COST SHARE AGREEMENT

Between the
USDI Bureau of Land Management
Eastern Montana Dakotas District
Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation
Eastern Land Office
And the
Bureau of Indian Affairs, Rocky Mountain Region, Northern Cheyenne Agency

This cost share agreement is between the agencies identified above, as negotiated for the following incident in accordance with the current 2017-2021 Montana Statewide Cooperative Fire Management and Stafford Act Agreement. The purpose of this agreement is to allocate financial responsibility and to describe the cost division.

General Incident Information:

Incident Name: Richard Spring
Incident Start Date and Time: 8/8/2021 1434 hrs
Origin
Township: 1N
Range: 40E
Section: 28
Estimated Size
Acres at the time of this agreement: 171130
Incident Cause: Coal Seam

Incident Numbers by Protection Agency:

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Cost Share Period: This agreement becomes effective on the date indicated below and will remain in effect until amended or terminated.
Start date/time: 8/8/2021/ 1434 hrs
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 Cooperative Fire Management Agreement billing procedures.

**Protecting Agencies’ Strategies:**
The strategy for all agencies associated with this incident is full suppression with full perimeter control.

**Cost Share Methodology and Rationale:**
The percentage of acres burned methodology was chosen for these fires because the values at risk and the effort was equal for all agencies involved. See attached map for incident acreage. Three percent of the indirect costs associated with the incident management team will be apportioned to the Lame Deer Fire MT-NCA-449 to account for the IMT’s oversight of that incident.

**Final Agency Apportionment:**
1. Federal Share:
   a. BLM 2%
   b. BIA 26%

2. State Share:
   a. MT 72%

**Principal Contacts:**
The following personnel are the principal contacts:

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<td>Incident Business Advisor(s)</td>
<td>Mariah Gibson</td>
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<td>Incident Commander(s)</td>
<td>Amanda Boatright</td>
<td>BIA</td>
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<td>Other IMT members as appropriate</td>
<td>Roger Staats</td>
<td>NR Team 3</td>
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Signatures of Authorized Personnel & Attachments:

This agreement and the apportionment described are our best judgments of fair and equitable agency cost responsibilities.

Agency Name: Eastern Montana/Dakotas District BLM
Address: 111 Garryowen Road
City, State Zip: Miles City MT 59301

**ERIC LEPISTO**
Signature: __________
Date: January 5, 2022

Eric Lepisto
Field Manager Miles City Field Office BLM

Agency Name: Eastern Land Office MT DNRC
Address: P.O. Box 1794
City, State Zip: Miles City MT 59301

Signature: __________
Date: 1/10/22

Chris Pileski
Area Manager Eastern Land Office

Agency Name: Rocky Mountain Region, Northern Cheyenne Agency, BIA
Address: P.O. Box 40
City, State Zip: Lame Deer MT 59043

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Superintendent, BIA-Rocky Mountain Region, Northern Cheyenne Agency

Addendums to this Document:

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