



**DEPARTMENT OF  
NATURAL RESOURCES**

**OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC  
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June 21st, 2022

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 report, submitted on behalf of the Department of Natural Resources ("Department"), as directed by the Legislature in the 2021-2023 Operating Budget (Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5092). Section 310 (8) 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.

There were no classified fires recorded in April 2022. Total fire cost to the department for the month of April was \$1.8 million. The Legislature's 2021-23 enacted budget originally appropriated \$28.7 million GF-S/Disaster Recovery Account; however, due to increased wildland fire fighting activity, increased this appropriation in the FY22 Supplemental to \$120.607 million. As of this report, estimated costs for FY 2022 are \$120.187 million, resulting in a positive variance of \$491,851.

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 (April 2022)

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