



**DEPARTMENT OF  
NATURAL RESOURCES**

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October 31, 2023

The Honorable Bernard Dean  
Chief Clerk of the House  
338B Legislative Building  
Olympia, WA 98504

The Honorable Sarah Bannister  
Secretary of the Senate  
312 Legislative Building  
Olympia, WA 98504

Dear Chief Clerk Dean and Secretary Bannister:

Please accept the enclosed reports, submitted on behalf of the Department of Natural Resources ("Department"), as directed by the Legislature in the 2023-2025 Operating Budget (Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5187). Section 310 (4) of the bill directs the Department to submit monthly updates of fire suppression costs incurred, and the number and type of wildfires suppressed, to the appropriate fiscal and policy committees of the Legislature and the Office of Financial Management.

On a year-to-date basis, there have been 514 department fires statewide through the month of August. Total fire cost to the department for the month of August was \$31 million. Estimated costs for all funds in FY 2024 are \$139.8 million. This puts us over the current GF-S/Disaster appropriation by \$44.8 million and all other appropriations by \$9.4 million.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 360-764-0013 or [Brian.Considine@dnr.wa.gov](mailto:Brian.Considine@dnr.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

Brian Considine  
Legislative Director  
Office of the Commissioner of Public Lands

Enclosure: Legislative Report - Monthly Fire Suppression Report (August 2023)

cc: Members of the Senate Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks Committee  
Members of the House Rural Development, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee  
Members of the House Appropriations Committee  
Members of the House Capital Budget Committee

Members of the House Environment & Energy Committee  
Members of the Senate Environment, Energy, & Technology Committee  
Members of the Senate Ways & Means Committee  
Office of Financial Management

**Department of Natural Resources**  
**Emergency Fire Suppression Report for Fiscal Year 2024**  
**Executive Summary for August 2023**

This report summarizes Fiscal Year 2024 fire activity, actual expenditures compared to allotments.

**DNR fires YTD through August**

According to monthly Intel stats, there was a statewide total of 514 DNR Fires, year-to-date, through the month of August.

**Fire Suppression Costs For the Month of August**

Total fire cost, of all funds, to DNR in the month of August is \$31 million.

**Fire Suppression Cost for Fiscal Year through August**

Total fire cost, of all funds, for months through August is \$44.4 million.

**Estimated total costs for FY 2024 compared to FY 2024 Allotments.**

For all funds, estimated costs for FY 2024 are \$139.8 million. This puts us over our current appropriation of GF-S/Disaster allotment by \$44.8 million and over all other appropriations by \$9.4 million.

