



COST SHARE AGREEMENT
Between the
USFS AGENCY
And the
Montana DNRC AGENCY

This cost share agreement is between the agencies identified above, as negotiated for the following incident in accordance with the *Agreement # 23-FI-11015600-048* Statewide Cooperative Fire Management and Stafford Act Agreement executed between the parties on 9/25/25. The purpose of this agreement is to allocate financial responsibility and to describe the cost division.

General Incident Information:

Incident Name: Sunray Fire
Incident Start Date and Time: 9/21/25 1300
Origin: 46° 44.79'N 114° 11.33'W
Township: 11N Range: 21W Section: 1
Estimated Size 30.77 Acres at the time of this agreement: 30.77
Incident Cause: Human, Under Investigation

Incident Numbers by Protection Agency:

Agency	Incident #	Accounting Code
USDA FS, MT-LNF	250736	P1SANV (0116)
MT DNRC	250736	905650

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

Start date/time: 9/21/25

End date/time: 10/31/25

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 Agreement # 23-FI-11015600-048 Statewide Cooperative Fire Management and Stafford Act Agreement Cooperative Fire Management Agreement billing procedures.



Protecting Agencies' Strategies:

Direct fire suppression, minimize acres burned. Strategies agreed by both parties, both parties present during the incident and operating in a unified command. This strategy was agreed upon immediately during the initial attack and aligned with values at risk within the urban interface. See attached map for protection responsibility overlay.

Cost Share Methodology and Rationale:

Cost share by acre. Total cost at the end of the agreement will be calculated and broken down by percentage of acres burned on both protection areas. See attached map for a breakdown of protection areas and total acres burned. 30.77 acres burned total, 30.16 acres burned on DNRC protection, and 0.61 acres burned on FS protection. 98% of the burned acreage was on DNRC protection with the 2% on USFS.

Final Agency Apportionment:

1. Federal Share:

a.	USFS	2%
b.	BLM	%
c.	FWS	%
d.	NPS	%
e.	BIA	%

2. State Share :

a.	MT DNRC	98%
b.		%

Principal Contacts:

The following personnel are the principal contacts:

Title:	Name:	Agency:
Agency Administrator	Jeremy Casterson	USFS
Agency Representative	Crystal Stonesifer	USFS
Agency Administrator	Mike O'Herron	MT DNRC
Agency Representative	Lauren Converse	MT DNRC
Incident Business Advisor(s)	Amy Erickson, Lindsey Green	USFS, MT DNRC
Incident Commander(s)	Ashleigh Burwick, Jack Nerison, Maggie Fisk	MT DNRC, USFS, USFS



Signatures of Authorized Personnel & Attachments:

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

Agency Name: USDA Forest Service, Lolo National Forest
Address: 24 Fort Missoula Rd, Missoula, MT 59804

Signature: **JEREMY
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Date: 2025.10.01 16:10:21
-06'00' Date: _____
Jeremy Casterson
Deputy Forest Supervisor, Agency Administrator

Agency Name: Montana Department of Natural Resources
Address: 2705 Spurgin Rd., Missoula, MT 59804

Signature: Michael O'Herron Date: 10-7-25
Mike O'Herron
Area Manager, Agency Administrator

Addendums to this Document:

Addendums to this document include:
Appendix A – Map of Fire Area
Appendix B – Map of Initial Attack Areas