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NATURAL RESOURCES**

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April 17, 2024

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 fiscal year-to-date basis, there have been 692 department fires statewide through the month of February. Total fire cost to the department for the month of February was \$1.2 million. Estimated costs for all funds in FY 2024 are \$150.02 million. This puts us over the current GF-S/ Disaster appropriation by \$21 thousand and under our current Budget Stabilization Account appropriation in SSB 6100 by \$562 thousand. Our current projected variance on all other appropriations is \$0, excluding Landowner Contingency.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 360-764-0013 or Brian.Considine@dnr.wa.gov.

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Enclosure: Legislative Report - Monthly Fire Suppression Report (February 2024)

cc: Members of the Senate Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks Committee
Members of the House Agriculture and 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 February 2024

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

DNR fires FYTD through February

According to monthly Intel stats, there was a statewide total of 692 DNR Fires, fiscal-year-to-date, through the month of February.

Fire Suppression Costs For the Month of February

Total fire cost, of all funds, to DNR in the month of February is \$1.2 million.

Fire Suppression Cost for Fiscal Year through February

Total fire cost, of all funds, for months through February is \$125.6 million.

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

For all funds, estimated costs for FY 2024 are \$150.02 million. This puts us over our current appropriation of GF-S/Disaster by \$21 thousand, and under our current appropriation for BSA by \$562 thousand. Our current projected variance on all other appropriations is \$0*.

**Excluding LOC*

Fire name or Category	DNR COST AS OF FEBRUARY 2024 (FM08, FY24)						DNR TOTAL COST FOR FY2024						
	DNR General Fund State/ Disaster Fund Actuals	Budget Stabilization Account	General Fund Federal Actuals	General Fund Local Actuals	Landowner Contingency Fund Actuals	CUMULATIVE ACTUALS	GFS/Disaster Fund ACTUALS + ESTIMATED COST	Budget Stabilization Account	DNR General Fund State/ Disaster Fund/BSA 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	7,117,625					7,117,625	6,587,362		6,587,362				6,587,362
TUNNEL FIVE (COST SHARE)	5,235,224					5,235,224	4,741,780		4,741,780				4,741,780
NEWELL ROAD (COST SHARE)	5,348,174					5,348,174	5,368,419		5,368,419				5,368,419
GRAY (COST SHARE)	7,384,841					7,384,841	78,892	4,002,793	4,081,685				4,081,685
OREGON (COST SHARE)	9,304,993					9,304,993	148,794	10,335,266	10,484,060				10,484,060
	0					-			0				-
Total Type 2 Fires	34,390,858					34,390,858	16,925,247	14,338,059	31,263,306				31,263,306
Type 3 Fires													
MCEWAN (COST SHARE)	1,955,550					1,955,550	1,950,462		1,950,462				1,950,462
MORAN CREEK (COST SHARE) - PI 222 (LOC)	242				312,108	312,350	0		0		394,462		394,462
SILVER STAR	55,407					55,407	55,406		55,406				55,406
WEST HALLETT	1,134,221					1,134,221	782,063		782,063				782,063
ROZA CREEK (COST SHARE)	167,135					167,135	184,111		184,111				184,111
LAKE WHATCOM	872,637					872,637	1,081,130		1,081,130				1,081,130
CRATER CREEK (COST SHARE)	1,966,721					1,966,721	2,415,317		2,415,317				2,415,317
HARMONY	370,175					370,175	0	370,175	370,175				370,175
CHANDLER	2,399,542					2,399,542	0	2,405,591	2,405,591				2,405,591
MARGARITA	813,640					813,640	813,640		813,640				813,640
WEST ANDERSON	345,553					345,553		422,951	422,951				422,951
	-					-			0				-
Total Type 3 Fires	10,080,824				312,108	10,392,932	7,282,129	3,198,717	10,480,846			394,462	10,875,308
Type 4 and 5 Fires													
Type 4 and 5 Fires	11,395,744				123,127	11,518,871	11,956,000	3,044,000	15,000,000				15,000,000
Other Agency Incidents	7,565,209				-	7,565,209	3,700,000		3,700,000	6,300,000			10,000,000
Out of State Fire Dispatches	18,957,618				-	18,957,618	920,000		920,000	18,980,000	3,100,000		23,000,000
Total	37,918,571				123,127	38,041,698	16,576,000	3,044,000	19,620,000	25,280,000	3,100,000		48,000,000
Non-Code Cost													
Reacting to Fire Potential (i.e., False Alarms, standby/staging) PI223/285	1,467,708					1,467,708	2,650,000		2,650,000				2,650,000
Seasonal Firefighters and Engine Cost - PI 288	32,075,456					32,075,456	41,000,000		41,000,000				41,000,000
PI 224	9,328,745					9,328,745	16,000,000		16,000,000				16,000,000
Attorney General projected expenditure	(47)					(47)			-				-
Total	42,871,863					42,871,863	59,880,000		59,880,000				59,880,000
Total of Fire Costs by Fire Category and Account	125,262,115				435,235	125,697,351	100,663,376	20,580,776	121,244,152	25,280,000	3,100,000.00	394,462.00	150,018,614
Actuals and Estimates to Allotments													
	GFS (001/051) & Disaster (05H/FA0)	BSA	GFF (001/020)	GFL (001/500)	LOC* (030/960)	Total - All Funds	GFS (001/052) & Disaster (05H/3A0)	BSA	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	12,025,000						12,025,000						
FY24 Current Allotments TOTAL	72,908,000		13,822,500	545,000	2,388,000	89,663,500	72,908,000		13,822,500	545,000	2,388,000	89,663,500	
Projected Costs	125,262,115				435,235	125,697,351	100,663,376	20,580,776	25,280,000	3,100,000	394,462	150,018,614	
FY24 Supplemental Budget	27,734,000	21,143,000	11,458,000	2,555,000		62,889,500	27,734,000	21,143,000	11,458,000	2,555,000		35,155,500	
Variance	(24,620,115)	21,143,000	25,280,500	3,100,000	1,952,765	26,855,649	(21,376)	562,224	500	0	1,993,538	2,534,386	
TOTAL FY24 VARIANCE													

