



COST SHARE AGREEMENT

**Between the
Montana Department of Natural Resources – Southwest Land Office
and the
United States Forest Service – Beaverhead-Deerlodge 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, executed between the parties for 2011-2015. The purpose of this agreement is to allocate financial responsibility as outlined in the Rumsey Gulch Fire Decision Document and to describe the cost division.

General Incident Information:

Incident Name: Rumsey Gulch
Incident Start Date and Time: May 13, 2013 / 1830
Origin:
Township: 6N Range: 13W Section: 7
Estimated Size: 349 acres Acres at the time of this agreement: 349
Incident Cause: downed power line

Incident Numbers by Protection Agency:

Agency	Incident #	Accounting Code
MT DNRC	MT-SWS-000302	863201
USFS	MT-SWS-000302	PNHGV8

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

State date/time: May 13, 2013 at incident start 1830

End date/time: June 7th, 2013

Other conditions relative to this agreement:

1. Costs incurred by cooperators not engaged with the host agency or the incident management team type three (IMT3) in fire suppression activities will not be included as 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 decided methodology for the Rumsey Gulch incident is a per acre split. Costs will be apportioned by each agency's protection acres out of the total acres burned.

Final Agency Apportionment:

1. Federal Share:

a.	USFS	23%
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2. State Share :

a.	MT	77%
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Principal Contacts:

The following personnel are the principal contacts:

Title:	Name:	Agency:
Agency Administrator	Fred Staedler Jr.	MT DNRC – SW Land Office
Agency Representative	Mike Kopitzke	MT DNRC – SW Land Office
Agency Administrator	Charlene Bucha	USFS – Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF
Agency Representative	Mike Goicoechea	USFS – Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF
Incident Business Advisor(s)	Ben Super	MT DNRC
	Lily Huskey	USFS
Incident Commander(s)	Joe Brabender	USFS – Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF

Attachments:

Fire map with protection boundaries and acreage breakdown

Amendments to original agreement:

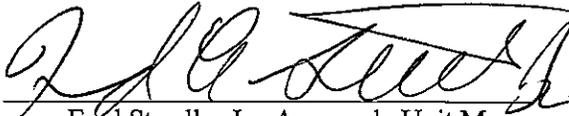
Original Agreement: _____ (#1)

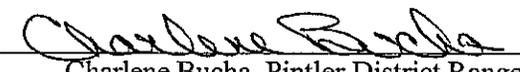
Supplemental Agreement: Number _____ Supersedes Agreement # _____ Dated _____



Signatures of Authorized Personnel & Attachments:

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

Signature:  Date: 7-17-13
Fred Staedler Jr., Anaconda Unit Manager
MT Department of Natural Resources
Southwestern Land Office

Signature:  Date: 7/18/13
Charlene Bucha, Pintler District Ranger
Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest
Pintler Ranger District

Philipsburg, Montana



**INTERAGENCY WILDLAND FIRE DECISION DOCUMENT
FOR THE
RUMSEY GULCH FIRE**

INTENT

It is the intention of the affected agencies to collaborate, cooperate, and work together on the Rumsey Gulch fire. The goal of this document is to outline the joint and agency specific responsibilities and decisions reached between Granite County, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (MT DNRC), and the United States Forest Service (USFS). It will be used, in conjunction with the delegation of authority, to provide sound guidance and direction to the assigned Incident Management Organization.

This decision document covers the period of time from May 13, 2013 (start) to May XX, 2013 (end).

FIRE DETAILS

General Information

Fire Name: _____ Rumsey Gulch _____
Fire Location (legal description): _____ T6N, R13W, Section 7 _____
Fire Start Date/Time: _____ May 13, 2013 / 1830 _____
Fire Numbers by Protection Agency: _____ MT: 863201, USFS: PNHGV8 _____

Protecting Agencies Strategies

Implement an aggressive suppression strategy utilizing direct attack where and whenever safe to do so. Take advantage of natural features such as breaks in fuels, topographic features, or changes in weather. Decisions that deviate from direct attack must be made with firefighter safety as the foremost consideration. Keep fire from progressing further up the Fred Burr drainage toward additional residences. Keep the fire moving to the south and east.

