



**DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES**

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September 22, 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 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 260 department fires statewide through the month of July. Total fire cost to the department for the month of July was \$13.3 million. Estimated costs for all funds in FY 2024 are \$110.4 million. This puts us over the current GF-S/Disaster appropriation by \$2.1 million and all other appropriations by \$6.7 million. DNR has submitted an FY24 Supplemental Budget request to address this shortfall.

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 2023)

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 2024
Executive Summary for July 2023

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

DNR fires YTD through July

According to monthly Intel stats, there was a statewide total of 260 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 \$13.3 million.

Fire Suppression Cost for Fiscal Year through July

Total fire cost, of all funds, for months through July is \$13.3 million.

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

For all funds, estimated costs for FY 2024 are \$110.4 million. This puts us over our current appropriation of GF-S/Disaster allotment by \$2.1 million and over all other appropriations by \$6.7 million.

Fire name or Category	Jurisdictional Agencies	DNR COST AS OF JUNE 2023 (FM01, 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	DNR General Fund State/ Disaster Fund 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	DNR/ BLM/ WSP	331,216				331,216	5,919,085	5,919,085				5,919,085
TUNNEL FIVE (COST SHARE)	DNR/ WSP	2,220,110				2,220,110	3,817,426	3,817,426				3,817,426
NEWELL ROAD (COST SHARE)	DNR/ BLM/ BIA	769,640				769,640	6,160,117	6,160,117				6,160,117
Total Type 2 Fires		3,320,967	-	-	-	3,320,967	15,896,628	15,896,628				15,896,628
Type 3 Fires												
MCEWAN (COST SHARE)	DNR/ WSP	496,138				496,138	2,246,213	2,246,213				2,246,213
MORAN CREEK (COST SHARE) - PI 222 (LOC)	DNR/ USFS	2,030			241,316	243,346				342,032		342,032
SILVER STAR	DNR	38,902				38,902	38,902	38,902				38,902
WEST HALLETT	DNR	39,531				39,531	1,020,974	1,020,974				1,020,974
ROZA CREEK (COST SHARE)	DNR/ BLM	119,349				119,349	57,083	57,083				57,083
Total Type 3 Fires		695,951	-	-	241,316	937,266	3,363,172	3,363,172	-	-	342,032	3,705,204
Type 4 and 5 Fires												
Other Agency Incidents		2,869,192			41,103	2,910,295	12,000,000	12,000,000				12,000,000
Out of State Fire Dispatches		528,236				528,236	2,700,000	2,700,000	6,300,000			9,000,000
Total		1,029,877	-	-	-	1,029,877	680,000	680,000	16,320,000	500,000	-	17,500,000
Total		4,427,305	-	-	41,103	4,468,408	15,380,000	15,380,000	22,620,000	500,000	-	38,500,000
Non-Code Cost												
Reacting to Fire Potential (i.e., False Alarms, standby/staging) PI223/285		190,352				190,352	2,650,000	2,650,000				2,650,000
Seasonal Firefighters and Engine Cost - PI 288		2,043,493				2,043,493	35,100,000	35,100,000				35,100,000
PI 224: Covid Response (PI224)		2,333,916				2,333,916	14,300,000	14,300,000				14,300,000
Attorney General projected expenditure		(47)				(47)						
Total		4,567,715	-	-	-	4,567,715	52,280,000	52,280,000	-	-	-	52,280,000
Total of Fire Costs by Fire Category and Account		13,011,937	-	-	282,419	13,294,356	86,919,800	71,023,172	22,620,000	500,000.00	342,032.00	110,381,832
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					8,025,000					
FY24 Current Allotments TOTAL		68,908,000	13,822,500	545,000	2,388,000	85,663,500	68,908,000	13,822,500	545,000	2,388,000	85,663,500	
Projected Costs		13,011,937	-	-	282,419	13,294,356	71,023,172	22,620,000	500,000	342,032	110,381,832	
Variance		55,896,063	13,822,500.00	545,000	2,105,581	72,369,144	(2,115,172)	(8,797,500)	45,000	2,045,968	(8,821,704)	

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Monthly Fire Suppression Report Fiscal Year Trends

