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NATURAL RESOURCES**

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December 28, 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 reports, 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.

For September 2022, there were 134 classified fires recorded. Total fire cost to the department for the month of September was \$28.3 million.

For October 2022, there were 102 classified fires recorded. Total fire cost to the department for the month of October was \$30 million. Estimated costs for all funds in FY 2023 are \$135.4 million. This puts us over the current GF-S/Disaster allotment by \$85.4 million and all other appropriations by \$25.9 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 (September & October 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