Incident Objectives

Ensure all actions reflect a commitment to firefighter and public safety through the development of tactical operations commensurate with the number and types of firefighting resources assigned to your fire.
Be creative, decisive and exercise good judgment in decision making. Make reasonable and prudent decisions to accomplish the agency's mission while minimizing exposure to hazards for the safety and welfare of all personnel on the fire and for the general public.

Implement an aggressive suppression strategy utilizing direct attack where and whenever safe to do so.

- Keep the fire from progressing further up the Fred Burr drainage toward additional residences
- Keep the fire moving to the south and east away from structures
- Fred Burr Lake is part of Philipsburg's municipal watershed, in order to prevent degradation of the water supply, keep the fire away from Fed Burr Lake and minimize impacts throughout the drainage
- Keep the incident away from the improvements related to the Discovery Basin Ski Area.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES

Fire Protection Responsibilities

Does the fire area, or any mitigation actions taken, affect more than one agency's protection responsibility? Yes X No _____

Entity & Protection Area Description	Wildland Fire Responsibility (Y or N)	Structure Protection Responsibility (Y or N)	Structure Suppression Responsibility (Y or N)
USFS Area Description:	Y	Y	N
MT DNRC Area Description:	Y	Y	N
Granite County Area Description:	Y	Y	Y
Philipsburg VFD Area Description:	Y	Y	Y

Initial Attack Responsibilities

Granite County and the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest have initial attack responsibilities for the area in and around the fire. See the protection boundaries map for areas of each.

Other Responsibilities

Does the fire area, or any mitigation actions taken, affect an Agency's Jurisdictional responsibility or other Jurisdictional Agencies? Yes _____ No X

DECISIONS AND ACTIONS

The collective decisions made regarding this fire are:

Date: May 13, 2013

Decision: MT DNRC lead agency

Rationale: Rumsey Gulch incident started on private land, county and USFS responded and Granite County soon requested state assistance. The primary efforts in the beginning of the incident were on county lands.

Decision Makers: Fred Staedler Jr., Mike Kopitzke

Action(s) taken to Implement Decision: MT DNRC completed ISA, DOA, ordering through MT-MDC, IBA assigned.

Financial Responsibility for Actions: MT DNRC will be the lead agency and all payments will be processed via DNRC processes. MT DNRC will also complete all land use agreements, incident only EERAs, and associated purchasing following DNRC policy.

Date: May 14, 2013

Decision: MT DNRC and USFS share costs associated with Rumsey Gulch incident in its entirety.

Rationale: Both agencies are impacted

Decision Makers: Fred Staedler Jr., Charlene Bucha

Action(s) taken to Implement Decision: Costs will be divided based on a final acreage split.

Financial Responsibility for Actions: See attached cost share for breakdown

Date: May 14, 2013

Decision: Each agency involved will follow their process for submitting charges for this billable fire.

Rationale: Rumsey Gulch was a power line caused fire. Pending the investigation, cause could be determined and bills submitted.

Decision Makers: Fred Staedler Jr., Charlene Bucha

Action(s) taken to Implement Decision: pending

Financial Responsibility for Actions: Each agency will recoup costs per their process.

COST ACCOUNTING

It has been agreed by all Agencies that costs will be shared for this fire. The attached cost share documents how costs will be divided.

PRINCIPAL CONTACTS

The following are the principal contacts for the decisions made during this fire.

Title:	Name:	Agency/Organization:
Agency Line Officer	Fred Staedler Jr.	Anaconda Unit Manager
Agency Representative	Mike Kopitzke	MT DNRC – SWS
Agency Line Officer	Charlene Bucha	USFS – B-D
Agency Representative	Mike Goicoechea	USFS – B-D
Granite County Commissioner	Scott Adler	Granite County
Fire Chief	XXXX	XXXX

ADDENDUMS TO THIS DOCUMENT

Addendums to this document include:

- Appendix A – Map of Fire Area
- Appendix B – Rumsey Gulch Fire Cost Share Agreement

SIGNATURES OF AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL

MT DNRC:

Name and Title: Fred Staedler Jr., Anaconda Unit Manager

Signature and Date: _____

USFS – B-D:

Name and Title: Charlene Bucha, District Ranger

Signature and Date: _____

Granite County:

Name and Title: XXXXXX

Signature and Date: _____

Phillipsburg VFD:

Name and Title: XXXXXX

Signature and Date: _____

