



**DEPARTMENT OF  
NATURAL RESOURCES**

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December 29, 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 676 department fires statewide through the month of September. Total fire cost to the department for the month of October was \$19.2 million. Estimated costs for all funds in FY 2024 are \$140.7 million. This puts us over the current GF-S/Disaster appropriation by \$41.6 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 (October 2023)

cc: Members of the Senate Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks Committee  
Members of the House Agriculture and 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 October 2023**

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

**DNR fires YTD through October**

According to monthly Intel stats, there was a statewide total of 676 DNR Fires, year-to-date, through the month of October.

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

Total fire cost, of all funds, to DNR in the month of October is \$19.2 million.

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

Total fire cost, of all funds, for months through October is \$98.5 million.

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

For all funds, estimated costs for FY 2024 are \$140.7 million. This puts us over our current appropriation of GF-S/Disaster allotment by \$41.6 million and over all other appropriations by \$9.4 million.

Fire name or Category	Jurisdictional Agencies	DNR COST AS OF OCTOBER 2023 (FM04, 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	Estimated Cost During Governor's Declaration Period (8.19.23-9.30.23)	DNR General Fund State/ Disaster Fund FY TOTAL COST	General Fund Federal Estimate	General Fund Local Estimate	Landowner Contingency Fund Estimate
<b>Type 2 Fires</b>												
EAGLE BLUFF	DNR/ BLM/ WSP	6,677,173				6,677,173	7,860,505		7,860,505			7,860,505
TUNNEL FIVE (COST SHARE)	DNR/ WSP	4,914,967				4,914,967	4,363,116		4,363,116			4,363,116
NEWELL ROAD (COST SHARE)	DNR/ BLM/ BIA	4,948,058				4,948,058	4,968,302		4,968,302			4,968,302
GRAY (COST SHARE)	DNR/ WSP	6,583,007				6,583,007	1,330,841	3,957,931	5,288,772			5,288,772
OREGON (COST SHARE)	DNR/WSP	8,577,108				8,577,108	148,794	11,335,266	11,484,060			11,484,060
<b>Total Type 2 Fires</b>		<b>31,700,313</b>	-	-	-	<b>31,700,313</b>	<b>18,671,558</b>	<b>15,293,197</b>	<b>33,964,755</b>			<b>33,964,755</b>
<b>Type 3 Fires</b>												
MCEWAN (COST SHARE)	DNR/ WSP	1,819,220				1,819,220	1,838,719		1,838,719			1,838,719
MORAN CREEK (COST SHARE) - PI 222 (LOC)	DNR/ USFS	9,532			292,202	301,734					413,050	413,050
SILVER STAR	DNR	48,407				48,407	48,407		48,407			48,407
WEST HALLETT	DNR	1,067,085				1,067,085	750,402		750,402			750,402
ROZA CREEK (COST SHARE)	DNR/ BLM	161,781				161,781	153,756		153,756			153,756
LAKE WHATCOM	DNR	673,325				673,325	928,453		928,453			928,453
CRATER CREEK (COST SHARE)	DNR/ USFS/ BLM	1,829,125				1,829,125	2,298,503		2,298,503			2,298,503
HARMONY	DNR	243,822				243,822	18,899	341,130	360,029			360,029
CHANDLER	DNR	1,929,317				1,929,317	251,451	2,041,706	2,293,157			2,293,157
MARGARITA	DNR/ BIA	598,723				598,723	598,723		598,723			598,723
WEST ANDERSON		269,544				269,544		422,951	422,951			422,951
<b>Total Type 3 Fires</b>		<b>8,649,881</b>	-	-	<b>292,202</b>	<b>8,942,083</b>	<b>6,887,313</b>	<b>2,805,787</b>	<b>9,693,100</b>	-	<b>413,050</b>	<b>10,106,150</b>
<b>Type 4 and 5 Fires</b>												
Other Agency Incidents		10,012,700			120,961	10,133,661	12,203,015	1,296,985	13,500,000			13,500,000
Out of State Fire Dispatches		5,321,197			-	5,321,197	2,700,000		2,700,000	6,300,000		9,000,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>14,038,024</b>	-	-	<b>120,961</b>	<b>14,038,024</b>	<b>680,000</b>	<b>1,296,985</b>	<b>16,880,000</b>	<b>22,620,000</b>	<b>3,100,000</b>	<b>42,600,000</b>
<b>Non-Code Cost</b>												
Reacting to Fire Potential (i.e., False Alarms, standby/staging) PI223/285		780,583				780,583	2,650,000		2,650,000			2,650,000
Seasonal Firefighters and Engine Cost - PI 288		19,345,353				19,345,353	35,100,000		35,100,000			35,100,000
PI 224		8,172,145				8,172,145	16,000,000		16,000,000			16,000,000
Attorney General projected expenditure		(47)				(47)						
<b>Total</b>		<b>28,298,035</b>	-	-	-	<b>28,298,035</b>	<b>53,980,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>53,980,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>53,980,000</b>
<b>Total of Fire Costs by Fire Category and Account</b>		<b>98,020,151</b>	-	-	<b>413,163</b>	<b>98,433,313</b>	<b>95,121,885</b>	<b>19,395,970</b>	<b>114,517,855</b>	<b>22,620,000</b>	<b>3,100,000.00</b>	<b>413,050.00</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		12,025,000					12,025,000					
FY24 Current Allotments TOTAL		72,908,000	13,822,500	545,000	2,388,000	89,663,500	72,908,000	13,822,500	545,000	2,388,000	89,663,500	
Projected Costs		98,020,151	-	-	413,163	98,433,313	114,517,855	22,620,000	3,100,000	413,050	140,650,905	
Variance		(25,112,151)	13,822,500.00	545,000	1,974,837	(8,769,813)	(41,609,855)	(8,797,500)	(2,555,000)	1,974,950	(50,987,405)	