Fire name or Category	Jurisdictional Agencies	DNR COST AS OF AUGUST 2023 (FM02, FY24)					DNR TOTAL COST FOR FY2024					
		DNR General Fund State/ Disaster Fund Actuals	General Fund Federal Actuals	General Fund Local Actuals	Landowner Contingency Fund Actuals	CUMULATIVE ACTUALS	GFS/Disaster Fund ACTUALS + ESTIMATED COST	DNR General Fund State/ Disaster Fund FY TOTAL COST	General Fund Federal Estimate	General Fund Local Estimate	Landowner Contingency Fund Estimate	DNR TOTAL FY24 Estimated Cost (ALL FUNDS)
<b>Type 2 Fires</b>												
EAGLE BLUFF	DNR/ BLM/ WSP	5,022,739				5,022,739	8,087,082	8,087,082				8,087,082
TUNNEL FIVE (COST SHARE)	DNR/ WSP	3,936,841				3,936,841	4,304,286	4,304,286				4,304,286
NEWELL ROAD (COST SHARE)	DNR/ BLM/ BIA	2,109,328				2,109,328	6,725,421	6,725,421				6,725,421
GRAY (COST SHARE)	DNR/ WSP	3,126,628				3,126,628	7,885,098	7,885,098				7,885,098
OREGON (COST SHARE)	DNR/WSP	1,128,712				1,128,712	10,520,946	10,520,946				10,520,946
<b>Total Type 2 Fires</b>		<b>15,324,247</b>	-	-	-	<b>15,324,247</b>	<b>37,522,833</b>	<b>37,522,833</b>				<b>37,522,833</b>
<b>Type 3 Fires</b>												
MCEWAN (COST SHARE)	DNR/ WSP	1,390,752				1,390,752	2,563,422	2,563,422				2,563,422
MORAN CREEK (COST SHARE) - PI 222 (LOC)	DNR/ USFS	3,301			281,242	284,543				400,902		400,902
SILVER STAR	DNR	46,132				46,132	46,132	46,132				46,132
WEST HALLETT	DNR	520,418				520,418	1,323,146	1,323,146				1,323,146
ROZA CREEK (COST SHARE)	DNR/ BLM	135,455				135,455	73,903	73,903				73,903
LAKE WHATCOM	DNR	82,273				82,273	441,376	441,376				441,376
CRATER CREEK (COST SHARE)	DNR/ USFS/ BLM	1,476,666				1,476,666	1,977,835	1,977,835				1,977,835
HARMONY	DNR	147,328				147,328	328,228	328,228				328,228
CHANDLER	DNR	254,277				254,277	1,726,580	1,726,580				1,726,580
<b>Total Type 3 Fires</b>		<b>4,056,602</b>	-	-	<b>281,242</b>	<b>4,337,844</b>	<b>8,480,622</b>	<b>8,480,622</b>	-	-	<b>400,902</b>	<b>8,881,524</b>
<b>Type 4 and 5 Fires</b>												
		6,568,925			90,666	6,659,592	12,000,000	12,000,000				12,000,000
Other Agency Incidents		2,687,454				2,687,454	2,700,000	2,700,000	6,300,000			9,000,000
Out of State Fire Dispatches		4,097,674				4,097,674	680,000	680,000	16,320,000	3,100,000		20,100,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>13,354,053</b>	-	-	<b>90,666</b>	<b>13,444,719</b>	<b>15,380,000</b>	<b>15,380,000</b>	<b>22,620,000</b>	<b>3,100,000</b>	-	<b>41,100,000</b>
<b>Non-Code Cost</b>												
		380,508				380,508	2,650,000	2,650,000				2,650,000
Reacting to Fire Potential (i.e., False Alarms, standby/staging) PI223/285		6,274,339				6,274,339	35,100,000	35,100,000				35,100,000
Seasonal Firefighters and Engine Cost - PI 288		4,522,209				4,522,209	14,300,000	14,300,000				14,300,000
PI 224		(47)				(47)						
Attorney General projected expenditure							230,000	230,000				230,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>11,177,009</b>	-	-	-	<b>11,177,009</b>	<b>52,280,000</b>	<b>52,280,000</b>	-	-	-	<b>52,280,000</b>
<b>Total of Fire Costs by Fire Category and Account</b>		<b>43,911,911</b>	-	-	<b>371,909</b>	<b>44,283,820</b>	<b>113,663,455</b>	<b>113,663,455</b>	<b>22,620,000</b>	<b>3,100,000.00</b>	<b>400,902.00</b>	<b>139,784,357</b>
<b>Actuals and Estimates to Allotments</b>												
		GFS (001/051) & Disaster (05H/FA0)	GFF (001/020)	GFL (001/500)	LOC* (030/960)	Total - All Funds	GFS (001/052) & Disaster (05H/3A0)	GFF (001/020)	GFL (001/500)	LOC* (030/960)	Total - All Funds	
FY24 General Fund State Allotment		60,883,000					60,883,000					
FY24 Disaster Fund Allotment		8,025,000					8,025,000					
FY24 Current Allotments TOTAL		68,908,000	13,822,500	545,000	2,388,000	85,663,500	68,908,000	13,822,500	545,000	2,388,000	85,663,500	
Projected Costs		43,911,911			371,909	44,283,820	113,663,455	22,620,000	3,100,000	400,902	139,784,357	
Variance		24,996,089	13,822,500.00	545,000	2,016,091	41,379,680	(44,755,455)	(8,797,500)	(2,555,000)	1,987,098	(54,120,857)	

