



**DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES**

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May 25, 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 fiscal year-to-date basis, there have been 718 department fires statewide through the month of March. Total fire cost to the department for the month of March was \$3.2 million. Estimated costs for all funds in FY 2024 are \$150.2 million. This puts us over the current GF-S/ Disaster appropriation by \$241 thousand and under our current Budget Stabilization Account appropriation in SSB 6100 by \$562 thousand. Our current projected variance on all other appropriations is \$0, excluding Landowner Contingency.

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

Brian Considine
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Office of the Commissioner of Public Lands

Enclosure: Legislative Report - Monthly Fire Suppression Report (March 2024)

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 March 2024

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

DNR fires FYTD through March

According to monthly Intel stats, there was a statewide total of 718 DNR Fires, year-to-date, through the month of March.

Fire Suppression Costs For the Month of March

Total fire cost, of all funds, to DNR in the month of March is \$3.2 million.

Fire Suppression Cost for Fiscal Year through March

Total fire cost, of all funds, for months through March is \$130 million.

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

For all funds, estimated costs for FY 2024 are \$150.2 million. This puts us over our current appropriation of GF-S/Disaster by \$241 thousand, and under our current appropriation for BSA by \$560 thousand. Our current projected variance on all other appropriations is \$0*.

**Excluding LOC*

Fire name or Category	DNR COST AS OF MARCH 2024 (FM09, FY24)						DNR TOTAL COST FOR FY2024						
	DNR General Fund State/ Disaster Fund Actuals	Budget Stabilization Account	General Fund Federal Actuals	General Fund Local Actuals	Landowner Contingency Fund Actuals	CUMULATIVE ACTUALS	GFS/Disaster Fund ACTUALS + ESTIMATED COST	Budget Stabilization Account	DNR General Fund State/ Disaster Fund/BSA 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	7,118,749					7,118,749	6,583,305		6,583,305				6,583,305
TUNNEL FIVE (COST SHARE)	5,243,559					5,243,559	4,741,780		4,741,780				4,741,780
NEWELL ROAD (COST SHARE)	5,346,279					5,346,279	5,368,419		5,368,419				5,368,419
GRAY (COST SHARE)	7,390,560					7,390,560	78,892	4,002,793	4,081,685				4,081,685
OREGON (COST SHARE)	9,308,944					9,308,944	148,794	10,335,266	10,484,060				10,484,060
									0				-
									-				-
									-				-
									-				-
Total Type 2 Fires	34,408,091	-	-	-	-	34,408,091	16,921,189	14,338,059	31,259,248	-	-	-	31,259,248
Type 3 Fires													
MCEWAN (COST SHARE)	1,955,733					1,955,733	1,949,705		1,949,705				1,949,705
MORAN CREEK (COST SHARE) - PI 222 (LOC)	334				312,244	312,578	0		0		328,930		328,930
SILVER STAR	55,318					55,318	55,318		55,318				55,318
WEST HALLETT	1,134,334					1,134,334	782,176		782,176				782,176
ROZA CREEK (COST SHARE)	166,741					166,741	183,717		183,717				183,717
LAKE WHATCOM	872,637					872,637	1,291,238		1,291,238				1,291,238
CRATER CREEK (COST SHARE)	1,966,721					1,966,721	2,430,240		2,430,240				2,430,240
HARMONY	369,839					369,839	0	369,854	369,854				369,854
CHANDLER	2,396,938					2,396,938	0	2,403,289	2,403,289				2,403,289
MARGARITA	812,633					812,633	812,633		812,633				812,633
WEST ANDERSON	345,733					345,733		422,951	422,951				422,951
									0				-
Total Type 3 Fires	10,076,961	-	-	-	312,244	10,389,206	7,505,027	3,196,094	10,701,120	-	-	328,930	11,030,050
Type 4 and 5 Fires													
Other Agency Incidents	11,395,744				127,957	11,523,700	11,956,000	3,044,000	15,000,000				15,000,000
Out of State Fire Dispatches	7,565,209		695,208		-	8,260,417	3,700,000		3,700,000	6,300,000			10,000,000
	18,957,618		-			18,957,618	920,000		920,000	18,980,000	3,100,000		23,000,000
Total	37,918,571	-	695,208	-	127,957	38,741,735	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	1,467,708					1,467,708	2,650,000		2,650,000				2,650,000
Seasonal Firefighters and Engine Cost - PI 288	32,075,456					32,075,456	41,000,000		41,000,000				41,000,000
PI 224	9,328,745					9,328,745	16,000,000		16,000,000				16,000,000
Attorney General projected expenditure	(47)					(47)			-				-
	-					-	230,000		230,000				230,000
Total	42,871,863	-	-	-	-	42,871,863	59,880,000	-	59,880,000	-	-	-	59,880,000
Total of Fire Costs by Fire Category and Account	125,275,487	-	695,207.80	-	440,201	126,410,895	100,882,216	20,578,153	121,460,369	25,280,000	3,100,000.00	328,929.99	150,169,299
Actuals and Estimates to Allotments													
	GFS (001/051) & Disaster (05H/FA0)	BSA	GFF (001/020)	GFL (001/500)	LOC* (030/960)	Total - All Funds	GFS (001/052) & Disaster (05H/3A0)	BSA	GFF (001/020)	GFL (001/500)	LOC* (030/960)	Total - All Funds	
FY24 General Fund State Allotment	60,883,000					60,883,000	60,883,000					60,883,000	
FY24 Disaster Fund Allotment	12,025,000					12,025,000	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	125,275,487		695,208	-	440,201	126,410,895	100,882,216	20,578,153	25,280,000	3,100,000	328,930	150,169,299	
FY24 Supplemental Budget	27,734,000	21,143,000	11,457,500	2,555,000		62,889,500	27,734,000	21,143,000	11,457,500	2,555,000		62,889,500	
Variance	(24,633,487)	21,143,000	24,584,792	3,100,000	1,947,799	26,142,105	(240,216)	564,847	0	0	2,059,070	2,383,701	
TOTAL FY24 VARIANCE													

