



COST SHARE AGREEMENT
Between the
USDA Forest Service, Helena – Lewis and Clark National Forests
And the
State of Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

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 (1/26/2023). The purpose of this agreement is to allocate financial responsibility and to describe the cost division.

General Incident Information:

Incident Name: Horse Gulch
Incident Start Date and Time: July 9, 2024 at approximately 1332
Origin
Township: 11N Range: 1W Section: 26
Estimated Size 15,166 acres at the time of this agreement:
Incident Cause: Human

Incident Numbers by Protection Agency:

Agency	Incident #	Accounting Code
USFS	MT-HLF-000367	PIR21U24 (0115)
MT-DNRC	MT-HLF-000367	904178

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

Start date/time: July 11, 2024
End date/time: July 26, 2024

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 to include the cost of staff performing their day job duties, e.g. AAs, FMOs.
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:

Full suppression, utilizing both direct and indirect tactics.

Cost Share Methodology and Rationale:

Cost share by effort will be used to apportion costs between the FS and MT-DNRC for the Horse Gulch fire.

- In Division Z, 17% of the day and night resources, tracked in cost groups within e-ISuite, will be the responsibility of MT-DNRC. The control line in Division Z was used to determine the percentage of MT-DNRC's responsibility. The total length of fireline is 15.14 miles in Division Z, there is approximately 2.5 miles of line on MT-DNRC protection (17%) and approximately 12.6 miles on FS protection (83%).
- MT-DNRC will assume 100% of the cost of the structure protection group, tracked in a cost group within e-ISuite.
- MT-DNRC will assume 4.7% of the indirect costs. This percentage was determined utilizing the miles of the total perimeter of the fire, 32.66 miles, and the miles of perimeter in Division Z, 9.18 miles which results in Division Z being 28% of the total perimeter. The 28% was then applied to the actual perimeter in Division Z on DNRC protection, 2.53 miles, resulting in 4.7%. This represents the DNRC portion of Div Z relative to the overall perimeter of the fire.
- DNRC will assume 4.7% of the aviation costs (utilizing the percentage determined for indirect/support costs in the previous bullet).
- MT-DNRC will assume 100% of the costs of the Local Government Firefighting resources on 7/9/2024 and 7/10/2024. These costs are not captured within the e-ISuite database and will not be included in the final cost share reconciliation process since they are a standalone cost.

Final Agency Apportionment:

1. Federal Share:

a.	USFS	95.3%
b.	BLM	%
c.	FWS	%
d.	NPS	%
e.	BIA	%

2. State Share :

a.	MT	4.7%
b.		%

The final cost share percentage will be applied to all actual expenses per Agency transaction registers and the final bill to the state (if a bill to the state is applicable) will be derived from Aviation, Contracts, Agreements, AD Casuals and Supplies cost centers.



Principal Contacts:

The following personnel are the principal contacts:

Title:	Name:	Agency:
Agency Administrator Agency Representative	Katherine Bushnell	USFS
Agency Administrator Agency Representative	Hoyt Richards Adam Blythe	MT-DNRC MT-DNRC
Incident Business Advisor(s)	Heather Good Kimie Denney	USFS USFS
Incident Commander(s)	Lindsey Greene Scott Schuster	MT-DNRC USFS

Signatures of Authorized Personnel & Attachments:

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

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Addendums to this Document:

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