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NATURAL RESOURCES**

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October 31st, 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 306 classified fires recorded in August 2022. Total fire cost to the department for the month of August was \$20.8 million. Estimated costs to GFS/Disaster for FY 2023 are \$65.9 million as compared to the FY GF-S/Disaster allotment of \$24.2 million. This puts us over the current allotment of GF-S/Disaster by \$41.7 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 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