



**COST SHARE AGREEMENT**  
**Between the**  
**Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation**  
**Eastern 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:	Deadman	
Incident Start Date and Time:	07/12/2024 - 0300	
Origin	Multiple Starts	
Township: Multiple	Range: Multiple	Section: Multiple
Estimated Size	Acres at the time of this agreement: 47,828.95	
Incident Cause:	Lightning	

**Primary Incident Numbers by Protection Agency:**

Agency	Incident #	Accounting Code
MT-DNRC - State	MT-LG29-000236	904196
DOI/BLM - Federal	MT-LG29-000236	R28E

Within this cost share agreement are 6 incidents that forecast to merge in some capacity. The following incidents will be included within this cost share:

- Deadman (R28E) MT - LG29 – 000236 Discover Date: 7/12/2024
- Anderson (R282) MT - LG22 – 000241 Discover Date: 7/12/2024
- Four Mile (R3CG) MT - LG22 - 000262 Discover Date: 7/13/2024
- Hackley (R3H1) MT - MCD – 000246 Discover Date: 7/12/2024
- Prairie (R3T5) MT - LG29 - 000249 Discovery Date: 7/12/2024
- McGhee (R29W) MT - LG29 – 000245 Discover Date: 7/12/2024

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

Start date/time: 07/12/2024 - 0300  
 End date/time: End of incident. 9/13/2024 23:59

### **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**

The strategy for BLM was a full suppression strategy since the discovery and multi-agency responses to all fires now contained within the Deadman Incident. Strategy provided to the CIMT on 7/14/24 in-brief was full suppression strategy with emphasis to keep the fires at their smallest sizes but providing for fire fighter and public safety. ISAP Values at risk for BLM lands were prioritized with fire fighter and public safety being the #1 priority, with economic resources and structures, forage, cultural and historic resources, and critical habitats values for tactical and strategy operational planning. Current and long-term weather and terrain dictated the tactical operations and strategy in order to achieve the #1 priority of fire fighter and public safety.

The strategy for the State and private lands was a full suppression strategy since the discovery and multi-agency responses to all fires now contained within the Deadman Incident. Strategy provided to the CIMT on 7/14/24 in-brief was full suppression strategy with emphasis to keep the fires at their smallest sizes but providing for fire fighter and public safety. ISAP Values at risk for state and private lands were prioritized with fire fighter and public safety being the #1 priority, with economic resources and structures, forage and the Tongue River State Park for tactical and strategy operational planning. Current and long-term weather and terrain dictated the tactical operations and strategy to achieve the #1 priority of fire fighter and public safety.

### **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 9/10/2024 (source Miles City Interagency Dispatch).

**Final Agency Apportionment:**

MCC Map	TOTAL ACRES	PVT	STATE	BLM	UPDATE
DEADMAN & ANDERSON	19982.83	13737.59	1,215.15	5030.09	9/10/24
FOUR MILE	2082.69	1,905.16	137.57	39.96	9/10/24
PRAIRIE & HACKLEY	6,540.34	4,327.38	615.87	1,597.09	9/10/24
MCGHEE	19223.09	17019.98	663.04	1,540.07	9/10/24
<b>Totals</b>	<b>47,828.95</b>	<b>36,990.11</b>	<b>2,631.63</b>	<b>8207.21</b>	

1. Federal Share:

a.	USFS	%
b.	BLM	17%
c.	FWS	%
d.	NPS	%
e.	BIA	%

2. State Share:

a.	MT-DNRC	83%
b.		%
c.		%

**Principal Contacts:**

The following personnel are the principal contacts:

Title:	Name:	Agency:
Agency Administrator	Eric Lepisto	USDI- BLM
Agency Representative	Chris Pileski	State of Montana, DNRC
Agency Administrator		
Agency Representative		
Incident Business Advisor(s)	Mariah Gibson Becky Shepard	
Incident Commander(s)	Michael Behrens	NR CIMT – Team 3
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.

USDI, Bureau of Land Management  
Eastern Montana/Dakotas District, Miles City Field Office  
111 Garryowen Road  
Miles City, MT 59301

Signature:  Date: 9/10/2024  
Eric Lepisto  
Field Manager-Agency Administrator

Eastern Land Office, MT DNRC  
PO Box 1796, 85 Garryowen Road  
Miles City, MT 59301