Type 4 & 5 Incidents													Historical Average		Previous 12 Months		Estimates						
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total	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	12	GPS/Disaster	12,000,000	-	-	-	12,000,000			
3 Year Average	1,376,098	1,790,621	1,423,991	1,201,230	375,007	80,559	39,000	20,697	47,665	211,100	202,201	1,256,304	7,946,736	12	GFF	-	-	-	-	-			
5 Year Average	1,420,667	1,099,486	1,656,495	1,514,024	305,774	151,481	103,229	214,684	(37,658)	94,118	(178,499)	648,052	5,828,485	12	GFL	-	-	-	-	-			
10 Year Average	1,189,359	1,360,410	1,442,992	856,609	243,895	122,842	200,218	171,111	(154,820)	85,079	(114,300)	537,240	5,740,924	12	LOC	-	-	-	-	-			
TREND LINE BASED ON CURRENT ESTIMATE													Trend Totals										
Cur. FY % Mo. Est	(168.67)	2,748,948	1,399,201	1,472,367	168,324	30,747	34,540	85,781	49,510	50,064	18,510	1,145,859	7,031,974	12	Comments:	Comments:	Comments:	Comments:	Comments:	Comments:			
Cur. Est. by Mo.	2,700,516	2,748,948	1,399,201	1,472,367	168,324	30,747	34,540	85,781	49,510	50,064	18,510	1,145,859	5,901,166	12									
% by Mo. of FY22	22.50%	22.91%	11.46%	12.77%	1.40%	0.26%	0.29%	0.71%	0.43%	0.18%	0.16%	8.55%	82.51%										
HISTORICAL ACTUALS													FY Total										
FY24	2,809,192	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
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	12									
FY22	2,280,689	2,321,592	1,181,679	1,243,470	142,136	25,767	29,170	72,445	38,771	42,261	15,970	967,722	8,361,914	12									
FY21	580,132	1,047,296	886,104	403,780	183,177	104,277	72,402	11,344	48,973	701,178	578,307	750,405	5,263,836	12									
FY20	1,028,668	1,078,827	678,484	377,817	117,415	428,120	69,140	48,518	54,540	1,268	1,844	544,602	5,486,241	12									
FY19	2,504,574	(1,099,320)	3,373,018	1,059,711	344,319	388,113	(194,000)	(277,000)	(2,049,201)	(484,831)	(344,538)	(1,209,966)	(184,024)	2,504,574	12								
FY18	1,583,611	1,841,308	1,446,724	924,211	409,401	131,506	(86,421)	101,196	7,166	(4,558,197)	2,221,438	454,988	1,583,611	12									
FY17	775,438	1,241,978	1,742,491	301,218	112,476	89,791	2,575,709	567	20,220	13,611	(283,100)	1,480,833	4,404,417	12									
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	2,596,609	633,277	10,822,769	12									
FY15	995,843	1,464,401	1,782,300	1,066,121	90,673	26,396	(1,112,129)	252,220	279,307	100,809	375,000	430,366	5,750,809	12									
FY14	790,720	783,587	528,721	37,179	4,016	1,181	453	6,000	21,411	166,560	67,620	139,895	2,467,790	12									
FY13	726,445	973,511	891,720	296,093	5,611	1,329	13,366	9,996	3,701	112,794	222,141	200,007	3,461,163	12									
Description of activity: Cost associated with fire suppression on Type 4 & 5 incidents that WADNR is the jurisdictional agency on.																							

