

COST SHARE AGREEMENT

Between the

Campbell County Fire Department

And

USDI Bureau of Land Management (Buffalo Field Office)

And

USDI Bureau of Land Management (Miles City Field Office)

And

Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (Eastern Land Office)

This cost share agreement is between the agencies identified above, as negotiated for the following incident in accordance with the agreements as follows:

- Wyoming Master Cooperative Fire Management and Stafford Act Response Agreement (2021-2026) executed between the State of Wyoming, United States Department of the Interior, and the United States Department of Agriculture.
- 2024 Wildland Fire District 5 Annual Operating Plan.
- Montana Master Cooperative Wildland Fire Management and Stafford Act Response Agreement (2023-2027) executed between the State of Montana, United States Department of the Interior, and the United States Department of Agriculture.

The purpose of this agreement is to allocate financial responsibility and to describe the cost division.

General Incident Information:

Incident Name:	Short Draw		
Incident Start Date:	09/11/2024	Incident Start Time:	13:57 MST
Point of Origin:	Lat: 44.955167	Long:	-106.617033
Estimated Size:	Acres at the time of this agreement: 34,557		
Incident Cause:	Undetermined		
Command Structure:	<input type="checkbox"/> Unified Command	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Single Command
Incident Type (1-5):	Type 3		
Unified Ordering Point:	Miles City Dispatch Center Casper Dispatch Center		
Cost Share Type:	Percent Acres Burned		
Protection Units:	Campbell County Fire Department, Bureau of Land Management, and Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation		
Incident Commander(s):	David Hamilton MT-CAT		
Agency Administrator(s):	Daniel Tomlinson WSFD, Jim Verplancke USDI-BLM-WY, Eric Lepisto USDI-BLM-MT, Andy Miller MT-DNRC, JR Fox Campbell County Fire Warden, Jeff Bender Campbell County Fire Department Chief, Craig Short BLM-WY-HPD FMO, Curtis Rasmuson BLM-WY-HPD AFMO		

Primary Incident Numbers by Protection Agency:

Agency	Incident #	Accounting Code
WY-CMX - County	WY-CMX-240531	R8AU
MT-DNRC - State	WY-CMX-240531	904574
DOI/BLM - Federal	WY-CMX-240531	R8AU

Protecting Agencies' Strategies

On 09/11/2024 at 1357 hours. Suppression actions were immediately taken by Campbell County Fire Department and Powder River County, Montana resources. Weather, fuels, and terrain were conducive to active fire spread. Due to significant fire spread, hazards (terrain, county roads) initial response assessed values at risk, provided immediate point protection and evaluated natural and manmade barriers for suppression actions.

Cost Share Methodology and Rationale:

It is agreed upon, that the cost basis on the Short Draw Fire is as follows and effective as of September 11, 2024, at 1357 hours, no mutual aid period will apply. 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. See current attached map for incident acreage dated 09/20/2024 and a final version will be provided at end of incident.

All costs associated with the suppression of the Short Draw Fire will be shared between the Bureau of Land Management, Montana Department of Natural Resource and Conservation, Campbell County Fire Department based on jurisdictional/protection boundaries percentage of the acres burned during this cost share period. The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation will assume responsibility for not only State but affected private lands in Powder River County, MT. The percentage split on a per acre basis will be determined at the end of this cost share period.

Each entity will pay for their own costs and set up a time and place for a final cost share meeting by spring of 2025. At that time, actual total cost of the fire will be determined and used to determine each entity's actual payment cost. Any costs incurred after the final cost share meeting will be the responsibility of the entity that receives the bill.

Repair costs with the exception of those fire line activities that are part of the suppression activities will be the responsibility of the jurisdictional entity.

Cost Share Period:

This agreement becomes effective on the date indicated below and will remain in effect until amended, terminated or end of incident.

Start Date/Time: 09/11/2024 13:57 MST End Date/Time: **See Other Considerations #11**

Other conditions relative to this agreement:

1. This cost share will terminate at a date and time agreed upon by all agency administrators at the conclusion of the incident or when conditions significantly change resulting in a need to end or modify this agreement.
2. All costs originating from orders placed by and for the incident that can be reasonably obtained and estimated for the cost share period will be included in this agreement and will be shared based on the Agency Administrators (AA) or Agency Representatives (AR) mutual agreement.

