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March 8, 2023

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.

For December 2022, there were no classified fires recorded. Total fire cost to the department for the month of December was \$4.9 million. Estimated costs for all funds in FY 2023 are \$155.2 million. This puts us over the current allotment of GF-S/Disaster allotment by \$95.8 million and all other appropriations by \$35.5 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 (December 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

**Department of Natural Resources**  
**Emergency Fire Suppression Report for Fiscal Year 2023**  
**Executive Summary for December 2022**

This report summarizes Fiscal Year 2023 fire activity, actual expenditures compared to allotments.

**December**

According to the FIRES Summary report, we show 0 classified fires for the month of December.

**Fire Suppression Costs For the Month of December**

Total fire cost to DNR in the month of December is \$4.9 million.

**Fire Suppression Cost for Fiscal Year through December**

Total fire cost for months through December is \$105.7 million.

**Estimated total costs for FY 2023 compared to FY 2023 Allotments.**

Estimated costs for FY 2023 for all funds are \$155.2 million. This puts us over our current appropriation of GF-S/Disaster allotment by \$95.8 million, and all other appropriations by \$35.5 million.

**Adjustments to FY 2023 Allotments**

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*Allotments for FY23 were adjusted to account for FY23 funding that was used in FY22 for biennial appropriated funds. Disaster (05H/3A0) was reduced from 8,025,000 to 3,511,192, General Fund Federal (001/020) spending authority was reduced from 10,000,000 to 0, and General Fund Local (001/500) spending authority was reduced from 417,000 to 41,076. Additional general Fund Federal and General Fund Local spending authority is being requested in the FY 2023 supplemental budget request.*