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**FY24 Supplemental Budget Request**

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Initial Request (DP)</b>	<b>Nov. Request (for Gov's Budget)</b>	<b>Final Request</b>
GFS (001/051) - For FY 2024	\$ 2,284,116		
Disaster (05H/3A0) - For FY 2024	\$ -		
GFF (001/020) - For FY 2024	\$ 8,577,500		
GFL (001/500) - For FY 2024	\$ 2,655,000		
<b>Totals:</b>	\$ 13,516,616	\$ -	

Monthly Fire Suppression Report Fiscal Year Trends

Type 4 & 5 Incidents													Historical Average Totals		Previous 12 Months	
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun				
Prior FY Actuals	729,073	2,002,693	2,181,190	1,675,256	831,174	111,434	55,434	23,001	54,765	141,009	312,285	2,042,786	10,139,460	13,971,619		
3 Year Average	1,376,098	1,790,621	1,423,991	1,201,230	575,002	80,559	39,000	29,007	47,665	211,100	202,201	1,255,304	7,946,736	10,427,938		
5 Year Average	1,420,667	1,099,486	1,656,495	1,514,024	805,774	153,481	100,229	23,684	(37,658)	94,118	(178,499)	648,052	5,828,485	8,227,535		
10 Year Average	1,189,399	1,360,410	1,442,992	856,669	243,895	122,842	200,218	173,111	(154,820)	85,079	(114,300)	537,240	5,740,924	7,946,736		
TREND LINE BASED ON CURRENT ESTIMATE													Trend Totals			
Cur. FY % Mo. Est	1,168,670	1,950,785	1,399,201	1,471,367	568,324	80,747	38,140	45,910	48,910	50,064	18,810	1,145,859	3,312,241	4,568,385		
Cur. Est. by Mo.	2,700,516	2,748,948	1,399,201	1,471,367	568,324	80,747	38,140	45,910	48,910	50,064	18,810	1,145,859	5,901,166	8,227,535		
% by Mo. of FY22	32.50%	22.91%	11.66%	12.77%	1.40%	0.26%	0.29%	0.71%	0.43%	0.18%	0.55%					
HISTORICAL ACTUALS													FY Total			
FY24	2,809,192	3,099,733	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
FY23	729,073	2,002,693	2,181,190	1,675,256	831,174	111,434	55,434	23,001	54,765	141,009	312,285	2,042,786	10,139,460	13,971,619		
FY22	2,280,689	2,321,592	1,181,679	1,243,470	142,136	25,967	29,170	72,445	38,773	42,261	15,970	967,722	8,361,934	4,602,281		
FY21	580,132	1,047,296	886,104	403,960	183,177	104,277	72,402	11,344	48,917	701,178	578,307	750,405	5,263,836	1,627,938		
FY20	1,008,668	1,278,827	678,484	377,817	117,415	428,120	69,140	48,518	58,518	1,264	3,840	684,113	5,486,241	2,227,535		
FY19	2,404,574	(1,099,320)	3,373,018	1,059,711	844,819	388,113	(194,000)	(277,000)	(2,049,201)	(484,833)	(3,543,588)	(1,209,966)	(18,024)	1,411,254		
FY18	1,583,611	1,841,308	1,446,724	924,211	409,401	135,506	(86,421)	101,196	7,166	(4,538,137)	2,221,638	458,088	4,584,088	3,429,719		
FY17	775,438	1,243,198	874,891	381,218	132,476	89,791	2,575,709	567	20,220	3,643	(283,100)	(1,489,383)	4,404,947	1,962,949		
FY16	698,594	2,778,656	1,505,308	1,536,535	293,516	76,335	53,701	1,993,497	(114,137)	382,028	2,596,609	633,277	10,822,760	3,477,250		
FY15	995,843	1,463,401	1,782,300	1,066,121	90,673	26,396	(1,112,129)	252,220	279,307	100,809	375,000	430,366	5,760,809	2,499,244		
FY14	790,720	783,587	528,721	17,179	4,016	1,381	453	6,000	21,411	166,560	67,620	139,895	2,467,795	1,372,757		
FY13	794,645	973,531	891,720	296,093	5,681	1,529	13,366	9,396	3,701	112,794	222,141	200,007	3,461,160	1,700,176		

