



**DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES**

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February 16, 2024

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 687 department fires statewide through the month of December. Total fire cost to the department for the month of October was \$5.6 million. Estimated costs for all funds in FY 2024 are \$150.6 million. This puts us over the current GF-S/Disaster appropriation by \$48.9 million and all other appropriations by \$14 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 (December 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 December 2023

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

DNR fires YTD through December

According to monthly Intel stats, there was a statewide total of 687 DNR Fires, year-to-date, through the month of December.

Fire Suppression Costs For the Month of December

Total fire cost, of all funds, to DNR in the month of December is \$5.6 million.

Fire Suppression Cost for Fiscal Year through December

Total fire cost, of all funds, for months through December is \$123.6 million.

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

For all funds, estimated costs for FY 2024 are \$150.6 million. This puts us over our current appropriation of GF-S/Disaster allotment by \$48.9 million and over all other appropriations by \$14 million*.

**Excluding LOC*

Fire name or Category	Jurisdictional Agencies	DNR COST AS OF DECEMBER 2023 (FM06, 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-Present)	DNR General Fund State/ Disaster Fund FY TOTAL COST	General Fund Federal Estimate	General Fund Local Estimate	Landowner Contingency Fund Estimate
Type 2 Fires												
EAGLE BLUFF	DNR/ BLM/ WSP	6,990,277				6,990,277	6,530,976		6,530,976			6,530,976
TUNNEL FIVE (COST SHARE)	DNR/ WSP	5,130,180				5,130,180	4,636,735		4,636,735			4,636,735
NEWELL ROAD (COST SHARE)	DNR/ BLM/ BIA	5,321,054				5,321,054	5,341,273		5,341,273			5,341,273
GRAY (COST SHARE)	DNR/ WSP	7,226,582				7,226,582	69,691	3,957,931	4,027,622			4,027,622
OREGON (COST SHARE)	DNR/WSP	9,228,549				9,228,549	148,794	11,335,266	11,484,060			11,484,060
Total Type 2 Fires		33,896,643	-	-	-	33,896,643	16,727,469	15,293,197	32,020,666			32,020,666
Type 3 Fires												
MCEWAN (COST SHARE)	DNR/ WSP	1,922,994				1,922,994	1,854,325		1,854,325			1,854,325
MORAN CREEK (COST SHARE) - PI 222 (LOC)	DNR/ USFS	13,635			297,929	311,564					398,664	398,664
SILVER STAR	DNR	54,981				54,981	54,981		54,981			54,981
WEST HALLETT	DNR	1,100,257				1,100,257	751,468		751,468			751,468
ROZA CREEK (COST SHARE)	DNR/ BLM	166,740				166,740	183,716		183,716			183,716
LAKE WHATCOM	DNR	872,429				872,429	1,048,546		1,048,546			1,048,546
CRATER CREEK (COST SHARE)	DNR/ USFS/ BLM	1,964,212				1,964,212	2,426,790		2,426,790			2,426,790
HARMONY	DNR	291,479				291,479	25,293	341,130	366,423			366,423
CHANDLER	DNR	2,330,656				2,330,656	304,751	2,041,706	2,346,457			2,346,457
MARGARITA	DNR/ BIA	808,585				808,585	808,585		808,585			808,585
WEST ANDERSON		345,273				345,273		422,951	422,951			422,951
Total Type 3 Fires		9,871,242	-	-	297,929	10,169,171	7,458,455	2,805,787	10,264,242	-	-	398,664
Type 4 and 5 Fires												
Other Agency Incidents		12,102,304			123,219	12,225,522	11,956,000	3,044,000	15,000,000			15,000,000
Out of State Fire Dispatches		7,433,851			-	7,433,851	3,700,000		3,700,000	6,300,000		10,000,000
Total		18,704,922	-	-	-	18,704,922	16,576,000	3,044,000	19,620,000	25,280,000	3,100,000	48,000,000
Non-Code Cost												
Reacting to Fire Potential (i.e., False Alarms, standby/staging) PI223/285		1,147,042				1,147,042	2,650,000		2,650,000			2,650,000
Seasonal Firefighters and Engine Cost - PI 288		31,260,232				31,260,232	41,000,000		41,000,000			41,000,000
PI 224		8,667,328				8,667,328	16,000,000		16,000,000			16,000,000
Attorney General projected expenditure		(47)				(47)						
Total		41,074,555	-	-	-	41,074,555	59,880,000	-	59,880,000	-	-	59,880,000
Total of Fire Costs by Fire Category and Account		123,083,516	-	-	421,148	123,504,664	100,641,924	21,142,984	121,784,908	25,280,000	3,100,000.00	398,664.00
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					12,025,000					
FY24 Current Allotments TOTAL		68,908,000	13,822,500	545,000	2,388,000	85,663,500	72,908,000	13,822,500	545,000	2,388,000	89,663,500	
Projected Costs		123,083,516	-	-	421,148	123,504,664	121,784,908	25,280,000	3,100,000	398,664	150,563,572	
FY24 Budget Stabilization Account Variance							(21,142,984)					
FY24 GFS/ Disaster Fund Variance		(54,175,516)	13,822,500.00	545,000	1,966,852	(37,841,164)	(27,733,924)	(11,457,500)	(2,555,000)	1,989,336	(39,757,088)	
TOTAL FY24 VARIANCE											(48,876,908)	

