties on 1/26/2023. The purpose of this agreement is to allocate financial responsibility and to describe the cost division.

General Incident Information:

Incident Name:	Big Hollow	
Incident Start Date and Time:	8/23/2024, 1258	
Origin		
Township: T9S	Range: R14W	Section: NWNW32
Estimated Size	Acres at the time of this agreement: 3,435	
Incident Cause:	Unknown	

Incident Numbers by Protection Agency:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Incident #</u>	<u>Accounting Code</u>
MT DNRC	MT-CES-246466	904509
USFS	MT-CES-246466	R625

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

Start date/time: 8/23/2024 @ 1258
End date/time: End of Incident 9/5/2024 @ 2400

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 2023-2027 Montana Cooperative Fire Management Agreement billing procedures.



Protecting Agencies' Strategies:

The strategy for all agencies associated with this incident is full suppression with full perimeter control.

Cost Share Methodology and Rationale:

The values at risk and effort are equal for both agencies involved so the percentage of acres burned methodology was chosen for this incident. See the attached map for incident acreage.

Final Agency Apportionment:

1. Federal Share:

a.	USFS	22%
b.	BLM	%
c.	FWS	%
d.	NPS	%
e.	BIA	%

2. State Share:

a.	MT	78%
b.		%

Principal Contacts:

The following personnel are the principal contacts:

<u>Title:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Agency:</u>
Agency Administrator	Al Watson	USFS
Agency Representative	Sarah Rouse	USFS
Agency Administrator	Hoyt Richards	MT DNRC
Agency Representative	Tim Egan	MT DNRC
Incident Business Advisor(s)	Erin Lally	USFS
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.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Al Watson
Forest Supervisor
USFS – Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Hoyt Richards
Area Manager, MT DNRC Central Land Office
Forestry & Trust Lands Division

Addendums to this Document:

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Appendix A – Map of Fire Area