Description of activity: Cost associated with fire suppression on Type 4 & 5 incidents that WADNR is the jurisdictional agency on.

Estimates				Previous Estimate		Current Estimate	
Fund Type	Initial MFSR Estimate (Est. DP)	Nov. Estimate (for Gov's Budget)	Final Estimate	Previous Estimate	Current Estimate		
GFSP/Disaster	12,000,000	-	-	-	12,000,000		
GF	-	6,300,000	-	-	6,300,000		
GFPL	-	-	-	-	-		
LOC	-	-	-	-	-		
Total	12,000,000	6,300,000	-	-	12,000,000		

Other Agency Fires													Historical Average Totals		Previous 12 Months	
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun				
Prior FY Actuals	143,876	582,581	2,812,248	1,780,860	804,318	206,119	412,358	49,435	515,592	401,181	(433,799)	2,006,541	8,919,400	10,881,397		
3 Year Average	550,564	1,108,883	2,151,702	1,131,107	518,181	157,239	164,931	24,165	184,189	39,707	311,643	(52,508)	6,271,493	7,525,407		
5 Year Average	624,140	1,301,724	1,688,391	939,105	422,882	139,636	106,116	(17,280)	112,467	45,917	198,739	238,044	6,004,656	7,493,945		
10 Year Average	471,759	1,151,608	1,248,471	630,686	278,624	104,839	66,700	(144,839)	64,621	31,061	110,064	62,341	4,253,713	5,102,841		
TREND LINE BASED ON CURRENT ESTIMATE													Trend Totals			
Cur. FY % Mo. Est	645,084	(882,553)	2,201,442	964,936	211,215	47,475	26,738	2,477	14,435	24,791	1,239,132	(2,593,739)	1,992,022	6,568,385		
Cur. Est. by Mo.	1,211,480	1,249,103	2,201,442	964,936	211,215	47,475	26,738	2,477	14,435	24,791	1,239,132	(2,593,739)	4,679,796	6,568,385		
% by Mo. of FY22	31.40%	31.77%	14.46%	10.77%	2.80%	0.36%	0.38%	0.01%	0.16%	0.28%	14.77%	-28.47%				
HISTORICAL ACTUALS													FY Total			
FY24	595,796	2,121,658	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
FY23	143,876	582,581	2,812,248	1,780,860	804,318	206,119	412,358	49,435	515,592	401,181	(433,799)	2,006,541	8,919,400	10,881,397		
FY22	1,200,610	1,278,026	2,181,727	954,295	309,333	47,950	26,498	2,454	14,306	24,550	1,117,278	(2,370,529)	4,687,569	2,428,636		
FY21	308,186	1,516,063	1,463,131	607,166	140,900	218,817	55,937	20,605	22,668	14,372	51,361	405,305	5,257,512	1,824,249		
FY20	676,221	1,000,957	248,136	196,581	102,242	59,936	(72,357)	23,338	7,319	43,262	49,269	141,707	2,334,726	1,677,778		
FY19	792,186	1,460,962	1,723,711	1,099,624	566,208	115,108	98,145	(281,303)	27,421	67,202	10,484	1,156,487	8,864,126	4,353,148		
FY18	609,086	2,003,978	1,407,946	1,175,039	628,974	1,010,898	146,241	34,601	50,996	73,479	49,529	1,041,443	10,236,211	2,611,024		
FY17	259,800	1,073,720	518,447	218,111	40,507	12,396	182	3,738	1,227	(748)	(1,518)	(1,708,919)	457,344	1,333,520		
FY16	268,950	1,227,275	43,294	44,980	407	-	-	-	375	3,276	15,528	30,077	505,961	391,680		
FY15	166,137	368,931	789	789	422	394	-	-	428	4,290	4,290	73,981	396,248	266,094		
FY14	292,914	438,524	33,710	134,189	332	394	-	-	343	2,230	9,361	911,997	911,997	731,438		
FY13	146,231	548,326	110,002	498,226	248	49	-	-	593	7,620	9,246	26,590	1,347,131	694,587		

