



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 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:	Valley
Incident Start Date and Time:	8/18/26 1442
Origin	Private
Latitude:46.244300	Longitude: -106.70406
Estimated Size: 224.5	Acres at the time of this agreement:224.5
Incident Cause:	Lightning

Incident Numbers by Protection Agency:

Agency	Incident #	Accounting Code
DNRC	MTLG29-712	906490
USWFS	MTLG29-712	SX8N

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:8/18/26, 1442

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 Valley fire incident.

Cost Share Methodology and Rationale:

It is agreed that the cost basis for the Valley fire is as follows and effective on August 18, 2026, at 1442 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	10%
c.	FWS	%
d.	NPS	%
e.	BIA	%

2. State Share:

a.	DNRC	90%
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/ Rodney Dresbach	DNRC/ Rosebud County
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, MT. 59301

Signature: _____

Chris Pileski

Title: Eastern Land Office Area Manager

Date: _____

8/25/24

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

KLAYTON

Signature: _____

ROGGE

Klayton Rogge

Title: Unit 8 Fire Chief- Eastern Montana

Digitally signed by KLAYTON
ROGGE
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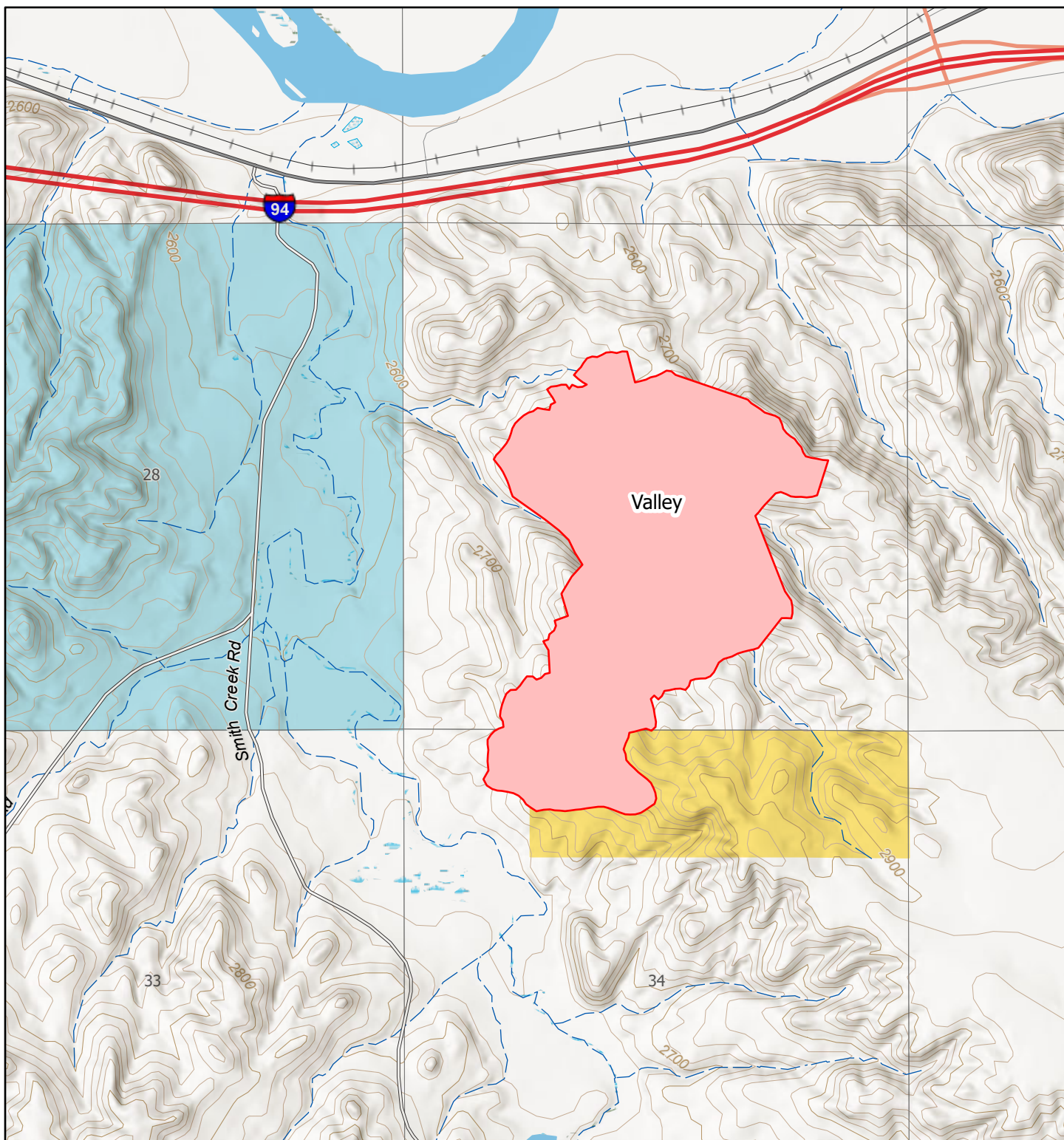
Addendums to this Document:

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Appendix A – Map of Fire Area

Appendix B – Map of Initial Attack Areas

Valley 8/18/26 PRI: 202.7, BLM: 21.9, Total: 224.5 acres



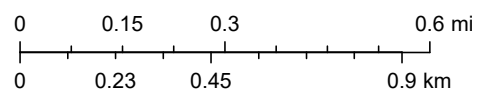
8/25/2026

WFIGS 2026 Interagency Fire Perimeters to Date

Wildfire

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USDA Forest Service,
National Park Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and
Bureau of Land Management,
National Association of State Foresters,