



COST SHARE AGREEMENT
Between the
Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conversation (Eastern Land Office)
And the
United States Wildland Fire Service Agency-Unit 8

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

General Incident Information:

Incident Name:	Slough Grass
Incident Start Date and Time:	08/06/2026 1522
Origin	Private
Latitude:45.752500	Longitude: -106.805
Estimated Size:5644	Acres at the time of this agreement:5644
Incident Cause:	Coal Seam

Incident Numbers by Protection Agency:

Agency	Incident #	Accounting Code
DNRC	MTLG29-661	906444
USWFS	MTLG29-661	SW88

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

Start date/time:08-06-2026, 1522

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 Montana Cooperative Fire Management Agreement (2023-2027).



Protecting Agencies' Strategies:

Full suppression strategies were implemented on the Slough Grass incident

Cost Share Methodology and Rationale:

It is agreed that the cost basis for the Slough Grass Fire is as follows and effective on August 6, 2026, at 1522 hours, no mutual aid period will be applied. The percentage of acres burned methodology has been chosen for this incident because of the values at risk and the effort was equal for all agencies involved.

Final Agency Apportionment:

1. Federal Share:

a.	USFS	%
b.	BLM	2%
c.	FWS	%
d.	NPS	%
e.	BIA	%

2. State Share:

a.	DNRC	98%
b.		%

Principal Contacts:

The following personnel are the principal contacts:

Title:	Name:	Agency:
Agency Administrator	Chris Pileski	DNRC
Agency Representative		
Agency Administrator	Klayton Rogge	USWFS
Agency Representative		
Incident Business		
Advisor(s)		
Incident Commander(s)	Colin Sturgill/Colton Hines (ICT4), Darby Thomason (ICT3)	DNRC, USWFS, USFS
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.

Agency Name: DNRC- Eastern Land Office
Address: 85 Garryowen Rd.
Miles City, Montana 59301

Signature:  Date: 8/25/24
Chris Pileski
Title: Eastern Land Office Area Manager

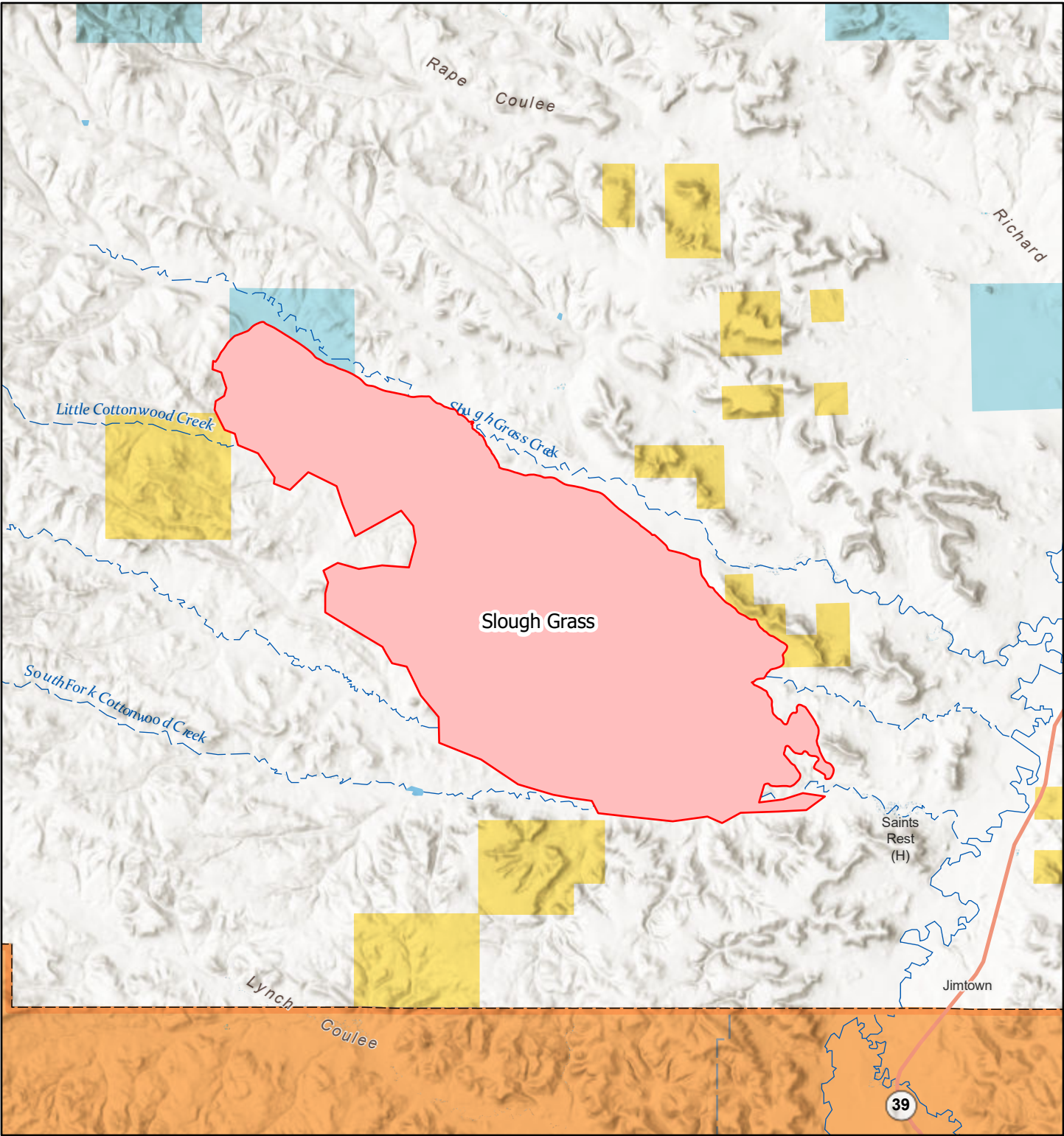
Agency Name: United States Wildland Fire Service
Address: 111 Garryowen Rd.
Miles City, Montana 59301

Signature:  KLAYTON ROGGE
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Date: 2026.09.14 14:03:27 -06'00'
Klayton Rogge
Title: Unit 8 Fire Chief- Eastern Montana

Addendums to this Document:

Addendums to this document include:
Appendix A – Map of Fire Area
Appendix B – Map of Initial Attack Areas

Slough Grass State: 989.9, BLM: 110.8, Private: 4543.0, Total: 5,643.7



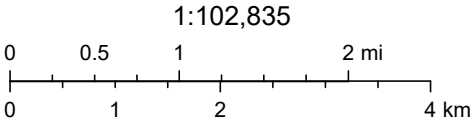
8/24/2026

WFIGS 2026 Interagency Fire Perimeters to Date



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US Department of Interior Office of Wildland Fire: IRWIN,
USDA Forest Service,
National Park Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and
Bureau of Land Management,
National Association of State Foresters,