Description of activity: Cost associated with incidents within Washington that WADNR does not have jurisdiction on, and WADNR has provided resources to the federal government, other state agencies, and local fire districts through our agreements with them.

Estimates				Previous Estimate		Current Estimate	
Fund Type	Initial MFSR Estimate (Est. DP)	Nov. Estimate (for Gov's Budget)	Final Estimate	Previous Estimate	Current Estimate		
GFSP/Disaster	2,700,000	-	-	-	2,700,000		
GF	6,300,000	-	-	-	6,300,000		
GFPL	-	-	-	-	-		
LOC	-	-	-	-	-		
Total	9,000,000	-	-	-	9,000,000		

PI 223 - Reacting to Fire Potential													Historical Average Totals		Previous 12 Months	
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun				
Prior FY Actuals	1,256,279	6,900,352	7,887,688	7,998,858	1,628,528	543,986	268,826	357,592	223,868	60,847	471,122	7,442,513	30,006,456	33,716,105		
3 Year Average	1,801,796	6,900,352	3,700,271	6,201,491	1,500,496	449,332	354,097	151,041	202,992	97,601	900,001	5,157,503	24,213,724	26,913,816		
5 Year Average	2,105,529	4,223,073	4,654,421	4,383,161	2,022,487	626,362	173,687	104,225	49,275	158,898	447,185	4,645,708	22,551,531	25,493,244		
10 Year Average	1,517,864	1,077,780	1,061,671	2,609,947	703,828	412,461	100,321	111,165	65,329	106,862	420,692	1,249,211	15,489,340	18,489,340		
TREND LINE BASED ON CURRENT ESTIMATE													Trend Totals			
Cur. FY % Mo. Est	895,200	(485,081)	1,780,229	7,800,171	1,481,173	192,719	48,621	22,380	126,463	170,317	7,483,158	14,116,447	30,392,786	33,716,105		
Cur. Est. by Mo.	2,029,784	3,255,264	3,780,180	2,881,872	1,481,872	192,719	48,621	22,380	126,463	170,317	7,483,158	14,116,447	30,392,786	33,716,105		
% by Mo. of FY22	8.34%	10.67%	16.47%	22.68%	4.22%	0.55%	1.24%	0.19%	0.06%	0.36%	4.09%	21.12%				
HISTORICAL ACTUALS													FY Total			
FY24	2,043,493	4,730,846	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
FY23	1,256,279	6,900,352	7,887,688	7,998,858	1,628,528	543,986	268,826	357,592	223,868	60,847	471,122	7,442,513	30,006,456	8,156,620		
FY22	2,025,484	3,741,544	5,773,517	7,951,210	1,480,302	192,166	433,798	66,546	22,355	126,140	1,203,345	7,424,727	30,392,546	6,667,028		
FY21	1,226,622	2,480,231	4,446,623	2,510,896	672,386	508,128	82,309	31,992	34,796	33,522	293,122	1,616,304	13,221,176	1,656,832		
FY20	1,908,699	4,864,306	2,821,921	624,660	224,613	940,135	29,000	39,709	26,112	140,961	278,902	2,795,209	13,025,234	5,63		