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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	

Monthly Fire Suppression Report Fiscal Year Trends

Type 4 & 5 Incidents													Historical Averages		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	14,713,944	GPS/Disaster	12,000,000	15,000,000			15,000,000			
3 Year Average	1,376,098	1,790,621	1,431,991	1,201,320	675,003	90,559	39,000	29,697	47,665	211,100	202,201	1,255,304	6,946,736										
5 Year Average	1,420,667	1,959,486	1,656,495	1,143,024	505,774	151,481	100,229	23,684	(37,658)	141,113	(178,499)	648,052	5,828,485										
10 Year Average	1,189,359	1,860,410	1,442,932	856,669	243,895	122,842	200,218	171,111	(154,283)	85,079	(114,300)	537,240	5,740,924										
Trend Line Based on Current Estimate																							
Cur. FY % Mo. Est	106.43%	176.156%	170.660%	105.126%	110.402%	(2,001.70)	43.174	107.236	57.388	62.580	23.617	1,432.324	274,153										
Cur. Est. by Mo.	3,375,645	4,436,185	1,749,001	1,840,455	710,455	36,434	43,174	107,236	57,388	62,580	23,617	1,432,324	12,376,457										
% by Mo. of FY22	22.50%	22.91%	11.66%	12.77%	4.0%	0.26%	0.29%	0.71%	0.18%	0.42%	0.16%	8.55%											
Historical Actuals																							
FY24	2,869,192	3,699,733	1,958,447	1,465,323	821,374	111,434	55,434	23,001	54,765	141,009	312,285	2,042,786	10,134,460	14,713,944									
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	14,713,944									
FY22	2,280,689	2,321,592	1,181,679	1,243,470	142,136	25,767	29,170	72,445	38,773	42,261	15,970	967,722	8,361,934	7,195,553									
FY21	580,132	1,047,296	884,104	403,965	183,177	104,717	72,402	11,344	48,937	701,178	578,307	750,405	5,263,836	3,192,351									
FY20	1,028,668	1,278,827	679,488	377,817	117,415	428,180	69,140	48,518	53,181	1,944	544,602	684,113	5,486,241	3,289,292									
FY19	2,404,674	(1,099,328)	3,373,018	1,059,711	844,319	388,113	(194,000)	(277,090)	(2,049,201)	(484,833)	(2,049,201)	(1,209,966)	(184,024)	6,374,615									
FY18	1,583,611	1,841,308	1,446,724	1,024,211	409,401	131,506	(66,421)	(21,753)	101,196	7,166	(4,558,197)	2,221,638	4,584,088	6,551,361									
FY17	775,433	1,241,938	1,249,491	381,249	112,476	89,791	2,575,709	567	20,220	13,621	(283,100)	(1,489,383)	4,404,462	3,389,832									
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	2,596,639	633,277	10,822,769	6,878,744									
FY15	955,843	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	5,434,636									
FY14	790,720	783,587	528,721	37,179	4,016	1,181	453	6,000	21,413	66,560	67,620	139,895	2,467,795	2,163,954									
FY13	794,645	972,531	891,720	296,073	5,611	1,529	13,366	6,966	3,701	112,794	222,141	200,007	3,461,143	2,895,139									
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		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	515,592	46,181	(431,799)	2,006,541	8,919,400	10,024,249	GPS/Disaster	2,700,000	3,700,000			3,700,000			
3 Year Average	550,566	1,108,883	2,151,702	1,113,107	518,181	157,239	164,931	24,165	184,189	39,707	311,643	(52,308)	6,271,493										
5 Year Average	424,140	1,107,714	1,686,391	939,105	422,862	139,456	106,116	(17,286)	112,467	45,917	198,978	238,604	6,004,666										
10 Year Average	473,759	1,151,608	1,248,471	603,868	178,664	178,664	144,839	66,421	144,839	31,061	110,064	62,341	4,253,713										
Trend Line Based on Current Estimate																							