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<b>FY24 Supplemental Budget Request</b>			
<b>Fund</b>	<b>Initial Request (DP)</b>	<b>Nov. Request (for Gov's Budget)</b>	<b>Final Request</b>
<b>GFS (001/051) - For FY 2024</b>	\$ 2,284,116	\$ 44,218,949	
<b>Disaster (05H/3A0) - For FY 2024</b>	\$ -		
<b>GFF (001/020) - For FY 2024</b>	\$ 8,577,500	\$ 8,797,500	
<b>GFL (001/500) - For FY 2024</b>	\$ 2,655,000	\$ 2,555,000	
<b>Totals:</b>	\$ 13,516,616	\$ 55,571,449	

Monthly Fire Suppression Report Fiscal Year Trends

Type 4 & 5 Incidents													Historical Averages		Previous 12 Months		Estimates						
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Historical Average Totals	Previous 12 Months	Fund Type	Initial MFSR Estimate (For DP)	Nov. Estimate (For Gov's Budget)	Final Estimate	Previous Estimate	Current Estimate			
Prior FY Actuals	729,073	2,002,693	2,181,190	1,675,256	821,174	111,434	55,434	23,001	54,765	141,009	312,285	2,042,786	10,134,460	13,536,948	GF/Disaster	12,000,000	12,000,000			21,500,000			
3 Year Average	1,376,098	1,790,621	1,431,991	1,201,230	675,007	90,559	39,000	29,697	47,665	201,100	202,201	1,256,304	6,271,493	8,361,934	GF					6,000,000			
5 Year Average	1,420,667	1,959,486	1,656,495	1,143,024	505,774	153,481	100,229	23,684	(37,658)	141,819	(178,499)	648,052	5,828,485	8,093,835	GF	6,300,000	6,300,000			6,300,000			
10 Year Average	1,189,359	1,860,410	1,442,932	856,609	243,895	122,842	200,218	171,111	(154,820)	85,079	(114,300)	574,240	4,570,924	6,271,493	LOC								
Trend Line Based on Current Estimate													Trend Totals	1,218,112									
Cur. FY % Mo. Est	108.880	188.360	171.060	109.960	58.600	38.800	18.800	8.800	16.200	51.600	11.200	1,289,092	11,318,812	15,136,712	Comments:	Comments:	Comments:		Comments:	Comments:			
Cur. Est. by Mo.	3,038,000	8,092,567	1,574,101	1,636,412	889,344	34,500	38,857	96,503	53,640	56,522	21,273	1,289,092	11,318,812	15,136,712									
% by Mo. of FY22	22.50%	22.91%	11.66%	12.77%	1.40%	0.26%	0.29%	0.71%	0.18%	0.43%	0.16%	8.55%											
Historical Actuals													FY Total	10,912,760	FY Running Total	6,990,212							
FY24	2,869,192	3,699,733	1,958,447	1,485,323	809,344	111,434	55,434	23,001	54,765	141,009	312,285	2,042,786	10,134,460	13,536,948									
FY23	729,073	2,002,693	2,181,190	1,675,256	821,174	111,434	55,434	23,001	54,765	141,009	312,285	2,042,786	10,134,460	13,536,948									
FY22	2,280,689	2,321,592	1,181,679	1,244,470	142,136	25,967	29,170	72,445	38,773	42,261	15,970	967,722	8,361,934	7,027,430									
FY21	580,132	1,047,296	884,104	403,980	183,177	104,277	32,402	11,344	48,937	701,178	578,307	750,405	5,263,836	2,999,897									
FY20	1,028,648	1,278,827	678,484	377,817	137,435	428,180	69,140	48,518	58,518	1,268	344,602	684,113	5,486,241	8,093,835									
FY19	2,404,574	(1,099,320)	3,373,018	1,059,711	844,319	388,113	(194,000)	(277,000)	(2,049,201)	(484,833)	(4,558,197)	(1,209,966)	5,841,983	(184,024)									
FY18	1,583,611	1,841,308	1,446,724	1,029,211	409,401	135,506	(86,431)	(21,753)	101,196	7,166	(4,558,197)	2,221,438	4,584,088	5,829,404									
FY17	775,433	1,243,198	1,243,491	381,235	137,476	89,791	2,575,709	567	20,220	3,643	(283,100)	(1,489,383)	4,404,162	3,291,549									
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	2,506,609	633,277	10,822,760	6,509,093									
FY15	955,843	1,463,401	1,782,300	1,066,123	90,673	26,396	(1,112,129)	252,220	279,307	300,809	375,000	430,366	5,760,809	5,317,567									
FY14	790,720	783,587	528,721	37,179	4,016	1,381	453	6,000	21,413	66,560	67,620	139,895	2,467,795	2,158,457									
FY13	794,645	973,531	891,720	296,293	5,613	1,529	13,366	6,966	3,701	13,794	222,145	200,007	3,461,143	2,887,989									
Description of activity: Cost associated with fire suppression on Type 4 & 5 incidents that WADNR is the jurisdictional agency on.																							

