

COST SHARE AGREEMENT

Between the

Wyoming State Forestry Division

And

Clearmont Fire Protection District

And

USDI Bureau of Land Management (Buffalo Field Office)

And

USDI Bureau of Land Management (Miles City Field Office)

And

Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (Eastern Land Office)

And

Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (Southern Lands Office)

This cost share agreement is between the agencies identified above, as negotiated for the following incident in accordance with the agreements as follows:

- Wyoming Master Cooperative Fire Management and Stafford Act Response Agreement (2021-2026) executed between the State of Wyoming, United States Department of the Interior, and the United States Department of Agriculture.
- 2024 Wildland Fire District 5 Annual Operating Plan.
- Montana Master Cooperative Wildland Fire Management and Stafford Act Response Agreement (2023-2027) executed between the State of Montana, United States Department of the Interior, and the United States Department of Agriculture.

The purpose of this agreement is to allocate financial responsibility and to describe the cost division.

General Incident Information:

Incident Name:	Remington		
Incident Start Date:	08/21/2024	Incident Start Time:	14:00 MST
Point of Origin:	Lat: 44:56:29	Long:	-106:04:16
Estimated Size:	Acres at the time of this agreement: 196,469		
Incident Cause:	Lightning		
Command Structure:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unified Command		<input type="checkbox"/> Single Command
Incident Type (1-5):	Complex		
Unified Ordering Point:	Miles City Dispatch Center Casper Dispatch Center		
Cost Share Type:	Acres Burned		
Protection Units:	Wyoming State Forestry, Bureau of Land Management & Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation		
Incident Commander(s):	Russell Haynes, IC4, David Gesser SWCC Team 5 CIMT		
Agency Administrator(s):	Jacob McCarthy WSFD, Todd Yeager USDI-BLM, Eric Lepisto USDI-BLM, Ronald E Hecker USFS, Chris Pileski MT-DNRC, Joe Holzwarth MT-DNRC, Chris Thomas Sheridan County Fire Warden		

Primary Incident Numbers by Protection Agency:

Agency	Incident #	Accounting Code
WY-SFD - State	WY-SHX-240442	R6YT
MT-DNRC - State	WY-SHX-240442	904504
DOI/BLM - Federal	WY-SHX-240442	R6YT

Cost Share Period:

This agreement becomes effective on the date indicated below and will remain in effect until amended, terminated or end of incident.

Start Date/Time: 08/21/2024 14:00 MST

End Date/Time: See Other Considerations #11

Other conditions relative to this agreement:

1. This cost share will terminate at a date and time agreed upon by all agency administrators at the conclusion of the incident or when conditions significantly change resulting in a need to end or modify this agreement.
2. All costs originating from orders placed by and for the incident that can be reasonably obtained and estimated for the cost share period will be included in this agreement and will be shared based on the Agency Administrators (AA) or Agency Representatives (AR) mutual agreement.
3. Agency specific costs will not be shared.
4. Responsibility for tort claim costs or compensation for injury costs will not be a part of this agreement. Costs for nonexpendable property purchases by each agency will be charged directly to that agency and will not be shared.
5. Costs for accountable, sensitive, and durable property purchased by each agency will be charged directly to that agency and will not be shared.
6. Costs incurred by cooperators not engaged in joint fire suppression activities will not be included as a part of this cost share agreement. Responsibility for these costs will be determined outside of this agreement.
7. Non-suppression rehabilitation costs are the responsibility of the jurisdictional agency and will not be shared.
8. Each agency will be responsible for collecting actual cost/expenditure data that will make up their respectable costs.
9. The parties to this agreement will meet to determine the total costs of each agency on the incident.
10. Each agency (including supporting agencies) will bill for their costs as outlined in the billing procedures of the Wyoming and Master Cooperative Fire Management and Stafford Act Response Agreement (2021-2026) and Montana Master Cooperative Wildland Fire Management and Stafford Act Response Agreement (2023-2027).
11. This cost share will terminate when the fire is declared 100% contained and controlled. Costs incurred after the termination of this cost share will be the responsibility of the jurisdictional/protection agency.

