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NATURAL RESOURCES**

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November 22, 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 642 department fires statewide through the month of September. Total fire cost to the department for the month of September was \$34.8 million. Estimated costs for all funds in FY 2024 are \$139.3 million. This puts us over the current GF-S/Disaster appropriation by \$44.2 million and all other appropriations by \$11.4 million.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 360-764-0013 or Brian.Considine@dnr.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Brian Considine
Legislative Director
Office of the Commissioner of Public Lands

Enclosure: Legislative Report - Monthly Fire Suppression Report (September 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 September 2023

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

DNR fires YTD through September

According to monthly Intel stats, there was a statewide total of 642 DNR Fires, year-to-date, through the month of September.

Fire Suppression Costs For the Month of September

Total fire cost, of all funds, to DNR in the month of September is \$34.8 million.

Fire Suppression Cost for Fiscal Year through September

Total fire cost, of all funds, for months through September is \$78.9 million.

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

For all funds, estimated costs for FY 2024 are \$139.3 million. This puts us over our current appropriation of GF-S/Disaster allotment by \$44.2 million and over all other appropriations by \$11.4 million.

Fire name or Category	Jurisdictional Agencies	DNR COST AS OF SEPTEMBER 2023 (FM03, FY24)					DNR TOTAL COST FOR FY2024						Estimated GFS/Disaster Cost During Governors declaration period
		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)	
Type 2 Fires													
EAGLE BLUFF	DNR/ BLM/ WSP	6,406,205				6,406,205	7,860,505	7,860,505				7,860,505	-
TUNNEL FIVE (COST SHARE)	DNR/ WSP	4,824,758				4,824,758	4,260,908	4,260,908				4,260,908	-
NEWELL ROAD (COST SHARE)	DNR/ BLM/ BIA	4,597,749				4,597,749	6,725,421	6,725,421				6,725,421	-
GRAY (COST SHARE)	DNR/ WSP	5,619,394				5,619,394	5,288,772	5,288,772				5,288,772	3,957,931
OREGON (COST SHARE)	DNR/WSP	7,503,513				7,503,513	11,484,060	11,484,060				11,484,060	11,335,266
Total Type 2 Fires		28,951,620	-	-	-	28,951,620	35,619,666	35,619,666				35,619,666	15,293,197
Type 3 Fires													
MCEWAN (COST SHARE)	DNR/ WSP	1,694,412				1,694,412	2,154,936	2,154,936				2,154,936	-
MORAN CREEK (COST SHARE) - PI 222 (LOC)	DNR/ USFS	3,532			281,745	285,277				413,050		413,050	-
SILVER STAR	DNR	46,468				46,468	46,468	46,468				46,468	-
WEST HALLETT	DNR	1,018,495				1,018,495	1,038,655	1,038,655				1,038,655	-
ROZA CREEK (COST SHARE)	DNR/ BLM	138,773				138,773	130,749	130,749				130,749	-
LAKE WHATCOM	DNR	389,586				389,586	720,540	720,540				720,540	-
CRATER CREEK (COST SHARE)	DNR/ USFS/ BLM	1,670,077				1,670,077	2,600,148	2,600,148				2,600,148	-
HARMONY	DNR	164,170				164,170	341,130	341,130				341,130	341,130
CHANDLER	DNR	723,048				723,048	2,041,706	2,041,706				2,041,706	2,041,706
MARGARITA	DNR/ BIA	347,975				347,975	350,000	350,000				350,000	-
WEST ANDERSON	DNR	236,326				236,326	422,951	422,951				422,951	422,951
Total Type 3 Fires		6,432,862	-	-	281,745	6,714,608	9,847,283	9,847,283	-	-	413,050	10,260,333	2,805,787
Type 4 and 5 Fires													
Other Agency Incidents		8,527,372			108,966	8,636,338	12,000,000	12,000,000				12,000,000	1,296,985
Out of State Fire Dispatches		4,393,526				4,393,526	2,700,000	2,700,000	6,300,000			9,000,000	-
Total		21,825,018	-	-	108,966	21,933,984	15,380,000	15,380,000	22,620,000	3,100,000	-	41,100,000	1,296,985
Non-Code Cost													
Reacting to Fire Potential (i.e., False Alarms, standby/staging) PI223/285		573,175				573,175	2,650,000	2,650,000				2,650,000	-
Seasonal Firefighters and Engine Cost - PI 288		14,244,967				14,244,967	35,100,000	35,100,000				35,100,000	-
PI 224		6,550,397				6,550,397	14,300,000	14,300,000				14,300,000	-
Attorney General projected expenditure		(47)				(47)							-
Total		21,368,492	-	-	-	21,368,492	52,280,000	52,280,000	-	-	-	52,280,000	-
Total of Fire Costs by Fire Category and Account		78,577,992	-	-	390,711	78,968,703	113,126,949	113,126,949	22,620,000	3,100,000.00	413,050.00	139,259,999	
Actuals and Estimates to Allotments													
		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		78,577,992	-	-	390,711	78,968,703	113,126,949	22,620,000	3,100,000	413,050	139,259,999	19,395,970	
Variance		(9,669,992)	13,822,500.00	545,000	1,997,289	6,694,797	(44,218,949)	(8,797,500)	(2,555,000)	1,974,950	(53,596,499)		

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FY24 Supplemental Budget Request

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