Cur. FY % Mo. Est	780,279	(668,356)	462,371	144,441	(1,260,820)	(162,716)	29,709	2,712	16,039	27,544	1,476,869	(2,881,938)	(2,324,438)										
Cur. Est. by Mo.	1,346,088	1,376,781	2,446,847	1,072,151	234,683	52,751	29,709	2,712	16,039	27,544	1,476,869	(2,881,938)	5,199,398										
% by Mo. of FY22	11.40%	11.77%	11.77%	10.77%	2.00%	0.30%	0.03%	0.01%	0.01%	0.02%	0.10%	(0.24%)	57.89%										
Historical Actuals																							
FY24	143,876	582,581	2,812,248	1,780,860	804,318	206,119	413,358	49,435	515,592	46,181	(431,799)	2,006,541	8,919,400	10,024,249									
FY23	143,876	582,581	2,812,248	1,780,860	804,318	206,119	413,358	49,435	515,592	46,181	(431,799)	2,006,541	8,919,400	10,024,249									
FY22	1,200,610	1,278,006	2,381,727	956,295	209,333	47,950	26,498	2,454	14,306	24,550	1,117,278	(2,370,529)	4,647,569	6,823,032									
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	4,647,263									
FY20	676,221	1,000,967	248,136	186,581	100,242	59,936	(72,357)	23,338	7,319	43,262	49,269	141,707	2,334,726	2,142,188									
FY19	792,186	1,460,962	1,712,711	1,009,624	566,208	115,108	98,145	(281,303)	27,421	67,202	10,484	1,156,487	8,864,104	7,947,794									
FY18	609,086	2,203,978	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	8,833,521									
FY17	259,800	1,073,720	518,447	218,111	40,507	12,936	182	3,738	1,227	(748)	(1,518)	(1,708,919)	457,344	2,163,382									
FY16	268,950	1,227,275	43,294	44,890	407	-	-	-	375	3,276	15,528	30,077	505,961	480,276									
FY15	166,137	368,521	793	793	422	422	-	-	428	4,288	4,288	73,861	394,248	272,740									
FY14	292,914	438,524	33,710	134,189	332	394	-	-	-	343	2,230	9,361	911,997	900,063									
FY13	146,231	548,326	110,002	498,226	248	49	-	-	593	7,620	9,246	26,590	1,347,131	1,303,082									
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		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	7,887,686	7,998,858	1,428,528	543,986	268,826	268,826	357,592	223,868	60,847	471,122	30,000,456	16,238,619	GPS/Disaster	35,100,000	41,000,000			41,000,000			
3 Year Average	1,803,795	6,247,375	3,700,271	6,301,491	1,560,495	449,332	354,097	151,041	254,097	151,041	254,097	1,520,133	26,213,724										
5 Year Average	2,105,529	4,223,073	4,654,421	4,383,351	1,022,487	626,372	173,687	104,275	156,888	447,185	4,645,708	22,551,531											
10 Year Average	1,517,864	1,077,780	1,061,671	2,609,947	703,828	412,461	100,321	111,145	65,329	106,862	420,692	1,249,211	15,489,340										
Trend Line Based on Current Estimate																							
Cur. FY % Mo. Est	2,835,200	2,330,257	4,762,259	8,301,502	1,515,311	507,287	77,819	26,142	147,244	199,203	8,743,010	17,607,694	35,001,546										
Cur. Est. by Mo.	3,621,086	4,375,394	9,298,237	7,311,078	2,225,943	507,287	77,819	26,142	147,244	199,203	8,743,010	17,607,694	35,001,546										
% by Mo. of FY22	8.34%	10.67%	16.47%	22.68%	4.22%	0.55%	0.19%	0.06%	0.30%	0.49%	21.12%	42.85%											
Historical Actuals																							
FY24	1,256,279	6,900,352	7,887,686	7,998,858	1,428,528	543,986	268,826	268,826	357,592	223,868	60,847	471,122	30,000,456	16,238,619									
FY23	1,256,279	6,900,352	7,887,686	7,998,858	1,428,528	543,986	268,826	268,826	357,592	223,868	60,847	471,122	30,000,456	16,238,619									
FY22	2,025,484	3,741,544	5,773,517	7,951,201	1,480,302	1,480,302	156,246	433,798	22,355	126,140	2,734,722												