



COST SHARE AGREEMENT
Between the
US Forest Service
the
Montana Department of Natural Resources

This cost share agreement is between the agencies identified above, as negotiated for the following incident in accordance with the 23-FI-11015600-048 Montana Statewide Cooperative Fire Management and Stafford Act Agreement executed between the parties on 1/23/2023. The purpose of this agreement is to allocate financial responsibility and to describe the cost division.

General Incident Information:

Incident Name:	Bear Creek Fire		
Incident Start Date and Time:	07/03/22025 @ 1601		
Origin	46.806083, -114.310183		
Township: 12N	Range: 22W	Section: 12,13	
Estimated Size	Acres at the time of this agreement: 19		
Incident Cause:	Lightning		

Incident Numbers by Protection Agency:

Agency	Incident #	Accounting Code
USFS	MT-LNF-250300	0116, P1S48R
MT DNRC		905204

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

Start date/time: 07/03/2025 @ 1601

End date/time: End of the Incident

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 23-FI-11015600-048 Montana Statewide Cooperative Fire Management and Stafford Act Agreement executed between the parties on 1/23/2023 Cooperative Fire Management Agreement billing procedures.

Protecting Agencies' Strategies:

The strategy for all Agencies associated with this incident is full suppression.

Cost Share Methodology and Rationale:

Due to the initial rate of fire growth, all direct resources utilized across protection responsibility are considered equal for the fire. Cost Share Methodology will be based on the final percentage of acres burned by protection responsibility on the date the fire is declared out. Costs to be shared include all costs associated with the management of the incident and suppression repair based on protecting agency suppression repair standards. The decision was made to use the actual acreage burned in each agency's protection responsibilities based on equal effort expended on all areas of the incident.

Final Agency Apportionment:

1. Federal Share:

a.	USFS	82.81	%
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2. State Share :

a.	DNRC	17.19	%
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Principal Contacts:

The following personnel are the principal contacts:

Title:	Name:	Agency:
Agency Administrator	Gauger, Chris	USFS
Agency Representative	O'Connor, Shaun	USFS
Agency Administrator	O'Herron, Mike	MT-DNRC
Agency Representative	Helena, Amy	MT-DNRC
Incident Business Advisor(s)	Erickson, Amy	USFS
	Leslie, Micah	
Incident Commander(s)	Clark, Stryker	USFS
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.

BENJAMIN JOHNSON Digitally signed by BENJAMIN JOHNSON
Date: 2025.07.09 10:56:17 -06'00'

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Ben Johnson
Forest Supervisor
Lolo National Forest

Signature: Michael O'Herron Date: 7-9-25

Mike O'Herron
Area Manager
Montana – DNRC

Addendums to this Document:

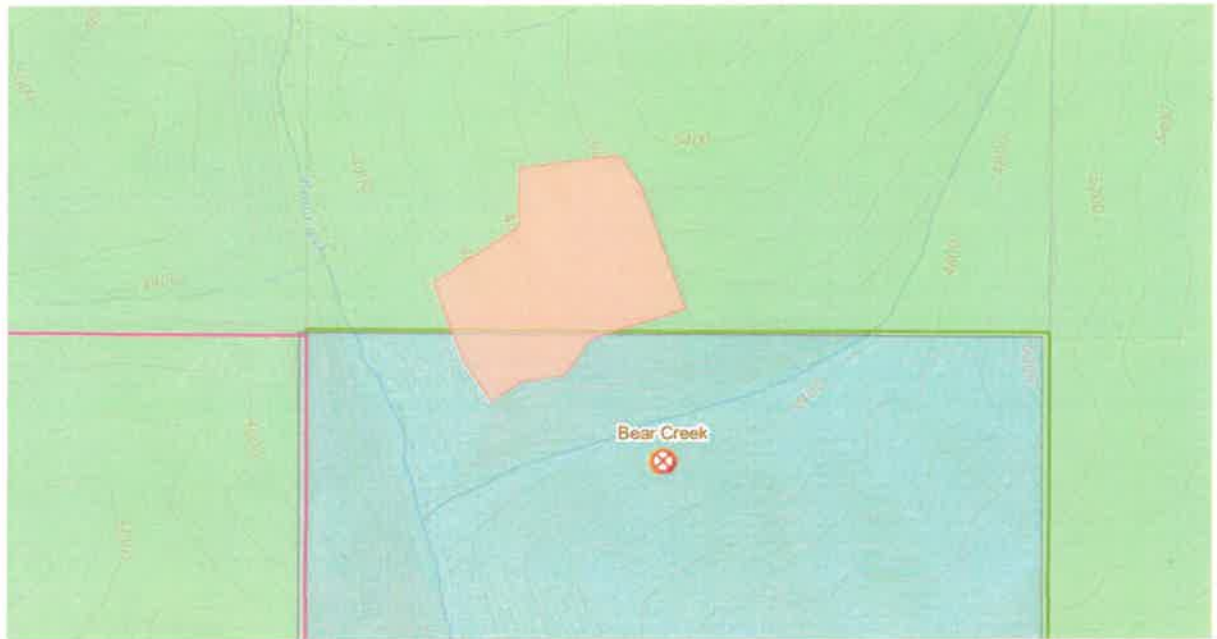
Addendums to this document include:

Appendix A – Map of Fire Area

Appendix B – Map of Initial Attack Areas



Appendix A – Map of Fire Area





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