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FY24 Supplemental Budget Request					
Fund	Initial Request (DP)	Nov. Request (for Gov's Budget)	Final Request	Supplemental Amount Alloted	Current Variance Projections
GFS (001/051) - For FY 2024	\$ 2,284,116	\$ 44,218,949	\$ 27,733,924	\$ 27,734,000	\$ (21,376)
BSA - For FY 2024			\$ 21,142,984	\$ 21,143,000	\$ 562,224
Disaster (05H/3A0) - For FY 2024	\$ -			\$ -	
GFF (001/020) - For FY 2024	\$ 8,577,500	\$ 8,797,500	\$ 11,457,500	\$ 11,457,500	\$ -
GFL (001/500) - For FY 2024	\$ 2,655,000	\$ 2,555,000	\$ 2,555,000	\$ 2,555,000	\$ -
Totals:	\$ 13,516,616	\$ 55,571,449	\$ 62,889,408	\$ 62,889,500	\$ 540,848

Monthly Fire Suppression Report Fiscal Year Trends

Type 4 & 5 Incidents

HISTORICAL AVERAGES													Historical Average Totals		Previous 12 Months	
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun				
Prior FY Actuals	229,073	2,002,693	2,183,190	1,675,256	821,174	111,434	53,434	5,301	54,765	141,069	312,285	2,042,786	10,134,460	13,839,232		
3 Year Average	1,396,008	1,790,627	1,430,991	1,203,520	375,502	80,559	39,002	39,507	47,465	311,169	302,201	1,255,304	9,946,796	13,839,232		
5 Year Average	1,420,667	1,099,486	1,656,495	914,024	305,774	153,481	110,229	(23,684)	(971,658)	94,118	(178,499)	648,052	5,828,485	6,406,520		
10 Year Average	1,189,359	1,360,410	1,442,992	856,609	243,895	122,942	200,218	171,111	(154,829)	85,079	(314,100)	537,240	5,740,924	6,406,520		
TREND LINE BASED ON CURRENT ESTIMATE													Trend Totals		FY Running Total	
Cur. FY v. Mo. Est.	506,453	(263,548)	(209,465)	355,115	(110,543)	(104,578)	(121,838)	38,764	55,374	62,580	23,637	1,432,324	2,033,365	11,343,993		
Cur. Est. by Mo.	3,375,645	3,436,185	1,749,001	1,840,458	210,405	38,434	43,174	107,226	57,388	62,580	23,637	1,432,324	12,376,457	12,376,457		
% by Mo. of FY22	11.50%	22.91%	11.66%	12.27%	1.40%	0.26%	0.29%	0.71%	0.38%	0.20%	0.16%	9.55%	82.51%	82.51%		
HISTORICAL ACTUALS													FY Total		FY Running Total	
FY24	2,869,392	3,699,723	1,958,447	1,485,338	1,092,564	167,312	68,462	2,014	-	-	-	-	10,134,460	7,638,320		
FY23	729,073	2,002,693	2,183,190	1,675,256	821,174	111,434	53,434	5,301	54,765	141,069	312,285	2,042,786	8,361,914	7,355,941		
FY22	2,280,489	2,321,592	1,181,679	1,243,470	142,156	25,967	29,170	72,465	38,773	42,281	15,970	967,722	6,346,835	3,259,954		
FY21	580,332	1,047,936	866,104	403,885	183,177	104,277	104,277	11,344	48,857	750,129	576,347	755,405	5,486,241	4,056,320		
FY20	1,008,608	1,218,807	679,484	127,417	58,042	137,415	69,540	68,170	69,540	48,518	21,948	784,460	6,841,811	4,056,320		
FY19	2,504,274	(1,093,320)	3,371,018	1,059,711	344,319	388,313	(194,030)	(277,049)	(2,049,201)	(484,835)	(2,543,558)	(1,209,960)	(184,024)	4,056,320		
FY18	1,585,611	1,841,108	1,444,724	952,011	409,401	318,506	(66,423)	(21,753)	101,196	7,166	(428,197)	2,221,438	4,534,988	6,564,381		
FY17	721,433	1,241,516	874,495	394,119	112,476	39,793	2,574,428	667	20,220	23,631	(20,576)	1,483,435	4,490,467	5,980,947		
FY16	698,594	2,778,656	1,505,308	1,526,535	293,516	76,135	53,701	1,592,497	(114,137)	182,028	1,596,659	433,277	10,822,760	8,410,805		
FY15	995,443	1,463,403	1,792,200	1,066,123	90,673	26,396	(1,112,129)	252,220	279,307	100,889	375,000	420,966	5,750,809	4,854,034		
