



COST SHARE AGREEMENT
Between the
USDA Forest Service, Helena – Lewis and Clark National Forest
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 2023-2027 Statewide Cooperative Fire Management and Stafford Act Agreement executed between the parties in December 2022. The purpose of this agreement is to allocate financial responsibility and to describe the cost division.

General Incident Information:

Incident Name: Twin Sisters
Incident Start Date and Time: 07/25/2026 1353
Origin
Latitude: 46.745367 Longitude: -109.946467
Estimated Size 101
Incident Cause: Undetermined

Incident Numbers by Protection Agency:

Agency	Incident #	Accounting Code
USDA Forest Service	MT-HLF-000497	P1SV22 (0115)
Montana DNRC	MT-HLF-000497	906332

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

Start date/time: 07/25/2026

End date/time: 08/05/2026

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 2023-2027 Cooperative Fire Management Agreement billing procedures.



Protecting Agencies' Strategies:

The Twin Sisters fire was safely, efficiently, and intentionally managed under a direct extinguishment strategy utilizing arial and ground resources to construct line around the fire perimeter until all the incident objectives were successfully achieved or a season ending event occurred. Identified values at risk were protected by using the appropriate resources to implement tactics in locations with reasonable probabilities for success.

Cost Share Methodology and Rationale:

The agencies agree to a cost share based on percentage of acres burned by protection responsibility. The acres burned by protection are defined on the Twin Sisters final protection map provided by the GISS and included as Appendix A. Final total acres is determined to be 92 acres with 91 acres on Forest Service protection and 1 acre on State protection.

Final Agency Apportionment:

1. Federal Share:

a.	USFS	99%
b.	BLM	%
c.	FWS	%
d.	NPS	%
e.	BIA	%

2. State Share :

a.	MT	1%
b.		%

The final cost share will be applied to actual reimbursable costs within the Cost Share period as identified in each Agency's accounting system.

Principal Contacts

The following personnel are the principal contacts:

Title:	Name:	Agency:
Agency Administrator	Jason Oltrogge	USDA Forest Service
Agency Representative		
Agency Administrator	Jocce Hedrick	Montana DNRC
Agency Representative		
Incident Business	Kimie Denney	USDA Forest Service
Advisor(s)	Lindsey Greene	Montana DNRC
Incident Commander(s)	Mark Belitz	USDA Forest Service



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USDA Forest Service

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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Signature: EMILY BROWNSCOMBE Digitally signed by EMILY BROWNSCOMBE
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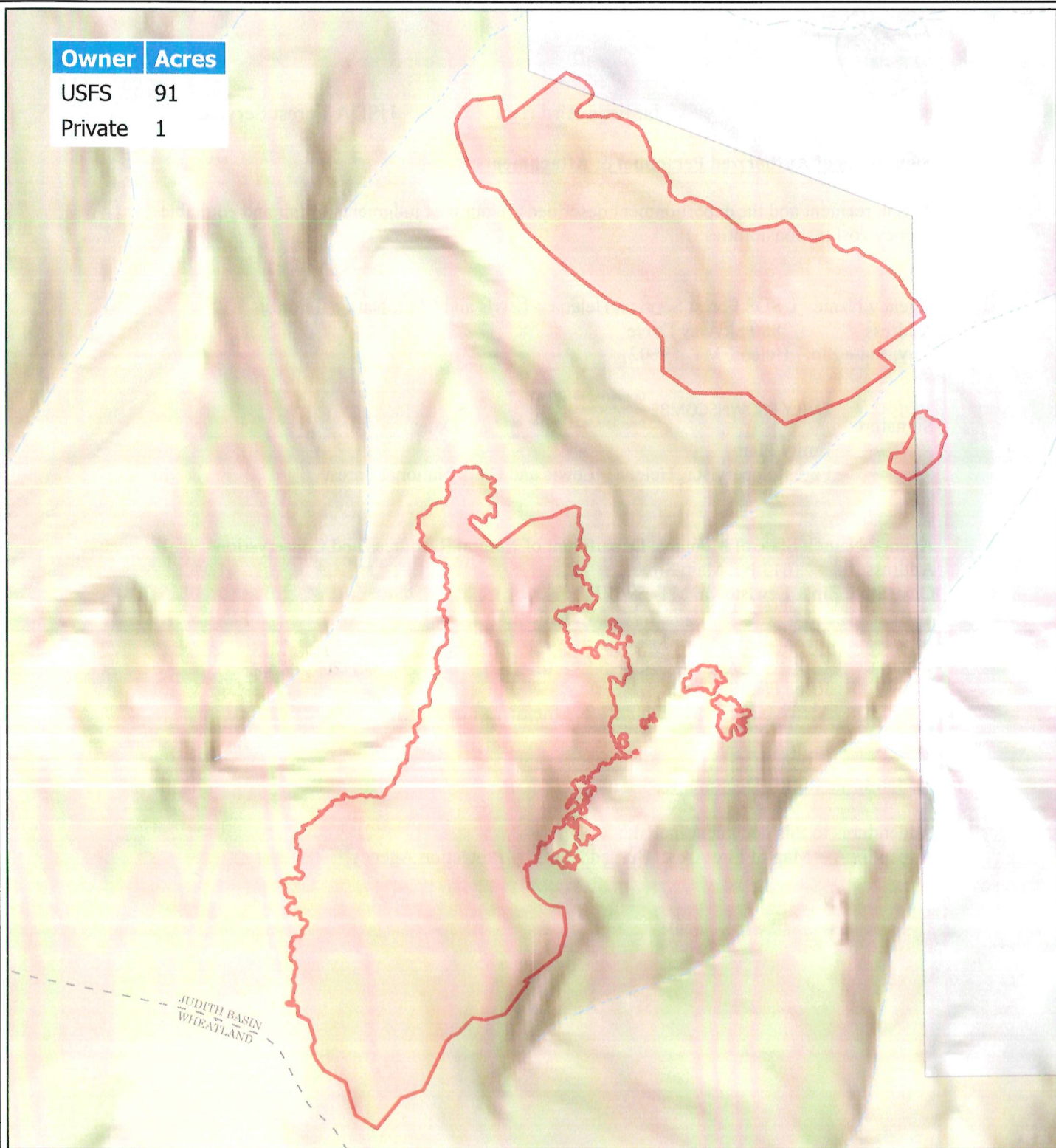
Signature: Jocce Hedrick Date: 8/25/26
Jocce Hedrick
Area Manager, MT DNRC - Northeastern Land Office

Addendums to this Document:

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Appendix A – Map of Fire Area: Burned Acres by Protection Agency

Owner	Acres
USFS	91
Private	1



Ownership

Twin Sisters
MTHLF - 000497
8/5/2026

92 acres at 07/31/2026 1600hrs

1:7,524 | RIST | 8/4/2026 1721
Acres from IAA and Field
North American 1983 Datum, LatLong Grid

 Wildfire Perimeter
 Private
 USFS



0 0.05 0.1 0.2
 Miles