Other Agency Fires													Historical Averages		Previous 12 Months		Estimates					
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Historical Average Totals	Previous 12 Months	Fund Type	Initial MFSR Estimate (For DP)	Nov. Estimate (For Gov's Budget)	Final Estimate	Previous Estimate	Current Estimate		
Prior FY Actuals	143,876	582,581	2,812,248	1,780,860	804,318	206,119	413,358	49,435	535,592	46,181	(433,799)	2,006,541	8,919,400	8,922,032	GF/Disaster	2,700,000	2,700,000			2,700,000		
3 Year Average	550,564	1,108,883	2,151,702	1,133,107	518,381	157,239	164,931	24,165	184,189	39,707	311,643	(52,508)	6,271,493	6,271,493	GF					6,300,000		
5 Year Average	624,140	1,301,724	1,688,931	939,105	422,862	139,656	106,116	(17,286)	112,487	45,917	198,978	238,044	6,000,466	6,000,466	GF							
10 Year Average	473,759	1,151,608	1,248,471	630,868	278,624	178,644	143,839	64,621	110,861	110,064	62,341	4,253,713	4,253,713	LOC								
Trend Line Based on Current Estimate													Trend Totals	(641,721)								
Cur. FY % Mo. Est	645,684	(805,865)	217,720	38,171	211,215	47,475	26,738	2,477	14,435	24,791	1,279,123	(2,059,799)	35,000,456	30,362,635	Comments:	Comments:	Comments:		Comments:	Comments:		
Cur. Est. by Mo.	1,211,480	(2,059,799)	2,202,442	964,936	211,215	47,475	26,738	2,477	14,435	24,791	1,279,123	(2,059,799)	35,000,456	30,362,635								
% by Mo. of FY22	31.40%	(31.77%)	24.46%	10.73%	2.40%	0.36%	0.28%	0.06%	0.38%	0.28%	14.73%	(28.47%)										
Historical Actuals													FY Total	10,912,760	FY Running Total	6,990,212						
FY24	143,876	582,581	2,812,248	1,780,860	804,318	206,119	413,358	49,435	535,592	46,181	(433,799)	2,006,541	8,919,400	8,922,032								
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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.																						

PI 223 - Reacting to Fire Potential													Historical Averages		Previous 12 Months		Estimates					
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Historical Average Totals	Previous 12 Months	Fund Type	Initial MFSR Estimate (For DP)	Nov. Estimate (For Gov's Budget)	Final Estimate	Previous Estimate	Current Estimate		
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	7,442,313	35,000,456	30,362,635	GF/Disaster	35,100,000	35,100,000			35,100,000		
3 Year Average	1,801,795	6,900,352	7,887,688	7,998,858	1,628,528	543,986	268,826	357,592	223,868	60,847	471,122	7,442,313	35,000,456	30,362,635	GF					35,100,000		
5 Year Average	2,105,529	4,223,073	4,654,421	4,383,351	2,022,487	626,362	173,687	104,275	49,275	156,889	447,185	4,645,708	22,551,531	22,551,531	GF							
10 Year Average	1,517,864	1,077,780	1,060,671	2,609,947	703,828	412,661	100,321	111,165	65,329	106,862	420,692	1,249,211	15,489,340	15,489,340	LOC							
Trend Line Based on Current Estimate													Trend Totals	11,407,433								
Cur. FY % Mo. Est	895,200	(485,081)	(1,190,590)	2,891,171	4,611,271	1,027,731	484,227	66,621	22,380	126,643	170,517	7,483,158	11,407,433	11,407,433	Comments:	Comments:	Comments:		Comments:	Comments:		
Cur. Est. by Mo.	2,829,788	3,255,264	2,760,180	2,960,180	3,481,872	1,927,873	434,287	56,621	22,380	126,643	170,517	7,483,158	30,392,788	30,392,788								
% by Mo. of FY22	8.34%	(10.67%)	(16.47%)	22.68%	4.22%	0.55%	1.24%	0.19%	0.06%	0.36%	0.49%	21.12%										
Historical Actuals													FY Total	10,912,760	FY Running Total	6,990,212						
FY24	2,264,493	4,230,846	7,970,628	5,300,847	1,628,528																	