



**DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES**

**OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC
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October 20, 2021

The Honorable Bernard Dean
Chief Clerk of the House
338B Legislative Building
Olympia, WA 98504

The Honorable Brad Hendrickson
Secretary of the Senate
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Olympia, WA 98504

Dear Chief Clerk Dean and Secretary Hendrickson:

Please accept the enclosed report, submitted on behalf of the Department of Natural Resources ("Department"), as directed by the Legislature in the 2020 Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6168. 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.

There were 218 classified fires recorded in August 2021. Total fire cost to the department for the month of August was \$30.7 million. Estimated costs for FY 2022 are \$90.3 million as compared to the FY GF-S/Disaster allotment of \$28.7 million. This puts us over the current allotment of GF-S/Disaster & Supplemental by \$61.6 million.

Unfortunately, Washington has seen a record-breaking number of wildfires so far this season. More than 1,650 fires around the state, more than the total number of fires in all of 2020, have burned almost a half a million acres statewide.

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 Costs and Number of Fires (August 2021)

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Enclosed: Monthly Fire Suppression Report FY 2021_August_Final

Department of Natural Resources
Emergency Fire Suppression Report for Fiscal Year 2022
Executive Summary for August 2022

This report summarizes Fiscal Year 2022 fire activity, actual expenditures compared to allotments.

August

According to the EIRS Summary report, we show 218 classified fires for the month of August.

Fire Suppression Costs For the Month of August

Total fire cost to DNR in the month of August is \$30.7 million.

Fire Suppression Cost for Fiscal Year through August

Total fire cost for months through August is \$49.8 million.

Estimated total costs for FY 2022 compared to FY 2022 Allotments.

