



**DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES**

**OFFICE OF THE
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September 20, 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 250 department fires statewide through the month of July. Total fire cost to the department for the month of July was \$20.9 million. Estimated costs for all funds in FY 2025 are \$163.9 million, putting us over the annual GF-S/Disaster appropriation by \$69.2 million and over all other appropriations by \$18.4 million (excluding Landowner Contingency).

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 (July 2024)

cc: Members of the Senate Ways & Means Committee
Members of the House Appropriations Committee
Members of the House Capital Budget Committee

Members of the Senate Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks Committee
Members of the House Rural Development, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee
Members of the House Environment & Energy Committee
Members of the Senate Environment, Energy, & Technology Committee
Office of Financial Management

Department of Natural Resources
Emergency Fire Suppression Report for Fiscal Year 2025
Executive Summary for July 2025

This report summarizes Fiscal Year 2025 fire activity, actual expenditures compared to allotments.

DNR fires YTD through July

According to monthly Intel stats, there was a statewide total of 250 DNR Fires, year-to-date, through the month of July.

Fire Suppression Costs For the Month of July

Total fire cost, of all funds, to DNR in the month of July is \$20.9 million.

Fire Suppression Cost for Fiscal Year through July

Total fire cost, of all funds, for months through July is \$20.9 million.

Estimated total costs for FY 2025 compared to FY 2025 Allotments.

For all funds, estimated costs for FY 2025 are 163.9 million. This puts us over our current appropriation of GF-S/Disaster allotment by \$69.2 million and over all other appropriations by \$18.4 (excluding Landowner Contingency).

Fire name or Category	Jurisdictional Agencies	DNR COST AS OF July 2025 (FM13, FY25)					DNR TOTAL COST FOR FY2025					
		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 FY25 Estimated Cost (ALL FUNDS)
Type 2 Fires												
PIONEER 221-LDW	DNR/USFS/WSP	1,392,939				1,392,939	18,000,000	18,000,000				18,000,000
COUGAR CREEK 221-CAT	DNR/USFS	1,377,483				1,377,483	7,710,562	7,710,562				7,710,562
RETREAT 221-CBC, CPK (FMAG)	DNR/USFS/WSP	523,277				523,277	4,576,895	4,576,895				4,576,895
SWAWILLA 1 , 221 BSQ, BPK (FMAG)		715,352				715,352	3,527,390	3,527,390				3,527,390
BRIDGE CREEK 221-ABZ		60,257				60,257	287,080	287,080				287,080
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						-						-
						-						-
						-						-
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Total Type 2 Fires		4,069,308	-	-	-	4,069,308	34,101,927	34,101,927	-	-	-	34,101,927
Type 3 Fires												
DONKEY 222-EAX		121,956			495,348	617,304				1,021,466		1,021,466
DEARINGER 221-SGB		68,112				68,112	87,593	87,593				87,593
BALSAM ROOT 221-CAF		138,395				138,395	273,174	273,174				273,174
BLACK CANYON 221-CBB		817,004				817,004	2,148,554	2,148,554				2,148,554
GOLD CREEK 221-JNY		159,603				159,603	500,000	500,000				500,000
SOUTH COLUMBIA BASIN		456,218				456,218	1,052,421	1,052,421				1,052,421
UPPER CEMETARY 221-ADD		146,506				146,506	474,540	474,540				474,540
MULLEN 221-ADK		55,506				55,506	103,106	103,106				103,106
LOWER GRANITE 221-BTF		315,991				315,991	604,359	604,359				604,359
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						-						-
						-						-
						-						-
Total Type 3 Fires		2,279,292	-	-	495,348	2,774,640	5,243,747	5,243,747	-	-	1,021,466	6,265,213
Type 4 and 5 Fires												
Other Agency Incidents		1,961,250				1,961,250	14,500,000	14,500,000				14,500,000
Out of State Fire Dispatches		1,628,642				1,628,642	4,500,000	4,500,000	6,300,000			10,800,000
Aviation Assurance to Fire Districts- PI 221		2,185,384				2,185,384	680,000	680,000	25,000,000	1,500,000		27,180,000
		180,906				180,906	180,906	180,906				180,906
Total		5,956,182	-	-	-	5,956,182	19,860,906	19,860,906	31,300,000	1,500,000	-	52,660,906
Non-Code Cost												
Reacting to Fire Potential (i.e., False Alarms, standby/staging) PI223/285		192,913				192,913	2,650,000	2,650,000				2,650,000
Seasonal Firefighters and Engine Cost - PI 288		5,434,463				5,434,463	48,000,000	48,000,000				48,000,000
PI 224:		2,566,274				2,566,274	20,000,000	20,000,000				20,000,000
Attorney General projected expenditure		-				-	-	-				-
							230,000	230,000				230,000
Total		8,193,650	-	-	-	8,193,650	70,880,000	70,880,000	-	-	-	70,880,000
Total of Fire Costs by Fire Category and Account		20,498,431	-	-	495,348	20,993,780	130,086,581	130,086,581	31,300,000	1,500,000.00	1,021,466.00	163,908,047
Actuals and Estimates to Allotments		GFS (001/052) & 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	
FY25 General Fund State Allotment		60,883,000					60,883,000					
FY25 Disaster Fund Allotment		-					-					
FY25 Current Allotments TOTAL		60,883,000	13,822,500	545,000	2,388,000	77,638,500	60,883,000	13,822,500	545,000	2,388,000	77,638,500	
Projected Costs		20,498,431	-	-	495,348	20,993,780	130,086,581	31,300,000	1,500,000	1,021,466	163,908,047	
Variance		40,384,569	13,822,500.00	545,000	1,892,652	56,644,720	(69,203,581)	(17,477,500)	(955,000)	1,366,534	(86,269,547)	

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