



**COST SHARE AGREEMENT**  
**Between the**  
**MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION**  
**SOUTHERN LAND OFFICE**  
**And the**  
**USDI BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT**  
**EASTERN MONTANA DAKOTAS DISTRICT**

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 #L17FMA00001/17-FI-11015600-010 executed between the parties on (02/21/2017) and the 2020 NRCG- Easter Zone, Billings Division- Billings Dispatch Center Annual Operating Plan. The purpose of this agreement is to allocate financial responsibility as agreed upon and to describe the cost division.

**General Incident Information:**

Incident Name: **Whistle Creek**  
 Incident Start Date and Time: **7/29/2020**  
 Origin: **Private**  
 Township: **1S**                                      Range: **14E**                                      Section: **19**  
 Estimated Size:                                      Acres at the time of this agreement: **143.5**  
 Incident Cause:    **Lightning**

**Incident Numbers by Protection Agency:**

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Incident #</b>	<b>Accounting Code</b>
BLM	MT-LG40 2020-2003 19	PNNB8Y
DNRC	MT-LG40 2020-2003 19	<del>200319</del> <b>890001</b> <i>jm</i>

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

State date/time: **7/29/2020 17:39**  
 End date/time: **End of Incident**

**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 percentage of acres burned methodology was chosen for this fire because the values at risk and the effort was equal for all agencies involved. Total Aviation costs will be shared. Ground resource costs will be covered by host agency.

*Private Acres: 72.7, BLM Acres: 70.8*

**Final Agency Apportionment:**

1. Federal Share: (Total Aviation Costs)

a.	USFS	%
b.	BLM	<b>50%</b>
c.	FWS	%
d.	NPS	%
e.	BIA	%

2. State Share: (Total Aviation Costs)

a.	MT	<b>50%</b>
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	Jeff Bollman	MT DNRC
Agency Representative	Derek Yeager	
Agency Administrator	Dave Lefevre	BLM
Agency Representative	Chad Cullum	
Incident Business	Sarah Lee	BLM
Advisor(s)		
Incident Commander(s)	Rich Cowger	County

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.

List and include appropriate attachments: **Map attached**

Original Agreement: **#1**

Supplemental Agreement: Number \_\_\_\_\_ Supersedes Agreement # \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Name: **Southern Land Office, MT DNRC**

Address 1371 Rimtop Drive

City, State Zip Billings, MT 59105

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*Jeff Bollman*

Jeff Bollman, Area Manager

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*10/14/2020*

Agency Name: **Billings Field Office, BLM**

Address 5001 South Gate Drive

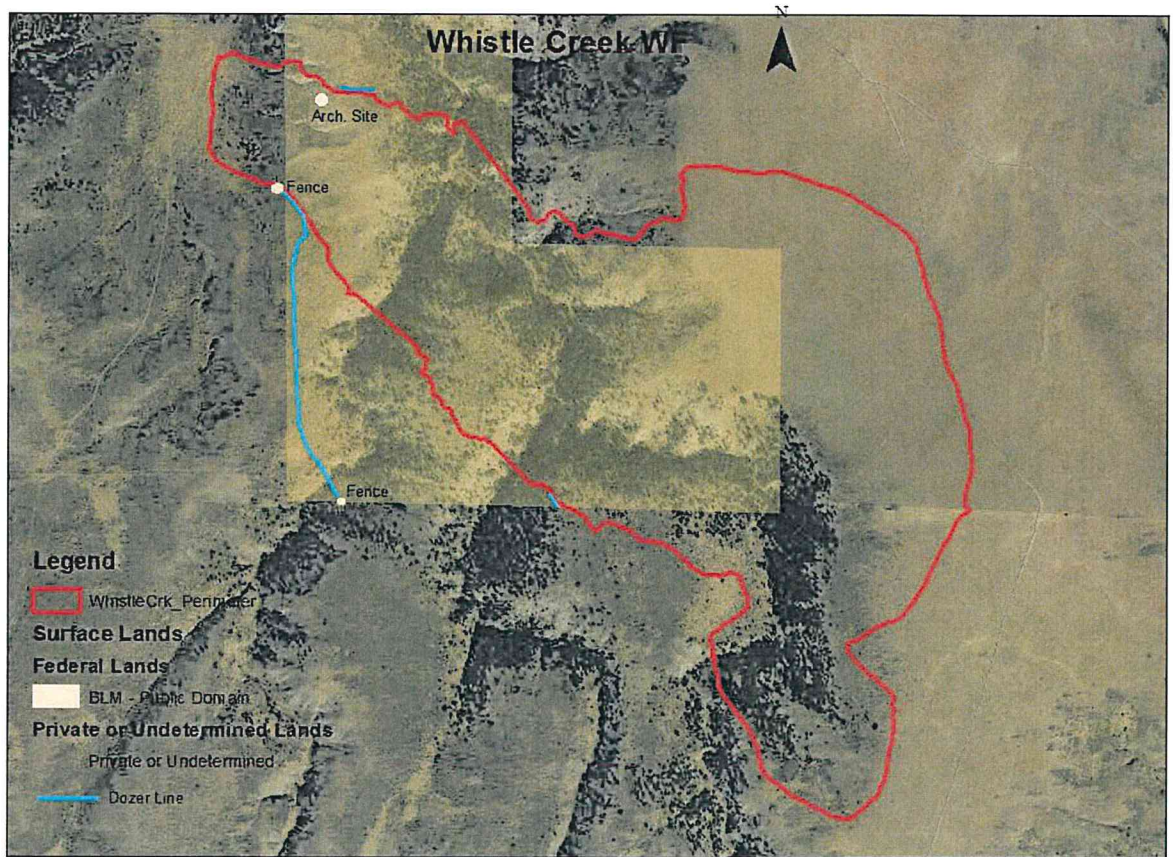
City, State Zip Billings, MT 59101

Signature: **DAVID LEFEVRE**


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Date: 2020.10.08 13:35:39 -06'00'

Dave Lefevre, FO Manager

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**Legend**


 WhistleCrk\_Perimeter

**Surface Lands**

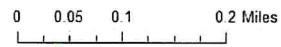
**Federal Lands**

 BLM - Public Domain

**Private or Undetermined Lands**

 Private or Undetermined

 Dozer Line



Date: 8/3/2020

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