3. Agency specific costs will not be shared.
4. Responsibility for tort claim costs or compensation for injury costs will not be a part of this agreement. Costs for nonexpendable property purchases by each agency will be charged directly to that agency and will not be shared.
5. Costs for accountable, sensitive, and durable property purchased by each agency will be charged directly to that agency and will not be shared.
6. Costs incurred by cooperators not engaged in joint fire suppression activities will not be included as a part of this cost share agreement. Responsibility for these costs will be determined outside of this agreement.
7. Non-suppression repair costs are the responsibility of the jurisdictional agency and will not be shared.
8. Each agency will be responsible for collecting actual cost/expenditure data that will make up their respectable costs.
9. The parties to this agreement will meet to determine the total costs of each agency on the incident.
10. Each agency (including supporting agencies) will bill for their costs as outlined in the billing procedures of the Wyoming and Master Cooperative Fire Management and Stafford Act Response Agreement (2021-2026) and Montana Master Cooperative Wildland Fire Management and Stafford Act Response Agreement (2023-2027).
11. This cost share will terminate when the fire is declared 100% contained and controlled. Costs incurred after the termination of this cost share will be the responsibility of the jurisdictional/protection agency.

Cost Sharing

Agency	Acres	Percent of Total	+
Campbell County Fire Department	6,738	19%	
MT-DNRC	22,409	65%	
USDI-BLM	5,410	16%	
Total	34,557	100%	

Principal Contacts:



The following personnel are the principal contacts:

Title	Name	Agency
Agency Administrator	Jerod Delay	Wyoming State Forestry Division
Agency Administrator	Daniel Tomlinson	Wyoming State Forestry Division - D5
Agency Administrator	JR Fox	Campbell County Fire Warden
Agency Administrator	Jeff Bender	Campbell County Fire Department Chief
Agency Administrator	Jim Verplancke	Supervisory Natural Resource Specialist, WY-BLM
Agency Administrator	Curtis Rasmuson	BLM-WY-High Plains District AFMO
Agency Administrator	Eric Lepisto	Miles City Field Manager, MT-BLM

Agency Administrator	Craig Short	BLM-WY- High Plains District FMO
Agency Administrator	Chris Pileski	MT DNRC - Eastern Land Office, Area Manager
Agency Administrator	Andy Miller	MT DNRC – Eastern Land Office Forester
Agency Representative	Jeff Bender	Campbell County Fire Chief
Incident Business	Shielah Esterholdt	Wyoming State Forestry Business Lead
Incident Business Advisor	Kayla Davin	BLM Wyoming Fire Business State Lead
Incident Business Advisor	Brandi Van Kleeck	BLM Montana/Dakotas Fire Business State Lead
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	Agency Administrator or Representative Name & Title	Signature and Date
Campbell County Fire Department	Jeff Bender Campbell County Fire Department Chief 307-680-2109 jbender@ccfire.us	 9-27-24
USDI Bureau of Land Management (Buffalo Field Office)	Jim Verplancke Supervisory Natural Resource Specialist, WY-BLM 307-620-0799 jverplan@blm.gov	 10/1/2024
USDI Bureau of Land Management (Miles City Field Office)	Eric Lepisto Miles City Field Manager, MT-BLM 111 Garryowen Road Miles City, MT 59301 406-233-2837 elepisto@blm.gov	ERIC LEPISTO Digitally signed by ERIC LEPISTO Date: 2024.09.26 07:18:05 -06'00'
Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (Eastern Land Office)	Andy Miller MT DNRC - Eastern Lands Office, Area Forester PO Box 1796, 85 Garryowen Road Miles City, MT 59301 406-853-0526 Andy.miller@mt.gov	 9/25/2024

Date of this finalized agreement: 09/25/2024

Addendums to this Document:

Addendums to this document include:
Appendix A – Map of Fire Area