



COST SHARE AGREEMENT
Between the
USDA Forest Service: Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest
And the
State of Montana, Department of Natural Resources & Conservation

This cost share agreement is between the agencies identified above, as negotiated for the following incident in accordance with the Montana Statewide Cooperative Fire Management and Stafford Act Response Agreement (2017-2021), executed between the parties on 7/5/2021. The purpose of this agreement is to allocate financial responsibility and to describe the cost division.

General Incident Information:

Incident Name: Deep Creek Canyon
Incident Start Date and Time: 6/13/2021 1558
Origin
Latitude: 46:20.26 Longitude: 111:09.32
Estimated Size: 4648 acres Acres at the time of this agreement: 4648 acres
Incident Cause: Under investigation

Incident Numbers by Protection Agency:

Agency	Incident #	Accounting Code
USDA Forest Service	MT-HLF-000154	P1N2SY (0115)
Montana DNRC	MT-HLF-000154	901148

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

Start date/time: 6/15/2021
End date/time: 6/24/2021 (Release of the IMT1)

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 Montana Statewide Cooperative Fire Management and Stafford Act Response Agreement (2017-2021), billing procedures.



Protecting Agencies’ Strategies:

Deep Creek Canyon Fire was managed under a full suppression strategy from initial attack throughout the life of the incident by all cooperating agencies.

Cost Share Methodology and Rationale:

Deep Creek Canyon Fire began on USFS protection on 6/13. On 6/15 the fire gained significant acreage, crossing jurisdictional boundaries. Costs will be shared as described:

- The first two days: (6/13 and 6/14) will be 100% federal
- The third day: (6/15) Costs will be split 50/50 due to the rapid fire progression.
- The next 9 days (6/16 through and including 6/24) Costs will be split by protection acreage as mapped by the IMT1 Situation Unit: 38% federal and 62% state protection.
- The last 4 days (6/25 through and including 6/28) will return to 100% federal following the release of the IMT1 and Transfer of Command back to the Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest.

Agencies agree to use costs from the eISuite program as presented on 6/29/2021 using the Group Category Summary worksheet, (costs per day). Those costs were entered into a Cost Share by Effort Excel worksheet to obtain final percentages that will be applied to the actual costs reflected in the agency financial systems.

Final Agency Apportionment:

1. Federal Share:

a.	USFS	45.4%
b.	BLM	%
c.	FWS	%
d.	NPS	%
e.	BIA	%

2. State Share :

a.	MT	54.6%
b.		%

Principal Contacts:

The following personnel are the principal contacts:

Title: Agency Administrator	Name: Sara Mayben	Agency: USFS Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest
Agency Administrator	Hoyt Richards	Montana DNRC



Signatures of Authorized Personnel & Attachments:

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

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Addendums to this Document:

Addendums to this document include:
Appendix A – Map of Fire Area: Acres by Ownership
Appendix B – Cost Share by Effort Worksheet
Appendix C – eISuite Group Category Summary as of 6/29/2021



Incident Business
Advisor(s)
Incident Commander(s)

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Other IMT members as
appropriate