



**COST SHARE AGREEMENT**  
**Between the**  
**Montana Department of Natural Resources**  
**And the**  
**Kootenai National Forest**

This cost share agreement is between the agencies identified above, as negotiated for the following incident in accordance with the Statewide Cooperative Fire Protection Agreement 11-FI-110156000-006. The purpose of this agreement is to allocate financial responsibility as outlined in the Weigel Fire Delegation of Authority which includes Cost Share decisions.

**General Incident Information:**

Incident Name: Weigel Fire  
Incident Start Date and Time: August 11, 2015 0959 mst  
Origin: T31N R27W Sec 22  
Township: 31N Range: 27W Section: 15 & 22  
Estimated Size: 100 acres Acres at the time of this agreement: 94.91  
Incident Cause: Lightning

**Incident Numbers by Protection Agency:**

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Incident #</b>	<b>Accounting Code</b>
DNRC	MT-NWS-000504	955009
Forest Service	MT-NWS-000504	PNJ1BA

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

State date/time: August 11, 2015

End date/time: November 5, 2015

**Other conditions relative to this agreement:**

1. Costs incurred by cooperators not engaged with the host agency or 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. 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.
5. Each agency will bill for their costs as outlined in the Cooperative Fire Agreement billing procedures.



**Cost Share Methodology:**

The cost share agreement is based upon the percentage of acres burned per each agencies fire protection. A map with the applied methodology is attached.

**Final Agency Apportionment:**

1. Federal Share:

a.	USFS	58%
b.	BLM	%
c.	FWS	%
d.	NPS	%
e.	BIA	%

2. State Share :

a.	MT	42%
b.	ID	%
c.	ND	%
d.	other	%

**Principal Contacts:**

The following personnel are the principal contacts:

<b>Title:</b>	<b>Name:</b>	<b>Agency:</b>
Agency Administrator	Doug Turman	DNRC
Agency Representative	Wyatt Frampton	DNRC
Agency Administrator	Chris Savage	Forest Service
Agency Representative	Quinn Carver	Forest Service
Incident Business Advisor	Susan Dowler	DNRC
Incident Business Advisor	Terri Tangen	Forest Service
Incident Commander(s)	Shawn Pearson	IMT2
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.

Attached: Weigel Fire perimeter map

Attached: Original Agreement (Delegation)

Agency Name: Montana Department of Natural Resources  
Address: 177 State Land Office Road  
City, State Zip: Libby MT 59923

Signature: Stephen Frye Date: 12/3/15  
Steve Frye, Area Manager

Agency Name: Kootenai National Forest  
Address: 31374 US Hwy 2 W  
City, State Zip: Libby, MT 59923

Signature: Chris Savage Date: 12/16/2015  
Chris Savage, Forest Supervisor

**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
AND CONSERVATION**

**Northwestern Land Office - Libby Unit**



STEVIE BULLOCK, GOVERNOR

STATE OF MONTANA

PHONE: (406) 293-2711  
FAX: (406) 293-9307

177 STATE LANDS OFFICE ROAD  
LIBBY, MT 59923

August 13, 2015

**Delegation of Authority, Weigel and Dunn Fires**

We welcome you and your Team to the Weigel and Dunn Fires and wish you a safe and successful assignment.

We hereby delegate authority for the management of the Weigel and Dunn Wildland Fires to you as Incident Commander. This fire is burning on lands under the jurisdiction and/or protection responsibility of the Northwest Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) and the Kootenai National Forest (KNF). The fire is burning in Lincoln County (see attached map). Lincoln County has responsibility for public safety and structural fire protection on private property and should be represented in your incident management organization, and included in strategic planning, and tactical activities as appropriate. It is paramount that close coordination with the State of Montana, Department of Natural Resources, the Kootenai National Forest, and your Incident Management Team be established immediately to ensure a safe and efficient transfer of command.

You will assume command of the incident from the current Type 3 IC, Steve Smestad, at 0600 on Friday, August 14, 2015. Mark Peck (DNRC) and Quinn Carver (KNF), or their designated representatives, will be available to you, as necessary for review of the WFDSS. If during review and implementation of the selected alternative it appears the costs will exceed this amount, we will revisit the WFDSS and cost limitation and will revise either or both and submit the revision(s) for approval by the Forest Supervisor and DNRC Line Officer.

Quinn Carver is the designated KNF agency representative for Chris Savage. In the event that Quinn is not available, Nate Gassmann and/Kirsten Kaiser will act on his behalf. Wyatt Frampton, is the designated DNRC representative for Mark Peck.