FY14	790,770	781,587	528,721	571,379	4,016	1,181	453	6,000	23,413	66,560	67,610	339,895	2,467,786	2,199,720		
FY13	728,645	973,329	493,700	276,093	126,029	5,441	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,461,140	2,925,934		

Description of activity: Cost associated with fire suppression on Type 4 & 5 incidents that WADNR is the jurisdictional agency on.

Estimates				Previous Estimate		Current Estimate	
Fund Type	Initial MFSR Estimate (For DP)	Nov. Estimate (For Gov's Budget)	Final Estimate				
GRF/Disaster	22,000,000	15,000,000	-	-	-	-	15,000,000
GRF	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LOC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	22,000,000	15,000,000	-	-	-	-	15,000,000

Other Agency Fires

HISTORICAL AVERAGES													Historical Average Totals		Previous 12 Months	
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun				
Prior FY Actuals	142,876	582,581	2,812,248	1,780,860	804,318	206,119	412,358	49,435	515,592	40,181	(433,709)	2,006,541	6,919,400	9,754,283		
3 Year Average	550,564	1,108,883	2,151,702	1,113,107	518,181	157,329	164,931	24,165	184,819	39,707	311,643	(52,908)	6,000,665	3,700,000		
5 Year Average	624,140	1,557,714	1,685,391	919,105	422,082	129,406	104,116	(37,206)	117,467	158,939	235,094	6,000,665	6,000,665	6,300,000		
10 Year Average	471,759	1,151,608	1,244,471	622,889	278,064	102,819	66,700	(14,818)	64,421	31,063	110,046	62,341	5,199,418	3,700,000		
TREND LINE BASED ON CURRENT ESTIMATE													Trend Totals		FY Running Total	
Cur. FY v. Mo. Est.	780,292	(466,013)	462,375	140,052	(1,261,533)	(101,649)	(55,939)	14,886	27,546	1,476,869	(2,881,998)	5,199,418	12,427,413	12,427,413		
Cur. Est. by Mo.	1,346,088	1,376,781	2,446,407	1,072,151	234,683	52,751	29,709	2,752	16,039	27,546	1,476,869	(2,881,998)	5,199,418	5,199,418		
% by Mo. of FY22	13.46%	13.77%	24.46%	10.72%	2.84%	0.20%	0.09%	0.16%	0.20%	0.17%	14.77%	-28.42%	82.51%	82.51%		
HISTORICAL ACTUALS													FY Total		FY Running Total	
FY24	565,796	1,842,784	1,983,672	932,200	1,496,216	615,052	131,358	58,690	1,153	-	-	-	6,919,400	7,306,387		
FY23	142,876	582,581	2,812,248	1,780,860	804,318	206,119	412,358	49,435	515,592	40,181	(433,709)	2,006,541	8,919,400	7,306,387		
FY22	1,205,030	1,238,006	1,212,727	679,295	299,123	120,827	25,498	2,614	14,356	24,569	1,212,727	1,212,727	10,024,234	8,641,120		
FY21	308,186	3,516,063	1,461,131	602,156	540,900	218,817	55,937	20,605	22,668	54,372	1,361	405,205	5,257,512	4,746,474		
FY20	676,821	1,000,957	248,136	166,581	(10,742)	59,936	(72,357)	23,338	7,319	43,262	49,269	141,707	2,334,726	2,100,487		
FY19	792,386	3,400,962	1,225,735	1,089,624	566,109	115,108	98,145	(282,369)	27,452	67,202	10,494	1,195,487	8,641,120	7,900,938		
FY18	609,086	2,001,978	3,400,966	1,125,009	528,974	120,886	146,241	34,601	50,996	79,479	69,529	1,641,443	10,230,211	9,060,759		
FY17	259,800	1,073,720	518,447	258,313	40,507	12,586	182	3,738	1,227	(748)	(1,518)	(1,708,919)	457,344	2,168,529		
FY16	268,950	122,735	43,294	44,890	-	407	-	-	375	3,726	15,528	30,077	529,981	480,651		
FY15	186,137	90,557	14,258	703	822	529	1,923	-	4,280	4,248	40,000	72,981	399,248	277,019		
FY14	292,914	438,524	33,710	134,189	332	394	-	-	943	2,230	9,361	91,997	900,063	900,063		
FY13	146,231	548,326	110,002	498,226	248	49	-	-	593	7,620	9,246	26,590	1,347,131	1,303,675		