Fire name or Category	Jurisdictional Agencies	DNR COST AS OF DECEMBER 2022 (FM18, FY23)					DNR TOTAL COST FOR FY2023						
		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	GFS/Disaster Fund OBLIGATED COST	DNR General Fund State/ Disaster Fund FY TOTAL COST	General Fund Federal Estimate	General Fund Local Estimate	Landowner Contingency Fund Estimate	DNR TOTAL FY22 Estimated Cost (ALL FUNDS)
<b>Type 2 Fires</b>													
VANTAGE HIGHWAY (COST SHARE)	DNR/BLM	3,869,026				3,869,026	7,022,961		7,022,961	1,163,238			8,186,199
COW CANYON	DNR	2,750,143				2,750,143	4,592,189		4,592,189				4,592,189
WHITE RIVER (COST SHARE)	DNR/ USFS	1,897,270				1,897,270	150,161		150,161				150,161
NORTH FORK (COST SHARE)	DNR/ USFS	2,401,765				2,401,765	2,308,854		2,308,854				2,308,854
BOULDER MOUNTAIN (COST SHARE)	DNR/ USFS	11,102,635			1,925	11,104,561	12,120,627		13,130,850	1,132,183			13,252,810
BOLT CREEK (COST SHARE)	DNR/ USFS	9,268,669				9,268,669	8,783,832		8,783,832	2,534,660			11,318,492
LOCH KATRINE (COST SHARE)	DNR/ USFS	827,834				827,834	2,457,287		2,457,287	1,583,346			4,040,633
NAKIA CREEK (COST SHARE)	DNR/WSP	3,390,958			477	3,391,436	7,624,875		7,624,875				7,624,875
<b>Total Type 2 Fires</b>		<b>35,508,301</b>	-	-	<b>2,403</b>	<b>35,510,703</b>	<b>45,060,786</b>	-	<b>46,071,009</b>	<b>6,413,427</b>	-	-	<b>51,474,213</b>
<b>Type 3 Fires</b>													
STAYMAN FLATS	DNR	560,369			980	561,350	706,350		706,350				706,350
WILLIAMS LAKE (COST SHARE)	DNR/ WSP	1,975,853				1,975,853	2,496,183		2,496,183				2,496,183
SUIATTLE RIVER (COST SHARE)	DNR/ USFS	358,223				358,223	333,449		333,449				333,449
SEVEN BAYS	DNR	1,358,137				1,358,137	1,987,645		1,987,645				1,987,645
8 ROAD	DNR	693,242				693,242	1,039,788		1,039,788				1,039,788
BLACK HOLE	DNR	163,561				163,561	316,791		316,791				316,791
CHINOOK (PI222)	DNR	44,683			298,607	343,290					599,824		599,824
<b>Total Type 3 Fires</b>		<b>5,154,067</b>	-	-	<b>299,587</b>	<b>5,453,655</b>	<b>6,880,206</b>	-	<b>6,880,206</b>	-	-	<b>599,824</b>	<b>7,480,030</b>
<b>Type 4 and 5 Fires</b>													
Other Agency Incidents		7,522,820			414,274	7,937,093	9,734,000		9,734,000			559,970	10,293,970
Out of State Fire Dispatches		6,564,161	-	-	-	6,564,161	3,167,626		3,167,626	3,555,374			6,723,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>16,349,131</b>	-	-	<b>-</b>	<b>16,349,131</b>	<b>964,000</b>	-	<b>964,000</b>	<b>24,439,000</b>	<b>697,000</b>	<b>559,970</b>	<b>26,100,000</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>30,436,111</b>	-	-	<b>414,274</b>	<b>30,850,384</b>	<b>13,865,626</b>	-	<b>13,865,626</b>	<b>27,994,374</b>	<b>697,000</b>	<b>559,970</b>	<b>43,116,970</b>
<b>Non-Code Cost</b>													
Reacting to Fire Potential (i.e., False Alarms, standby/staging) PI223/285		1,246,757				1,246,757	2,527,500		2,527,500				2,527,500
Seasonal Firefighters and Engine Cost - PI 288		26,332,027				26,332,027	35,939,000		35,939,000				35,939,000
PI 224: Covid Response (PI224)		6,971,816				6,971,816	14,451,000		14,451,000				14,451,000
Attorney General projected expenditure		115				115							
<b>Total</b>		<b>34,550,715</b>	-	-	<b>-</b>	<b>34,550,715</b>	<b>52,917,500</b>	<b>230,000</b>	<b>53,147,500</b>	-	-	-	<b>53,147,500</b>
<b>Total of Fire Costs by Fire Category and Account</b>		<b>105,649,194</b>	-	-	<b>716,263</b>	<b>106,365,457</b>	<b>118,724,118</b>	<b>230,000</b>	<b>119,964,341</b>	<b>34,407,801</b>	<b>697,000.00</b>	<b>1,159,793.72</b>	<b>155,218,713</b>
<b>Actuals and Estimates to Allotments</b>													
		GFS (001/052) & Disaster (05H/3A0)	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		
FY23 General Fund State Allotment		20,668,000					20,668,000						
FY23 Disaster Fund Allotment		3,511,192					3,511,192						
FY23 Current Allotments TOTAL		24,179,192		41,076	688,000	24,908,268	24,179,192		41,076	688,000	24,908,268		
Projected Costs		105,649,194	-	-	716,263	106,365,457	119,964,341	34,407,801	697,000	1,159,794	155,218,713		
Variance		(81,470,002)	-	41,076	(28,263)	(81,457,189)	(95,785,149)	(34,407,801)	(655,924)	(471,794)	(131,320,668)		
GFF and GFL overspend from FY2022									15,891,000	2,190,240			
Total 2023 Supplemental Request							95,785,149	50,298,801	2,846,164		148,930,114		
<b>Administration Costs</b>													
(Will be tracked starting in Fiscal Year 2023, when the new appropriation is available)													
<b>Total</b>													

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**FY23 Supplemental Budget Request**

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Initial Request (DP)</b>	<b>Nov. Request (for Gov's Budget)</b>	<b>Final Request</b>	<b>December</b>
GFS (001/052) - For FY 2023	\$ 25,697,000	\$ 72,056,478	\$ 95,785,149	\$ 95,785,149
Disaster (05H/3A0) - For FY 2023	\$ -			
GFF (001/020) - For FY 2023	\$ 19,000,000	\$ 25,553,823	\$ 34,407,801	\$ 34,407,801
GFF (001/020) - From FY 2022	\$ 15,891,000	\$ 15,891,000	\$ 15,891,000	\$ 15,891,000
GFL (001/500) - For FY 2023			\$ 655,924	\$ 655,924
GFL (001/500) - From FY 2022	\$ 2,190,240	\$ 2,190,240	\$ 2,190,240	\$ 2,190,240
<b>Totals:</b>	\$ 62,778,240	\$ 115,691,541	\$ 148,930,114	\$ 148,930,114
	<i>Comments: In FY 2022 DNR expended \$26,251,000 in GFF and \$2,190,000 in GFL more than anticipated on Suppression activities. DNR is requesting, as part of the Supplemental budget request, spending authority for GFF and GFL to replace the unanticipated GFF and GFL expenditures.</i>	<i>Comments:</i>	<i>Comments:</i>	

