

COST SHARE AGREEMENT
Between the
USDA FOREST SERVICE, REGION 1

And
MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES & CONSERVATION
And

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, ROCKY MOUNTAIN & PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGIONS

The purpose of this agreement is to provide for a coordinated effort for Best Value Administration. Following is the cost share agreement between the agencies identified above as negotiated in accordance with the Montana and Idaho Cooperative Fire Protection Agreements.

Incident Name: **NORTHERN ROCKIES BEST VALUE EQUIPMENT ADMINISTRATION**

Cost Share Period: 2009 Fire Season

Jurisdictions: USDA Forest Service, Montana Department of Natural Resources, DOI Bureau of Indian Affairs

Incident Numbers by Agency:

Agency	Accounting Code
Forest Service	P1EME9/0156
MT DNRC	709000

Cost Share Period: 2009 Fire Season

Agency representatives participating in the development of this cost share agreement:

Forest Service – Name: Tim Murphy Title: NRCG Contractor Liaison	DNRC – Name: Ted Mead Title: Fire & Aviation Bureau Chief
Name: Jane Haker Title: Incident Administration Coordinator	Name: Pam Okon Title: Fire Fiscal Officer
Bureau of Indian Affairs Name: Cory Winnie Title: Fire Management Officer	Bureau of Indian Affairs Name: Tom Corbin Title: Fire Management Officer

This cost share agreement was prepared under the following guidelines:

- 1) In accordance with the Montana Cooperative Fire Protection Agreement, 05-FI-11015600-014, executed between Montana DNRC and the Forest Service.
- 2) Per the Montana Cooperative Fire Agreement billing procedures, the parties to this agreement will determine the total costs of each agency. Each agency will bill for their costs. Federal agencies do not exchange funds.

In accordance with the concurrence of the Northern Rockies Coordinating Group's Board of Directors, it is hereby agreed that cost sharing on this agreement will be based on the following percentages:

Forest Service – 50%
Montana DNRC – 45%
Bureau of Indian Affairs – 5%

Rationale for cost share:

1. All NRCG agencies benefited from the administration of best value agreements during the 2009 fire season. These agreements include engines, water tenders, soft tracks, skidgines, pumper cats, potable and gray water tenders/trucks. The estimated share of use of these resources is noted above as percentages of use by the NRCG member agencies.
2. Best Value Administration included field audits during the summer for non-budgeted time and travel of the Forest Service Fire Contracting Officer; NRCG Contractor Liaison and Forest Service Regional Equipment Inspector; temporary employee input of performance evaluations into the Equipment and Training Inventory System (EATIS) and summaries of resource utilization from the Resource Ordering and Status System (ROSS).

This Agreement and the apportionment described are our best judgments of fair and equitable Agency cost responsibilities.

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Director, Fire Aviation and Air

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Date: 9/30/09

Agency: Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation
Fire & Aviation Bureau Chief

Signature: Ted Mead
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Date: 10/6/09

Agency: DOI Bureau of Indian Affairs
Fire Management Officer

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Date: 10-13-09

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