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**OFFICE OF THE
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March 26, 2026

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 (DNR), as directed by the Legislature in the 2025-2027 Operating Budget (Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5167). Section 310 (4) of the bill directs DNR 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 725 DNR fires statewide through the month of January. Total fire cost to DNR for the month of January was \$3.3 million. Estimated costs for all funds in FY 2026 are \$288.2 million, putting us over the annual GF-S/Disaster appropriation by \$142.1 million and over all other appropriations by \$37.1 million, excluding Landowner Contingency.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 253-740-6772 or Pat.Sullivan@dnr.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Pat Sullivan
Director of Governmental and External Affairs
Office of the Commissioner of Public Lands

Enclosure: Legislative Report - Monthly Fire Suppression Report (January 2026)

cc: Members of the Senate Ways & Means Committee
Members of the House Appropriations Committee
Members of the Senate Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee
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Members of the House Environment & Energy Committee
Members of the Senate Environment, Energy, & Technology Committee
Office of Financial Management

Emergency Fire Suppression Report for Fiscal Year 26
Executive Summary for January 2026

This report summarizes Fiscal Year 26 fire activity, actual expenditures compared to allotments.

DNR fires YTD through January

According to monthly Intel stats, there was a statewide total of 725 DNR Fires, year-to-date, through the month of January.

Fire Suppression Costs For the Month of January

Total fire cost, of all funds, to DNR in the month of January is \$3.3 million

Fire Suppression Cost for Fiscal Year through January

Total fire cost, of all funds, for months through January is \$218.3 million

Estimated total costs for FY 2026 compared to FY 2026 Allotments.

For all funds, estimated costs for FY 26 are \$288.2 million. This exceeds our FY 2026 General Fund-State appropriation by \$142.1 million and over all other appropriations by \$37.1 million, excluding Landowner Contingency.