Protecting Agencies’ Strategies

On 8/21/2024, Suppression actions were immediately taken by the Sheridan County resources weather, fuels, and terrain were conducive to active fire spread. Due to significant fire spread, hazards (terrain, county roads) initial response assessed values at risk, provided immediate point protection and evaluated natural and manmade barriers for suppression actions.

Cost Share Methodology and Rationale:

It is agreed upon, that the cost basis on the Remington Fire is as follows and effective as of August 21, 2024, at 1400 hours, no mutual aid period will apply. The percentage of acres burned methodology has been chosen for this incident because of the values at risk and the effort was equal for all agencies involved. See current attached map for incident acreage dated 08/25/2024 and a final will be provided at end of incident.

All costs associated with the suppression of the Remington Fire will be shared between the Wyoming State Forestry Division, Clearmont Fire Protection District, Bureau of Land Management, Montana Department of Natural Resource and Conservation based on jurisdictional/protection boundaries percentage of the acres burned during this cost share period. The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation will assume responsibility for not only State but affected private lands in Big Horn, Powder River, and Rosebud Counties, MT. The percentage split on a per acre basis will be determined at the end of this cost share period. It is agreed upon that the BLM will be responsible for providing costs associated with suppression activities on jurisdictional lands associated with the USFS Custer-Gallatin NF, Ashland Ranger District along with other federal agency costs.

Each entity will pay for their own costs and set up a time and place for a final cost share meeting by spring of 2025. At that time, actual total cost of the fire will be determined and used to determine each entity’s actual payment cost. Any costs incurred after the final cost share meeting will be the responsibility of the entity that receives the bill.

Rehabilitation costs with the exception of those fireline activities that are part of the suppression activities will be the responsibility of the jurisdictional entity.

Cost Sharing

Agency	Acres	Percent of Total
WSFD	82	0.04%
Clearmont Fire Protection District	13,678	6.96%
MT-DNRC	109,133	55.55%
FEDERAL Agencies	73,575	37.45%
Total	196,468	100%

Principal Contacts:





The following personnel are the principal contacts:

Title	Name	Agency
Agency Administrator	Jerod Delay	Wyoming State Forestry Division
Agency Administrator	Jacob McCarthy	Wyoming State Forestry Division - D5
Agency Administrator	Chris Thomas	Sheridan County Fire Warden
Agency Administrator	Todd Yeager	Buffalo Field Manager, WY-BLM

Agency Administrator	Eric Lepisto	Miles City Field Manager, MT-BLM
Agency Administrator	Ronald E. Hecker	USFS – Custer Gallatin NF – Ashland Ranger District
Agency Administrator	Chris Pileski	MT DNRC - Eastern Land Office, Area Manager
Agency Administrator	Joe Holzwarth	MT DNRC - Southern Land Office, Area Manger
Agency Representative	Logan Sandman	MT DNRC – Northwest Land Office, FMO
Agency Representative	Jeremy Thomas	Clearmont Fire Protection District
Incident Business	Shielah Esterholdt	Wyoming State Forestry Business Lead
Incident Business Advisor	Kayla Davin	BLM Wyoming Fire Business State Lead
Incident Business Advisor	Brandi Van Kleeck	BLM Montana/Dakotas Fire Business State Lead
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.

Agency	Agency Administrator or Representative Name & Title	Signature and Date
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USDI Bureau of Land Management (Miles City Field Office)	Eric Lepisto Miles City Field Manager, MT-BLM 111 Garryowen Road Miles City, MT 59301 406-233-2837 elepisto@blm.gov	ERIC LEPISTO Digitally signed by ERIC LEPISTO Date: 2024.09.05 06:52:31 -06'00'
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Date of this finalized agreement: 09/05/2024

Addendums to this Document:

Addendums to this document include:
Appendix A – Map of Fire Area