



**COST SHARE AGREEMENT**  
**Between the**  
**USDA FOREST SERVICE, NORTHERN REGION (R1)**  
**And**  
**USDI BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, ROCKY MOUNTAN & NORTHWEST REGIONS**  
**And**  
**USDI BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT**  
**And**  
**USDI FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE**  
**And**  
**USDI NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**  
**And**  
**MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION**  
**And**  
**IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF LANDS**

The purpose of this cost share agreement is to provide for expanded support for the Northern Rockies Coordination Center (NRCC), to allow for the interagency sharing of costs to preposition resources in the Northern Rockies due to “Red Flag” conditions or current activity, or stage resources due to increased activity and/or severity. Following is the cost share agreement between the agencies identified above as negotiated for the following incident in accordance with the Idaho and Montana Cooperative Fire Management and Stafford Act Response Agreements.

**General Incident Information:**

Incident Name: 2023 NRG Fire Support

Jurisdictions: USDA Forest Service; USDI Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, Fish & Wildlife Service, and National Park Service; Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation; & Idaho Department of Lands.

Cost Share Period: 2023 Fire Season

Incident Numbers for all Protection Agencies:

<b><u>Agency</u></b>	<b><u>Incident #</u></b>	<b><u>Accounting Code</u></b>
USDA (Forest Service)	MT-R01-000005	P1P460
USDI (BIA/BLM/FWS/NPS)	MT-R01-000005	P460
MT DNRC	MT-R01-000005	903003
ID Department of Lands	MT-R01-000005	Unique IDL Code

**Other conditions relative to this agreement:**

1. In accordance with the Montana Cooperative Fire Management and Stafford Act Agreement, 23-FI-11015600-048.
2. In accordance with the Idaho Cooperative Fire Protection and Stafford Act Agreement, 16-FI-11015600-042 until such time the 2023 agreement is signed, 23-FI-11015600-049.
3. Each agency will bill for their costs as outlined in the Idaho and Montana Cooperative Fire Protection and Stafford Act Response Agreement billing procedures. Federal agencies do not exchange funds.

### **Rationale for Cost Share:**

Resources are added to expand the normal workforce at the Northern Rockies Coordination Center (NRCC) due to increases in workload as the season becomes more active. This is equated to an Expanded Dispatch.

The Northern Rockies Coordination Center Manager (or acting) in coordination with the Northern Rockies Operations Officer will determine when additional resources are needed to help run an effective coordination center based on increased workloads above the standard workforce. This cost share is not to be used to bring the coordination center up to the standard workforce or for detailers filling in for pre-established positions. Examples of resources used under this cost share agreement may include but are not limited to IR interpreter, Airspace Coordinator, Frequency Coordinator, FBAN, NR RIST, PIO (above normal assistance), MAC Coordinator, MAC Support, IARR, National Guard Liaison, or other desk support (Crew desk, etc.). These resources are not used by other dispatch centers.

Resources under this cost share agreement may be necessary for repositioning in the Northern Rockies, extended due to "Red Flag" conditions or current activity, or staged due to increased activity and/or severity. Often decisions must be made quickly to extend or move resources. Resources may be utilized or assigned to any agency across the geographical area.

The Northern Rockies Operations Officer (or acting) and the Northern Rockies Coordination Center Manager (or acting) will determine which resources will be able to utilize this code. Examples of use of this code include staging Type 1 crews for later assignment in Northern Rockies, relocating aircraft to the Northern Rockies, or extending daily tours of duty for smokejumpers or aircraft.

The costs will be split utilizing the 10-year average volume of business of the Northern Rockies Coordination Center for orders within the Northern Rockies. This 10-year average report is available at the Northern Rockies Coordination Center.

### **Final Agency Apportionment:**

1. Federal Share:
  - a. USFS – 71%
  - b. BIA – 5%
  - c. BLM – 6%
  - d. FWS – 1%
  - e. NPS – 3%
2. State Share:
  - f. MT – 9%
  - g. ID – 5%

### **Principal Contacts:**

The following personnel are the principal business contacts:

Title	Name	Agency
Incident Business Coordinator	Melissa Swain	USDA Forest Service
Incident Business Coordinator	Amanda Boatright	USDI Bureau of Indian Affairs
Incident Business Coordinator	Brandi Van Kleeck	USDI Bureau of Land Management
Incident Business Supervisor	Joanne Marceau	MT DNRC
Incident Business Coordinator	Amber Honsaker	ID Department of Lands
NRCC Center Manager	Kathy Pipkin	NRCC
NRCC Operations Officer	Cory Buhl	NRCC

**Signatures of Authorized Personnel & Attachments:**

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

Agency: USDA Forest Service  
Director, Fire and Aviation Management, Northern Region

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Craig Glazier

Agency: USDI Bureau of Indian Affairs  
Fire Management Officer, Rocky Mountain Region

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bryce Rogers

Agency: USDI Bureau of Land Management  
State Fire Management Officer

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Aaron Thompson

Agency: USDI U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Regional Fire Management Specialist

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tate Fischer

Agency: USDI National Park Service,  
Regional Fire Management Officer

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Paul Cerda

Agency: Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation  
Fire Protection Bureau Chief

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Matthew Hall

Agency: Idaho Department of Lands  
Fire & Aviation Bureau Chief

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Joshua Harvey