				DNR ACTUAL COST AS OF January 2026 (FM07, FY26)					DNR TOTAL ESTIMATED COST FOR FY26							
Incident Name	Cost Share	Jurisdictional Agencies (Paying agency listed first and bolded)	Region	DNR General Fund State/ Disaster Fund Actuals	General Fund Federal Actuals	General Fund Local Actuals	Landowner Contingency Fund Actuals	Cumulative Actual	GFS/Disaster Actual + Estimated Cost Reported	GFS/Disaster Fund Obligated Cost	DNR GFS (001/051)/ Disaster Fund (05H/090) FY Total Cost	General Fund Federal Estimate (001/020)	General Fund Local (001/500) Estimate	Landowner Contingency Fund (030/960) Estimate	DNR TOTAL FY26 Estimated Cost (ALL FUNDS)	
Complex Incidents																
Lake Spokane	Yes	DNR/WSP	NE	5,436,616				5,436,616	8,462,594		8,462,594				8,462,594	
Hope	Yes	DNR/WSP/NPS/USFS	NE	24,707,140				24,707,140	25,600,232		25,600,232				25,600,232	
Kinkaid Creek	Yes	BIA/DNR	NE	175,417				175,417	823,605		823,605				823,605	
Blackhawk Mountain	Yes	DNR/BLM	NE	517,392				517,392	507,158		507,158	10,234			517,392	
Crown Creek	Yes	DNR/BLM/WSP	NE	23,570,408				23,570,408	29,228,465		29,228,465				29,228,465	
Katy Creek	Yes	USFS/DNR	NE	2,377,524				2,377,524	3,221,333		3,221,333				3,221,333	
Tacoma Creek	Yes	USFS/DNR/USDFW	NE	18,214,543				18,214,543	3,028,327		3,028,327	15,376,626			18,404,953	
Rattlesnake	Yes	DNR/BIA	NE	1,666,277				1,666,277	3,171,820		3,171,820				3,171,820	
Lynx Mountain	Yes	BIA/DNR	NE	923,374				923,374	960,677		960,677	233,379			1,194,056	
Bear Gulch	Yes	USFS/DNR/NPS/WSP	SPS	4,761,687				4,761,687	2,056,318		2,056,318	3,001,563			5,057,881	
Burdoin	Yes	DNR/USFS/BIA/WSP	SE	13,088,988				13,088,988	10,781,758		10,781,758	998,404			11,780,162	
Lower Sugarloaf	Yes	USFS/DNR/WSP	SE	5,494,439				5,494,439	17,646,866		17,646,866				17,646,866	
Labor Mountain	Yes	USFS/DNR/WSP	SE	4,711,907				4,711,907	11,597,519		11,597,519				11,597,519	
Total Complex Incidents				105,645,712				105,645,712	117,086,673		117,086,673	19,620,206			136,706,879	
Type 3 Incidents																
Siegel	Yes	DNR/WSP	NE	929,152				929,152	762,325		762,325				762,325	
Western Pines	Yes	DNR/WSP/BLM/NPS	NE	7,062,743				7,062,743	7,308,315		7,308,315				7,308,315	
Blackhawk	No	DNR	NE	687,388				687,388	687,388		687,388				687,388	
Stud Horse	Yes	DNR/BLM/WSP	NE	776,276				776,276	1,242,296		1,242,296				1,242,296	
Castle Rock	No	DNR	NE	2,439,669				2,439,669	2,439,669		2,439,669				2,439,669	
Crescent Road	Yes	DNR/WSP	NE	3,253,164				3,253,164	3,149,973		3,149,973				3,149,973	
Grand	No	DNR	NE	1,675,092				1,675,092	1,675,092		1,675,092				1,675,092	
Sugar	Yes	DNR/USFS	NE	631,307				631,307	27,096		27,096	604,210			631,306	
Greenacres	Yes	DNR/WSP	NE	703,228				703,228	169,477		169,477				169,477	
Toonerville	Yes	DNR/WSP	SPS	1,239,650				1,239,650	1,221,428		1,221,428				1,221,428	
Hamma	Yes	USFS/DNR	SPS	1,823,131				1,823,131	2,047,401		2,047,401				2,047,401	
Apple Acres	Yes	BLM/BIA/DNR/WSP	NE	1,510,187				1,510,187	2,112,367		2,112,367				2,112,367	
Sun Country	Yes	WSP/DNR	SE	1,007,411				1,007,411	1,141,764		1,141,764				1,141,764	
Total Type 3 Incidents				23,738,396				23,738,396	23,984,591		23,984,591	604,210			24,588,801	
Type 4 and 5 Incidents																
Other Agency Assist Incidents				15,129,485				15,129,485	18,500,000		18,500,000	1,500,000			20,000,000	
Out of State Fire Dispatches				12,597,077	99,821			12,696,898	400,000		400,000	9,000,000	4,500,000		13,900,000	
1498 Aviation Assurance to Fire Districts- PI 221				11,781,753				11,781,753	800,000		800,000	10,500,000	10,500,000		21,800,000	
Total				40,674,090	99,821			40,773,911	20,865,775		20,865,775	21,000,000	15,000,000		56,865,775	
Non-Coded 221 (PI 221 with no project code)																
Reacting to a Fire Potential (PI 223/285)				1,289,800				1,289,800	2,400,000		2,400,000				2,400,000	
Landowner Participation (PI 222)				35,615,370			41,623	35,615,370	45,000,000		45,000,000			2,388,000	45,000,000	
Seasonal Suppression Cost (PI 288)				10,235,199				10,235,199	20,000,000		20,000,000				20,000,000	
Non-Wildland Fire Emergency Response (PI 224)				774,158				774,158	-		-				-	
AG projection (INA-INZ Fire Investigation)				20,458				20,458	230,000		230,000				230,000	
Total				47,934,985			41,623	47,976,608	67,630,000		67,630,000			2,388,000	70,018,000	
Total of Fire Costs by Fire Category and Account				217,993,183	99,821		41,623	218,134,627	229,567,039		229,567,039	41,224,416	15,000,000	2,388,000	288,179,455	
				GFS (001/051) & Disaster (05H/090)					GFS (001/051) & Disaster (05H/090)							
Actuals and Estimates to Allotments				79,470,000	17,753,250	1,416,000	2,388,000	101,027,250	79,470,000	17,753,200	1,416,000	2,388,000	101,027,200			
FY26 General Fund State Allotment				8,025,000				8,025,000	8,025,000						8,025,000	
FY26 Disaster Fund Allotment																
FY26 Supplemental																
Total FY26 Current Allotments				87,495,000	17,753,250	1,416,000	2,388,000	109,052,250			87,495,000	17,753,200	1,416,000	2,388,000	109,052,200	
Projected Costs				217,993,183	99,821		41,623	218,134,627	229,567,039		229,567,039	41,224,416	15,000,000	2,388,000	288,179,455	
Variance				(130,498,183)	17,653,429	1,416,000	2,346,377	(109,082,377)			(142,072,039)	(23,471,216)	(13,584,000)		(179,127,255)	