Signature:  Date: 9/10/24  
Chris Pileski  
Area Manager

**Addendums to this Document:**

Addendums to this document include:  
Appendix A – Map of Fire Area 9/10/2024

# Appendix A- Map of Fire areas as of 9/10/2024

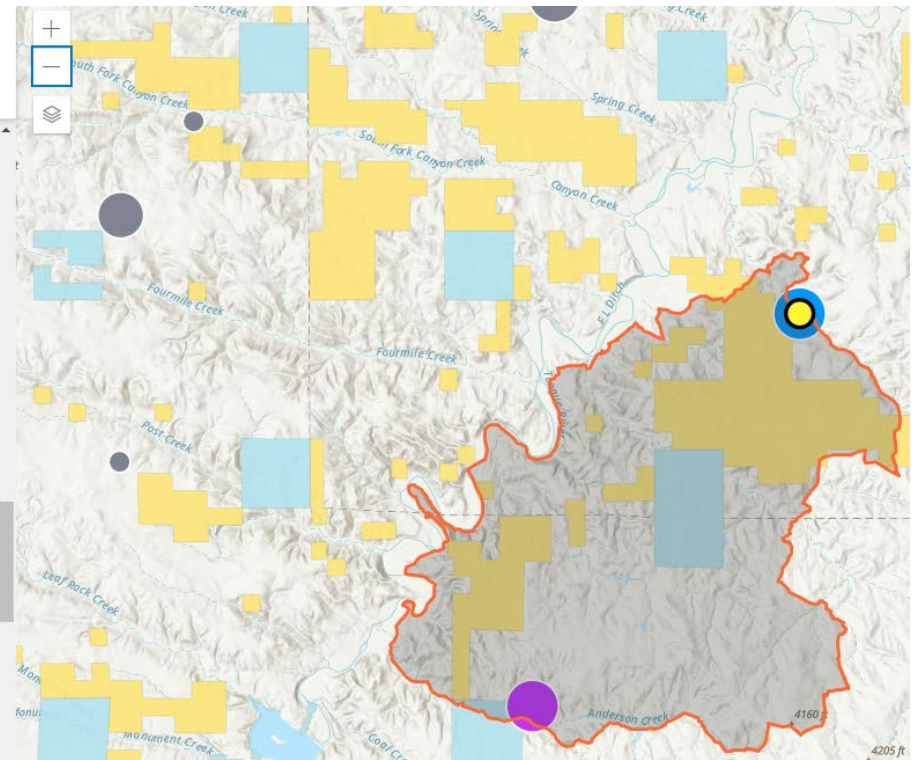
Deadman

REPORT EDIT CLOSE ACTIONS

- Individual or Private Corporation
- Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act

### PERIMETER

Landowner Kind	Landowner Category	Calculated Acres	User Acres
Federal	BLM	5030.09	0.00
Private	Private	13737.59	0.00
Other	State	1215.15	0.00
<b>Total:</b>		<b>19982.83</b>	



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McGhee

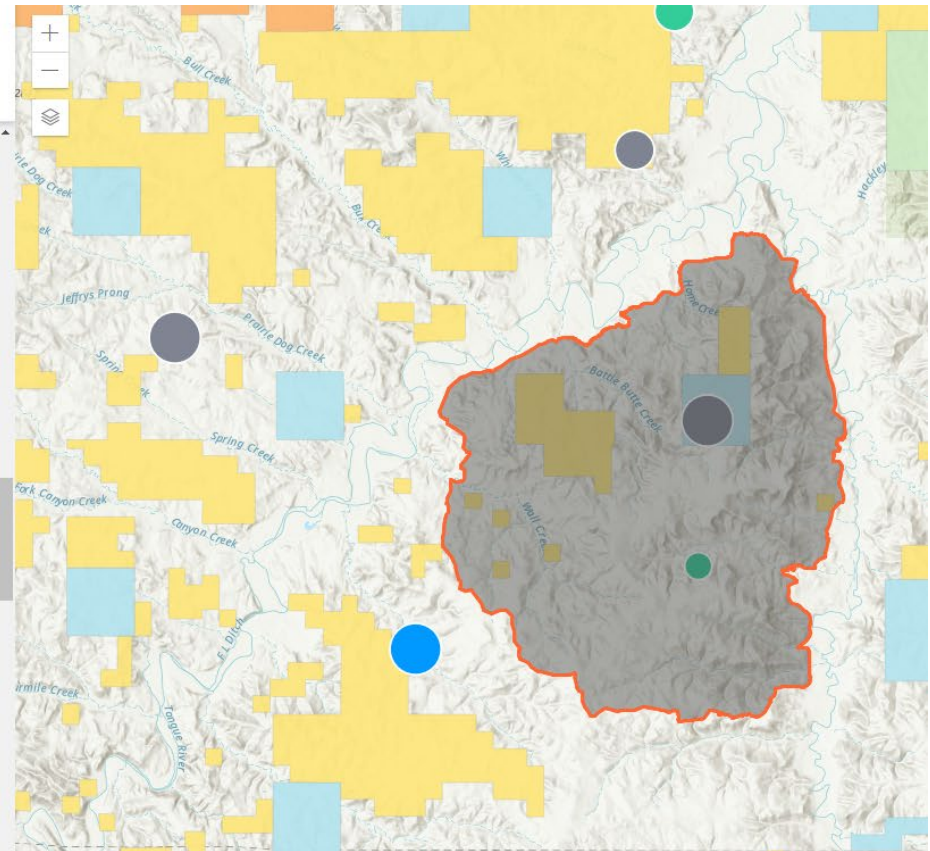
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- State or Equivalent Government
- Individual or Private Corporation
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PERIMETER