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.

Estimates				Previous Estimate		Current Estimate	
Fund Type	Initial MFSR Estimate (For DP)	Nov. Estimate (For Gov's Budget)	Final Estimate				
GRF/Disaster	2,700,000	3,700,000	-	-	-	-	3,700,000
GRF	6,300,000	6,300,000	-	-	-	-	6,300,000
LOC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	9,000,000	10,000,000	-	-	-	-	10,000,000

PI 223 - Reacting to Fire Potential

HISTORICAL AVERAGES													Historical Average Totals		Previous 12 Months	
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun				
Prior FY Actuals	1,256,279	6,900,352	7,887,686	7,998,658	1,628,528	563,866	268,826	357,592	223,868	60,847	471,122	7,442,513	35,060,456	40,273,806		
3 Year Average	1,692,795	4,357,375	5,709,275	6,165,991	1,240,405	441,823	254,997	152,043	87,006	167,503	300,993	5,517,515	26,213,724	29,960,799		
5 Year Average	2,105,529	4,223,073	4,383,261	4,383,261	1,022,151	626,265	172,871	162,661	104,134	263,256	1,212,151	6,165,991	35,060,456	41,275,456		
10 Year Average	1,517,664	3,077,780	3,061,678	2,659,947	703,828	300,321	113,165	105,629	106,862	420,692	3,249,211	15,489,340	35,060,456	41,275,456		
TREND LINE BASED ON CURRENT ESTIMATE													Trend Totals		FY Running Total	
Cur. FY v. Mo. Est.	1,377,933	144,549	(1,219,027)	417,850	(7,409,590)	(2,549,267)	(160,862)	(69,256)	(250,773)	147,744	199,203	8,741,010	8,149,174	8,149,174		
Cur. Est. by Mo.	3,421,006	4,375,394	6,721,601	8,208,127	1,731,073	234,943	507,287	77,819	36,141	146,306	245,569	1,212,727	35,060,456	35,060,456		
% by Mo. of FY22	8.34%	10.67%	6.47%	22.68%	4.22%	0.55%	1.24%	0.19%	0.06%	0.36%	0.49%	21.32%	86.59%	86.59%		
HISTORICAL ACTUALS													FY Total		FY Running Total	
FY24	2,043,493	4,230,846	7,929,628	5,300,387	9,140,669	2,774,210	668,149	147,076	276,915	-	-	-	35,060,456	32,352,371		
FY23	1,256,279	6,900,352	7,887,686	7,998,658	1,628,528	563,866	268,826	357,592	223,868	60,847	471,122	7,442,513	35,060,456	22,587,123		
FY22	2,925,484	3,741,544	5,773,517	7,951,230	1,480,302	192,356	433,798	66,546	22,355	170,341	170,341	2,474,727	30,358,544	22,587,123		
FY21	1,226,622	2,430,231	3,466,623	2,515,886	672,186	569,128	62,369	31,992	14,796	315						