Other Agency Fires													Historical Average		Previous 12 Months		Estimates					
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total	Months	Fund Type	Initial MFSR Estimate (For DP)	Nov. Estimate (For Gov's Budget)	Final Estimate	Previous Estimate	Current Estimate		
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	(633,209)	2,006,541	8,919,400	12	GPS/Disaster	2,700,000	-	-	-	2,700,000		
3 Year Average	550,564	1,108,883	2,151,702	1,131,107	518,181	157,239	164,931	24,165	184,189	311,643	(52,308)	6,271,493	30,359,546	12	GFF	6,300,000	-	-	-	6,300,000		
5 Year Average	426,140	1,101,724	1,686,391	939,105	422,862	139,656	106,116	(17,286)	112,467	49,917	198,939	2,836,046	6,004,656	12	GFL	-	-	-	-	-		
10 Year Average	473,759	1,151,608	1,248,471	630,681	278,624	178,674	144,839	66,421	114,839	110,064	62,341	4,253,713	8,919,400	12	LOC	-	-	-	-	-		
TREND LINE BASED ON CURRENT ESTIMATE													Trend Totals									
Cur. FY % Mo. Est	683,249	1,239,103	2,201,442	964,931	211,215	47,475	26,738	2,477	14,435	24,791	1,239,123	(2,593,739)	4,131,240	12	Comments:	Comments:	Comments:	Comments:	Comments:	Comments:		
Cur. Est. by Mo.	1,211,480	1,239,103	2,201,442	964,931	211,215	47,475	26,738	2,477	14,435	24,791	1,239,123	(2,593,739)	6,479,796	12								
% by Mo. of FY22	11.40%	11.37%	24.46%	10.77%	3.07%	0.36%	0.38%	0.03%	0.10%	0.20%	14.77%	-28.47%	51.99%									
HISTORICAL ACTUALS													FY Total									
FY24	528,236	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
FY23	142,876	582,581	2,812,248	1,780,860	804,318	206,119	412,358	49,435	515,592	40,181	(633,209)	2,006,541	8,919,400	12								
FY22	1,200,610	1,278,026	2,181,727	956,295	509,333	47,950	26,498	2,454	14,306	24,550	1,117,278	(2,370,520)	4,647,569	12,000,630	12							
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	12								
FY20	676,221	1,000,967	248,126	166,581	101,242	59,936	(72,357)	23,338	7,319	43,262	49,269	141,707	2,334,726	12								
FY19	792,186	1,460,962	1,723,711	1,009,624	566,208	115,108	98,145	(281,301)	27,421	67,202	10,484	1,156,887	8,864,126	12								
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	12								
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	12								
FY16	268,950	1,227,275	43,294	44,890	407	-	-	-	375	3,276	15,528	30,077	529,961	12								
FY15	166,137	368,931	701	701	422	394	-	-	428	4,290	4,290	73,981	396,248	12								
FY14	292,914	438,524	33,710	134,189	332	394	-	-	343	2,230	9,361	911,997	292,914	12								
FY13	146,231	548,326	110,002	498,226	248	49	-	-	593	7,620	9,246	26,590	1,467,131	12								
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 Average		Previous 12 Months		Estimates					
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total	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	7,887,688	7,998,858	1,628,528	543,986	268,826	357,592	223,868	60,847	471,122	7,442,513	35,000,456	12	GPS/Disaster	35,100,000	-	-	-	35,100,000		
3 Year Average	1,801,795	6,357,375	3,700,271	6,301,491	1,500,495	449,331	354,097	151,041	205,097	151,041	205,097	1,517,501	26,213,737	12	GFF	-	-	-	-	-		
5 Year Average	2,105,529	4,223,073	4,654,421	4,383,161	2,022,487	626,362	173,687	104,225	49,275	158,898	447,185	4,646,708	22,551,531	12	GFL	-	-	-	-	-		
10 Year Average	1,517,864	1,077,780	1,061,671	2,609,947	703,828	412,461	100,321	111,165	65,329	106,862	420,692	1,249,211	15,489,340	12	LOC	-	-	-	-	-		
TREND LINE BASED ON CURRENT ESTIMATE													Trend Totals									
Cur. FY % Mo. Est	895,200	1,745,764	1,780,220	7,801,271	1,481,171	192,719	48,227	66,621	22,380	126,463	170,317	7,483,158	75,496,293	12	Comments:	Comments:	Comments:	Comments:	Comments:	Comments:		
Cur. Est. by Mo.	2,029,785	3,255,764	3,780,220	7,860,191	2,481,872	192,873	434,287	66,621	22,380	126,463	170,317	7,483,158	30,392,786	12								
% by Mo. of FY22	8.34%	10.67%	16.47%	22.68%	4.22%	0.55%	1.24%	0.19%	0.06%	0.36%	0.49%	21.17%	86.59%									
HISTORICAL ACTUALS													FY Total									
FY24	2,043,493	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
FY23	1,256,279	6,900,352	7,887,688	7,998,858	1,628,528	543,986	268,826	357,592	223,868	60,847	471,122	7,442,513	35,000,456	12								
FY22	2,025,484	3,741,544	5,773,517	7,951,210	1,480,302	192,166	433,798	66,548	22,355	126,141	170,345	7,424,727	30,359,546	12								
FY21	1,226,622	2,430,211	1,446,623	2,510,896	672,386	508,128	82,309	31,992	34,796	333,322	293,122	1,616,304	13,322,17									