



**DECISION DOCUMENT and
COST SHARE AGREEMENT**

Between
**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
HELENA-LEWIS AND CLARK NATIONAL FOREST**
and
**STATE OF MONTANA
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION
CENTRAL LAND OFFICE**

This agreement is to document decisions and cost sharing between USFS and MT DNRC as negotiated for the DITCH CREEK incident in accordance with the 2017-2021 MONTANA COOPERATIVE WILDLAND FIRE MANAGEMENT AND STAFFORD ACT RESPONSE AGREEMENT 17-FI-11015600-010.

Incident Information:

Incident Name:	DITCH CREEK
Incident Start Date and Time:	8/24/2017 1545
Origin:	T14N: R4E: Section 34
Acres as of 9/2/17:	127 acres
Incident Cause:	Lightning

Incident Numbers by Protection Agency:

Agency	Incident #	Accounting Code
USFS	MT-HLF-005099 Note: should have been a CES or LG#	P1LAL4 (0115)
MT DNRC		

DECISIONS and ACTIONS:

• **LEAD ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY**

Date: 8/26/2017

Decision: MT DNRC will be the lead Administrative Agency

Rationale: Fire's point of origin was private lands, state assist was granted for Meagher County. Fire became established and moved to USFS protection.

Decision Makers: Pat Davis, Carol Hatfield, Bill Avey, John Huston

Action(s) Taken to Implement Decision:

- Payments will be routed to DNRC
- Joint Delegation of Authority
- Joint strategy discussions



- Unified Command

Financial Responsibility for Actions: Cost Share percentages will apply

- **INCIDENT ORDER NUMBER MT-BDF**

Date: 8/24/2017

Decision: The incident order number was incorrectly given a MT-HLF number when should have been either MT-CES or MT-LG# showing point of origin. After the cost share was initiated, we discussed correcting the number but since the cost share is in place, it would not impact financials anyhow, therefore left as is.

Decision Makers: Pat Davis, Lily Huskey

Action(s) Taken to Implement Decision:

- Lily will note the error on the Firecode validations.

Financial Responsibility for Actions: Cost Share percentages will apply

- **COST SHARE BY ACRES**

Date: 8/26/2017

Decision: Total incident costs will be apportioned on a per acre basis

Rationale: Acres is commensurate with strategy and objectives on the incident

Decision Makers: Carol Hatfield, Bill Avey, Hoyt Richards, John Huston

Action(s) Taken to Implement Decision:

- Cost share breakdown per ownership mapping and percentage split below

Financial Responsibility for Actions: MT DNRC and USFS



COST SHARE:

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 24, 2017
End date/time: End of Incident

Other conditions relative to this agreement:

1. Costs incurred by cooperators not engaged with the host agencies 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 MONTANA COOPERATIVE WILDLAND FIRE MANAGEMENT AND STAFFORD ACT RESPONSE AGREEMENT billing procedures.

Cost Share Methodology:

Costs for this incident will be shared on an agency percentage of total final acres.
Total acres as of 9/5/17: 127.5 acres

PVT: 75 acres
USFS: 52.5 acres

Estimated Agency Apportionment:

1. Federal Share: **41%**

USFS lands	41%
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2. State Share: **59%**

MT DNRC lands	0%
Private (county protection)	59%



Principal Contacts:

Title:	Name:	Agency:
Agency Administrator	William Avey	USFS – Helena-Lewis and Clark Forest Supervisor
Agency Representative	Carol Hatfield	USFS – White Sulpher Springs District Ranger
	Pat Davis	USFS – Zone FMO
Agency Administrator	Hoyt Richards	DNRC – Central Land Office
Agency Representative	Jon Huston	DNRC – Central Land Office
Incident Business Advisor	Lily Huskey - IBS	USFS – Central Zone

Signatures of Authorized Personnel & Attachments:

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

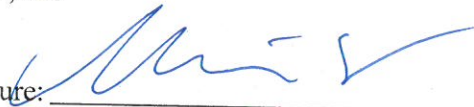
Attachments:

Fire Perimeter and Land Ownership Map

Original Agreement: Ditch Creek Cost Share #1

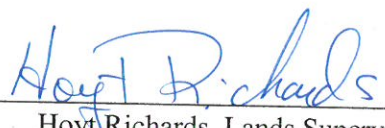
Supplemental Agreement: Number _____ Supersedes Agreement # _____ Dated _____

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Signature: 
William Avey, Forest Supervisor

Date: 2/5/17

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Helena, MT

Signature: 
Hoyt Richards, Lands Supervisor

Date: 9-5-17