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FY26 Supplemental Budget Request			
Fund	Initial Request (DP)	Nov. Request (for Gov's Budget)	Final Request
GFS (001/051) - For FY 2026	\$ 44,768,160	\$ 139,230,410	\$ 141,291,360
Disaster (05H/090) - For FY 2026	\$ -		
GFF (001/020) - For FY 2026		\$ 23,989,076	\$ 23,471,166
GFL (001/500) - For FY 2026	\$ 11,884,000	\$ 13,584,000	\$ 13,584,000
Totals:	\$ 56,652,160	\$ 176,803,486	\$ 178,346,526
	Comments:	Comments: 15 Complex fires in FY26 vs 5 in FY25. Few Type 4 fires have cost shares and need GFF allotment. Heavy Activitiy Sept and Oct. NE and SE Regions.	Comments:

Aviation

Aviation Assurance by County		FM 1	FM 2	FM 3	FM 4	FM 5	FM 6	FM 7	FM 8	Total
Adams	IJA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Asotin	IJB	1,458.12	4,151.13	85,083.65	6,008.31	-	-	72,254.92	-	168,956.13
Benton	IJC	3,662.54	42,911.00	165,193.69	101,642.38	7,420.25	(46.45)	(326.05)	-	320,457.36
Chelan	IJD	-	106.91	-	-	-	-	-	-	106.91
Clallam	IJE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Clark	IJF	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Columbia	IJG	1,189.44	-	9,777.95	-	-	-	-	-	10,967.39
Cowlitz	IJH	4,205.35	569.66	-	-	-	-	(4,205.35)	-	569.66
Douglas	IJI	4,620.52	7,625.47	113,696.63	106,675.09	16,975.05	-	(2,889.27)	-	246,793.49
Ferry	IJJ	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Franklin	IJK	3,476.25	59,266.71	17,519.59	-	-	-	0.50	-	80,263.55
Garfield	IJL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grant	IJM	208.16	258.58	44,355.13	3,629.54	99.96	(33.08)	-	-	48,518.29
Grays	IJN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Island	IJO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jefferson	IJP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
King	IJQ	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kitsap	IJR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kittitas	IJS	2,738.47	18,676.95	6,568.51	56.26	421.96	0.50	-	-	28,462.65
Klickitat	IJT	-	-	244.48	-	-	-	0.40	-	244.88
Lewis	IJU	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lincoln	IJV	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mason	IJW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Okanogan	IJX	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pacific	IJY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pend	IJZ	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pierce	IKA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
San	IKB	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Skagit	IKC	-	203.28	-	-	(203.28)	-	-	-	-
Skamania	IKD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Snohomish	IKE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spokane	IKF	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stevens	IKG	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thurston	IKH	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wahkiakum	IKI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Walla	IKJ	9,757.17	3,050.24	27,888.29	1,788.91	-	1.00	-	-	42,485.61
Whatcom	IKK	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whitman	IKL	1,491.02	3,906.02	40,701.84	2,066.80	640.64	(13.66)	-	-	48,792.66
Yakima	IKM	15,836.80	77,908.80	48,213.23	15,737.43	11,549.78	0.33	-	-	169,246.37
Total Aviation		48,644.34	218,634.75	559,242.99	237,604.72	36,904.36	(90.46)	64,834.25	-	1,165,774.95

Other Agency By Region

Region	GFS	GFF	GFL	Total
NE Region	2,682,112.49	99,821.40	-	2,781,934
SE Region	9,159,934.25	-	-	9,159,934
OLY Region	171,231.34	-	-	171,231
PC Region	101,358.81	-	-	101,359
SPS Region	208,717.27	-	-	208,717
NW Region	273,722.58	-	-	273,723
Total Other Agency	12,597,076.74	99,821.40	-	12,696,898.14