



COST SHARE AGREEMENT
Between the
Montana DNRC
And the
Forest Service Lolo NF

This cost share agreement is between the agencies identified above, as negotiated for the following incident in accordance with the 2023-2027 Statewide Cooperative Fire Management and Stafford Act Agreement (23-FI-11015600-048) executed between the parties on 01/26/2023. The purpose of this agreement is to allocate financial responsibility and to describe the cost division.

General Incident Information:

Incident Name:	Elder 1	
Incident Start Date and Time:	07/24/2026 @ 1526	
Origin	46.940000	-114.320867
Township: 14 N	Range: 22 W	Section: 25
Estimated Size	Acres at the time of this agreement: 1,234	
Incident Cause:	Lightning	

Incident Numbers by Protection Agency:

Agency	Incident #	Accounting Code
Forest Service	MT-LNF-260296	P1SV0H26 (0116)
MT DNRC	MT-LNF-260296	906323

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

Start date/time: 07/26/2026 @ 0600

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 2023-2027 Cooperative Fire Management Agreement billing procedures.

**Protecting Agencies' Strategies:**

The strategy for both agencies is full suppression.

Cost Share Methodology and Rationale:

The Cost Share Methodology is based on acres burned by protection responsibility. The final acreage split will be determined by a GIS map identifying protection agencies. Percentages determined by the final map will be populated below at the end of incident.

Final Agency Apportionment:

1. Federal Share:

a.	USFS	73%
b.	BLM	%
c.	FWS	%
d.	NPS	%
e.	BIA	%

2. State Share :

a.	DNRC	27%
b.		%

Principal Contacts:

The following personnel are the principal contacts:

Title:	Name:	Agency:
Forest Supervisor	Ben Johnson	Forest Service
Agency Administrator	Jeremy Casterson	Forest Service
Agency Administrator	Sierra Farmer	DNRC
Agency Representative	Lauren Converse	DNRC
Incident Business Advisor(s)	Amy Erickson	Forest Service
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.

BENJAMIN JOHNSON Digitally signed by BENJAMIN JOHNSON
Date: 2026.08.26 15:09:39 -06'00'
Signature: _____ Date: _____
Benjamin Johnson
Forest Supervisor, Lolo National Forest, USFS

Sierra Farmer Digitally signed by Sierra Farmer
Date: 2026.08.27 14:58:50 -06'00'
Signature: _____ Date: _____
Sierra Farmer
Area Manager, Montana DNRC

Addendums to this Document:

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Appendix A – Map of Fire Area

Appendix B – Map of Initial Attack Areas