



COST SHARE AGREEMENT
Between the
USDI BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION - CROW AGENCY

And the
MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION
SOUTHERN LAND OFFICE

This cost share agreement is between the agencies identified above, as negotiated for the following incident in accordance with the Montana Cooperative Wildland Fire Management and Stafford Act Response Agreement #17C00440901/#17-FI-11015600-010 executed between the parties on 2/21/2017. The purpose of this agreement is to allocate financial responsibility and to describe the cost division.

General Incident Information:

Incident Name:	PF (formerly known as Poverty Flats)		
Incident Start Date and Time:	7/27/2021 13:33		
Origin	Big Horn County		
Township:	Range:	Section:	
Latitude: 45.904	Longitude: -107.363		
Estimated Size:	Acres at the time of this agreement: 66,134		
Incident Cause:	Coal Seam		

Incident Numbers by Protection Agency:

Agency	Incident #	Accounting Code
BIA	MT-LG22	N61X
Montana DNRC	2021-MTLG22-210383	901403

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

Start date/time: 7/27/2021 2400

End date/time: 8/4/2021 1600 (Release of the T3 County Assist Team)

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. Costs for accountable, sensitive, and durable property purchased by each agency will be charged directly to that agency and will not be shared.



4. Non-suppression rehabilitation costs are the responsibility of the jurisdictional agency and will not be shared.
5. 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.

Cost Share Methodology and Rationale:

PF fire began on Big Horn County protection near the Crow Reservation on 7/27/2021 at approximately 13:33. The PF fire was managed under a full suppression strategy from initial attack throughout the life of the incident by all cooperating agencies. At approximately 2400 on 7/27/2021, the fire gained significant acreage and crossed jurisdictional boundaries onto BIA protection. Costs will be split by protection acreage burned, as mapped by the IMT3 County Assist Team.

See attached map with final burned acres.

Final Agency Apportionment:

1. Federal Share:

BIA	11,108.03 acres	16.8%
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2. State Share:

MT	55,026.32 acres	83.2%
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Principal Contacts:

The following personnel are the principal contacts:

Title:	Name:	Agency:
Agency Administrator	Clifford Serawop	USDI – BIA – Crow Agency
Agency Representative	Tracy Spang	USDI – BIA – Crow Agency
Agency Administrator	Jeff Bollman	Montana DNRC
Agency Representative	Erik Eneboe	Montana DNRC
Incident Commander	Don Pyrah	Montana DNRC
	Jeremy Erickson (t)	
Incident Business	Sue Clark	MT-DNRC
Advisor(s)	Amanda Boatright	USDI – BIA - RMRO
Other IMT members as appropriate	CAT Team	



Signatures of Authorized Personnel & Attachments:

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

Agency Name: **Crow Agency, BIA**
Address: Weaver Drive, Main Building 2
City, State Zip: Crow Agency, MT 59022

Signature: **CHRISTIAN BENDS** Digitally signed by CHRISTIAN BENDS
Date: 2026.02.23 11:54:21 -07'00' Date: _____
NAME: Christian Bends
Title: Regional Administrator

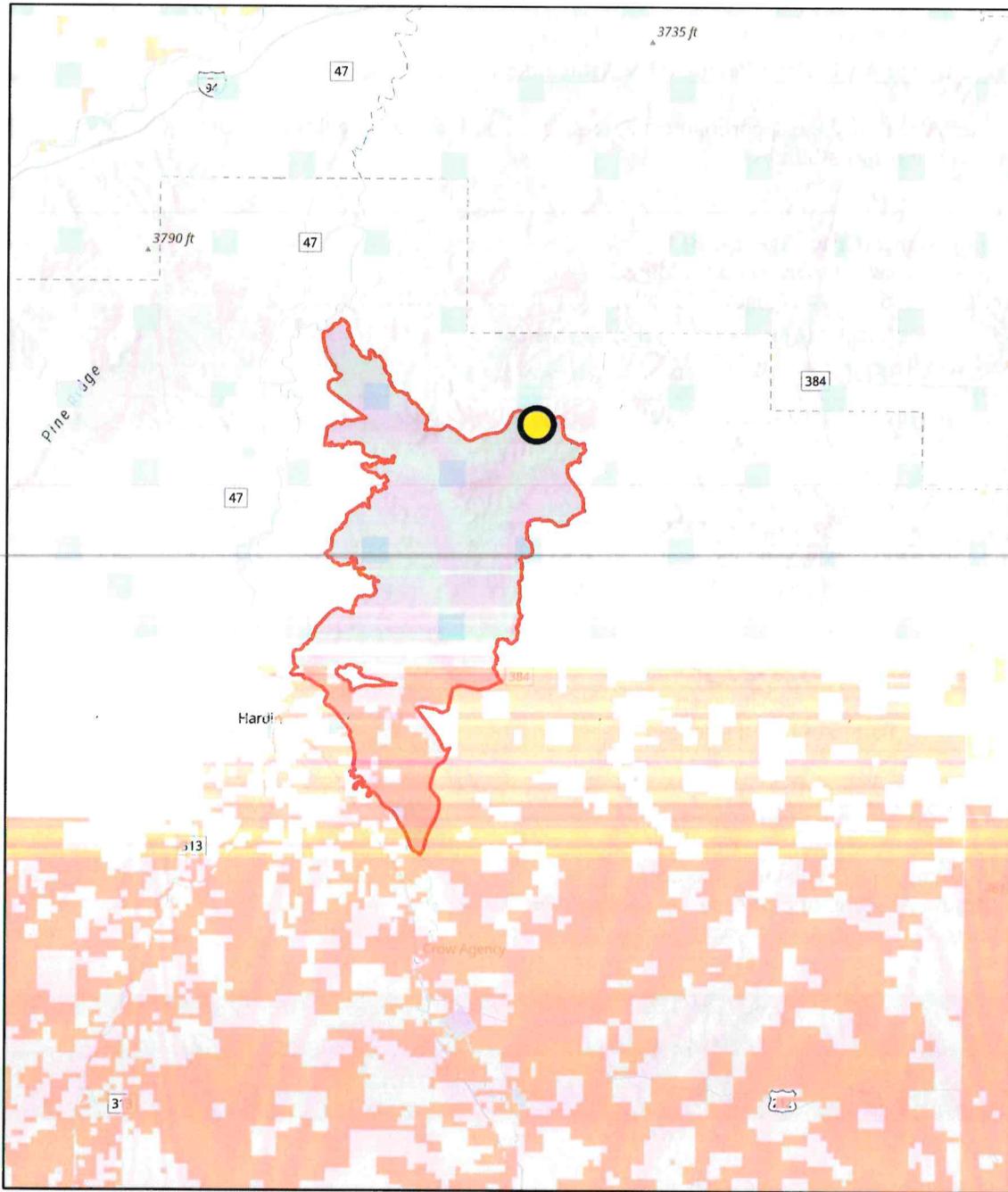
Agency Name: **Southern Land Office, MT DNRC**
Address: 1371 Rimtop Drive
City, State Zip: Billings, MT 59105

Signature:  Date: 2/23/26
NAME: Joe Holzworth
Title: SLO Area Manager

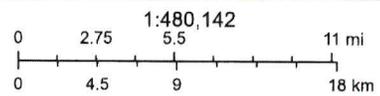
Addendums to this Document:

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

PF



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