



COST SHARE AGREEMENT
Between the
Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation
And the
USDA Forest Service – Custer Gallatin National Forest

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:	Natural Bridge	
Incident Start Date and Time:	01/06/2026 @ 1226	
Origin	Lat: 45.541217	Long: -110.213333
Township: 3S	Range: 12E	Section: 26
Estimated Size	Acres at the time of this agreement: 35 acres	
Incident Cause:	Under investigation	

Incident Numbers by Protection Agency:

Agency	Incident #	Accounting Code
MT-DNRC	MT-LG40-260003	SFLB
USFS	MT-LG40-260003	SFLB

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

Start date/time: 01/06/2026 @ 1226

End date/time: End of Incident

Other conditions relative to this agreement:

1. Responsibility for tort claim costs will not be a part of this agreement. Responsibility for these costs will be determined outside this agreement.
2. Agency specific costs will not be shared.
3. Costs for accountable, sensitive, and durable property purchased by each agency will be charged directly to that agency and will not be shared.
4. Non-suppression rehabilitation costs are the responsibility of the jurisdictional agency and will not be shared.

Protecting Agencies' Strategies:

The strategy on this fire is full suppression.



Cost Share Methodology and Rationale:

“Each Agency Pays For Its Own Resources” Each agency will pay for the resources which they provided to the Natural Bridge incident. There will be no reimbursement or billing between the Montana Department of Natural Resources and the US Forest Service.

Final Agency Apportionment:

Not applicable: Each agency is responsible for the resources they brought to the incident and no cross billing will occur.

Principal Contacts:

The following personnel are the principal contacts:

Title:	Name:	Agency:
Agency Administrator	Joe Holzwarth	MT-DNRC
Agency Representative	Matthew Jedra	USFS
Agency Administrator		
Agency Representative		
Incident Business Advisor(s)		
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.

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Signature: _____ Date: _____
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Southern Land Office Area Manager

US Forest Service, Custer Gallatin National Forest
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Signature: _____ Date: _____
Matthew Jedra
Forest Supervisor