Landowner Kind	Landowner Category	Calculated Acres	User Acres
Federal	BLM	1540.07	0.00
Private	Private	17019.98	0.00
Other	State	663.04	0.00
<b>Total:</b>		<b>19223.09</b>	



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Prairie

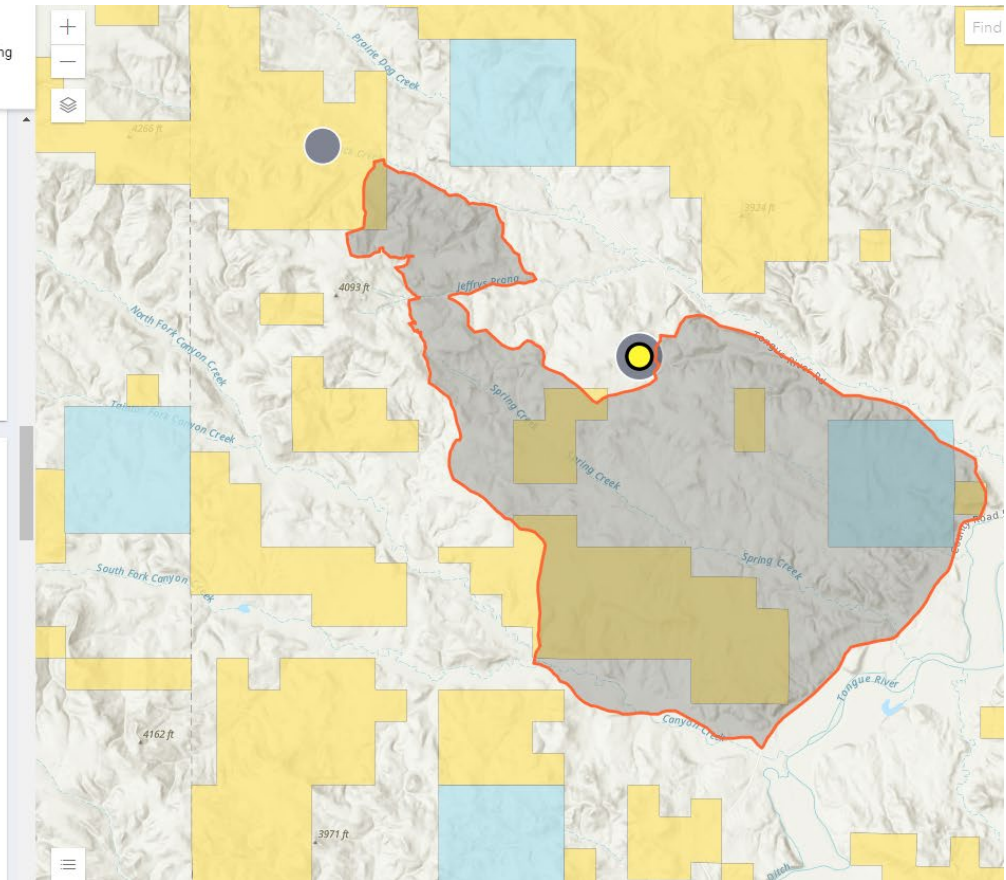
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- Foreign Government
- Tribal Government (non-trust lands)
- City or Equivalent Government
- County or Equivalent Government
- State or Equivalent Government
- Individual or Private Corporation
- Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act

PERIMETER

Landowner Kind	Landowner Category	Calculated Acres	User Acres
Private	Private	4327.38	0.00
Federal	BLM	1597.09	0.00
Other	State	615.87	0.00
<b>Total:</b>		<b>6540.34</b>	



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Four Mile

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- State or Equivalent Government
- Individual or Private Corporation
- Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act

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Landowner Kind	Landowner Category	Calculated Acres	User Acres
Federal	BLM	39.96	0.00
Private	Private	1905.16	0.00
Other	State	137.57	0.00
<b>Total:</b>		<b>2082.69</b>	