The principal objectives to be accomplished through your management of the Weigel and Dunn Fires include:

Firefighter and public safety is the highest priority for you and everyone on or working for your incident management team. All aspects of your operation should include a safety analysis that identifies and evaluates each action for every operational period. This safety analysis must be documented for each operational period. Use of the ICS-215A or similar is acceptable. Please include the following operational elements and their associated safety factors in your analysis and mitigation planning; the development of tactics commensurate with available resources, contingency planning for anticipated as well as unanticipated fire growth and changing

conditions and the need to rapidly adjust tactics accordingly (even if that means disengagement). Additionally please consider and implement management steps to avoid or minimize fatigue, to assure that the span-of-control is appropriate to the assignment, that general and assignment specific safety briefings occur prior to engagement and as conditions or assignments change throughout the operational period. The DNRC and Kootenai National Forest expect that the Ten Standard Orders will be adhered to by every firefighter, without compromise, and that the Eighteen Watch-Out Situations will be continually evaluated and mitigated before any action is undertaken in the fire environment. If you cannot mitigate a tactical hazard to an acceptable level don't implement the corresponding tactical action.

2. We expect you and your team to implement a full suppression strategy in the management of this fire. Pursue weather, natural barrier, and terrain opportunities to safely establish containment and control lines to minimize suppression-related impacts to natural resources and improvements that are present or may become part of the fire area. All questions concerning potential natural and cultural resource impacts related to your strategic or tactical operations should be handled through assigned Resource Advisors.

3. Work-rest guidelines for wildland firefighters must be adhered to. The incident commander and the command and general staff will be personally involved in planning, implementing, and monitoring compliance to provide a 2-for-1 work-to-rest ratio. Monitor cumulative fatigue, ensure all assigned firefighting personnel receive adequate rest, and any operational period in excess of 16 hours requires documentation along with measures initiated to reduce fatigue.

4. Where opportunity and safety allow, direct attack the fire edge utilizing the appropriate tactics to minimize fire spread. Night operations need to be justified relative to the values at risk and fully mitigated to insure fire fighter safety. Do not drop retardant within 300 feet of streams or standing water, unless there is a threat to firefighter and/or public safety.

5. The KNF will provide a resource advisor to your Team to be named at a later time. The resource advisors and any technical specialists representing the KNF or DNRC should be included in your Team's operational planning and decision-making activities as necessary.

6. Establish and monitor cost effective methods of accomplishing objectives. Keep cost effectiveness as an important part of your decision-making process.

7. Utilize the Forest Incident Business Management Guide to assist with business management decisions. For clarification or interpretation of any items contact the DNRC Incident Business Advisor, and KNF Incident Business Advisor.

8. Incident Cost Share will be determined by acreage, based upon % of each Protecting agency within the fire perimeter.

9. Your Incident Management Team will assume all initial attack within the Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) area. The respective fire protection agencies (DNRC and KNF) will be responsible to provide the response to initial attack actions in their respective protection areas outside of the TFR. Any new fire starts detected by or reported to your Incident Management

Team outside of the TFR should be reported to Kootenai Dispatch who will then notify the dispatch center for the Agency/Unit with protection responsibility for the new fire. In cases of IA in the proximity of the TFR, it is the responsibility of non-incident resources (air and/or ground) responding to an initial attack to coordinate their actions with your Incident Management Team. The Kootenai Dispatcher as well as the DNRC, and KNF will coordinate with your IMT on requests for suppression assistance on any new wildland fires, recognizing that successful initial attack is the top priority in the Northern Rockies after firefighter and public safety.

10. Personnel assigned to this incident must be sensitive to local residents by respecting individuals, private property and public interests. Your Team should utilize local services, vendors and contractors to support incident requirements to the extent possible.
11. Precautions must be taken to prevent the introduction and subsequent spread of noxious weeds.
12. We encourage you to provide training opportunities to personnel assigned or available to this incident to assist in maintaining a well-qualified fire management workforce.
13. All incoming, off-Forest vehicles and ground-based equipment to be used on forest roads or the fireline will be cleaned prior to check-in and upon release from the incident. The cleaning shall consist of removing **all** dirt and plant parts from the equipment (including undercarriage) that may carry noxious weed seeds before entering the fire area.
14. This is grizzly bear country and there is a food storage order in effect across the KNF to prevent bears from becoming habituated to human food. Please police your camp and educate your crews to protect themselves and the bears.
15. The final fire package should follow the attached Northern Rockies Coordinating Group standard format and be demonstrated as meeting the standard to the agencies before close-out. Any items that are missing or incomplete should be listed on a separate document.

Again, welcome to the Libby Unit of the Montana DNRC and the Kootenai National Forest.



Chris Savage  
Forest Supervisor,  
Kootenai National Forest



Shawn Pearson  
Incident Commander,  
Northern Rockies IMT – North Idaho



Mark Peck  
Acting Unit Manager, Libby Unit,  
Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation

# Weigel Fire T31N R27W Sec. 15 & 22