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Fire name or Category	Jurisdictional Agencies	County	First Attack Date (Wildcard Data)	Cause	DNR COST AS OF AUGUST 2021 (FM02, FY22)					DNR TOTAL COST FOR FY2022					
					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
Type 3 Fires															
CDAR CREEK (COSTSHARE)	DNR/ WSP/ USFS				891,577				891,577	1,375,810		1,375,810		1,375,810	
DRY GULCH (COSTSHARE)	DNR/USFS				3,836,402				3,836,402	8,406,933		8,406,933		8,406,933	
LICK CREEK (COSTSHARE)	DNR/USFS				477,497				477,497	552,806		552,806		552,806	
GREEN RIDGE (COSTSHARE)	DNR/USFS				1,212,666				1,212,666	53,000		53,000		53,000	
RED APPLE (COSTSHARE)	DNR/USFS/BLM/WSP				2,071,272				2,071,272	2,211,708		2,211,708		2,211,708	
SCHNEIDER SPRINGS (COSTSHARE)	DNR/ USFS				471,544				471,544	471,544		471,544		471,544	
TWENTYFIVE MILE (COSTSHARE)	DNR/ USFS				495,854				495,854	495,854		495,854		495,854	
MUCKAMUCK (COSTSHARE)	DNR/USFS/BLM/WSP				87,135				87,135	701,789		701,789		701,789	
Type 2 Fires															
CHUWEAH CREEK (COSTSHARE)	DNR/ BIA				1,600,489				1,600,489	186,367		186,367		186,367	
CUR CREEK 2 (COSTSHARE)	DNR/ WSP/ USFS				1,599,833				1,599,833	5,491,500		5,491,500		5,491,500	
SHERWOOD (COSTSHARE)	DNR/ BIA				1,000,942				1,000,942	2,068,459		2,068,459		2,068,459	
SUMMIT TRAIL (COSTSHARE)	DNR/BIA				1,459,012				1,459,012	2,900,029		2,900,029		2,900,029	
FORD CORNSCREW (COSTSHARE)	DNR/ WSP				593,857				593,857	4,220,549		4,220,549		4,220,549	
WHITMORE (COSTSHARE)	DNR/BIA				453,346				453,346	2,592,576		2,592,576		2,592,576	
CHICKADEE CREEK	DNR				649,768.08				649,768.08	5,121,017		5,121,017		5,121,017	
WALKER CREEK/ SPUR (COSTSHARE)	DNR/USFS/BLM				1,402,483.58				1,402,484	2,196,439		2,196,439		2,196,439	
Total Type 1 & 2 Fires					18,303,478				18,303,479	39,046,380		39,046,380		39,046,380	
Type 3 Fires															
ANDRUS (COSTSHARE)	DNR/ WSP				1,231,971				1,231,971	1,569,417		1,569,417		1,569,417	
GODDARD ROAD (COSTSHARE)	DNR/WSP				1,560,167				1,560,167	3,139,488		3,139,488		3,139,488	
NELSON CREEK	DNR				497,368				497,368	1,083,322		1,083,322		1,083,322	
DEEP LAKE	DNR				227,558				227,558	453,871		453,871		453,871	
HARDESTY VALLEY	DNR/WSP				154,797				154,797	244,366		244,366		244,366	
HAZARD HILL	DNR/WSP				161,253				161,253	766,988		766,988		766,988	
MCWIP	DNR				172,249				172,249	334,954		334,954		334,954	
SPRUCE CANYON	DNR				1,196,144				1,196,144	2,400,399		2,400,399		2,400,399	
SUMMIT TRAIL	DNR/BIA				1,459,012				1,459,012	1,165,214		1,165,214		1,165,214	
LYLE HILL (COSTSHARE)	DNR/WSP				367,765				367,765	452,759		452,759		452,759	
MOE CANYON (COSTSHARE)	DNR/ USFS				380,425				380,425	187,234		187,234		187,234	
NINE MINE	DNR				438,948				438,948	1,434,233		1,434,233		1,434,233	
Total Type 3 Fires					7,847,657				7,847,657	13,252,245		13,252,245		13,252,245	
Type 4 and 5 Fires															
Other Agency Incidents					5,294,052				5,294,052	1,100,000		1,100,000	4,400,000	5,500,000	
Out of State Fire Dispatches					3,509,117			345	3,509,461	680,000		680,000	16,320,000	17,000,000	
Total					13,405,450			345	13,405,795	7,780,000		7,780,000	20,720,000	28,500,000	
Non-Code Cost															
Reacting to Fire Potential (i.e. False Alarms, standby/staging) P123					377,851				377,851	2,000,000		2,000,000		2,000,000	
Seasonal Firefighters and Engine Cost - P1238					6,667,028				6,667,028	4,000,000	10,000,000	14,000,000		14,000,000	
P1224: Covid Response (P1224)					3,212,765				3,212,765			14,000,000		14,000,000	
Attorney General projected expenditure					13				13			230,000		230,000	
Total					10,257,656				10,257,656	6,000,000	24,230,000	30,230,000		30,230,000	
Total of Fire Costs by Fire Category and Account					49,814,242			344.64	49,814,587	66,076,625	24,230,000	90,308,625	20,720,000	111,028,625	
Actuals and Estimates to Allotments					GFS (001/052) & Disaster (05H/36H)	GFF (001/020)	GFL (001/500)	LOC* (030/960)	Total - All Funds		GFS (001/052) & Disaster (05H/36H)	GFF (001/020)	GFL (001/500)	LOC* (030/960)	Total - All Funds
FY22 General Fund State Allotment					20,668,000				20,668,000					20,668,000	
FY22 Disaster Fund Allotment					8,025,000				8,025,000					8,025,000	
FY22 Current Allotments TOTAL					28,693,000	10,359,500	417,000	688,000	40,157,500	28,693,000	10,359,500		417,000	688,000	
Projected Costs					49,814,242			345	49,814,587	90,308,625	20,720,000			111,028,625	
Variance					(21,121,242)	10,359,500	417,000	687,655	(9,657,086)	(61,615,625)	(10,360,500)			(70,971,125)	

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About 300 project codes weren't captured on the original June report, totaling \$1.5 million of GFS funding. Several project codes were miscoded to PI 221 that should have been coded elsewhere, totaling \$.8 million of GFS funding. Cell G63 (and K63) show the total of the two findings above, and this accounts for \$2.3 million of the unexpected overage.

In order to close this identified gap, fire business staff have met with all staff responsible for auditing the data and completing the report to review the monthly fire suppression cost manual. They've reviewed the steps to ensure that all project codes are being accounted for, and the processes for double-checking coding to minimize errors and complete corrections when necessary.

Our original June report showed us overspent by \$.9 million, and the expenditures detailed above account for the other \$3.6 million overage, thus equaling the total \$4.5 million variance shown in cell G74, on our revised June report.

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