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FY24 Supplemental Budget Request

Fund	Initial Request (DP)	Nov. Request (for Gov's Budget)	Final Request	Supplemental Amount Alloted	Current Variance Projections
GFS (001/051) - For FY 2024	\$ 2,284,116	\$ 44,218,949	\$ 27,733,924	\$ 27,734,000	\$ (21,376)
BSA - For FY 2024			\$ 21,142,984	\$ 21,143,000	\$ 562,224
Disaster (05H/3A0) - For FY 2024	\$ -			\$ -	
GFF (001/020) - For FY 2024	\$ 8,577,500	\$ 8,797,500	\$ 11,457,500	\$ 11,458,000	\$ 500
GFL (001/500) - For FY 2024	\$ 2,655,000	\$ 2,555,000	\$ 2,555,000	\$ 2,555,000	\$ -
Totals:	\$ 13,516,616	\$ 55,571,449	\$ 62,889,408	\$ 62,890,000	\$ 541,348

Monthly Fire Suppression Report Fiscal Year Trends

Table for Type 4 & 5 Incidents: HISTORICAL AVERAGES (July-Dec), TREND LINE BASED ON CURRENT ESTIMATE (Jan-Jun), and ESTIMATES (July-Dec). Includes columns for Prior FY Actuals, 3, 5, and 10 Year Averages, and Cur. FY to Mo. Est.

Table for Other Agency Fires: HISTORICAL AVERAGES (July-Dec), TREND LINE BASED ON CURRENT ESTIMATE (Jan-Jun), and ESTIMATES (July-Dec). Includes columns for Prior FY Actuals, 3, 5, and 10 Year Averages, and Cur. FY to Mo. Est.

Table for PI 223 - Reacting to Fire Potential: HISTORICAL AVERAGES (July-Dec), TREND LINE BASED ON CURRENT ESTIMATE (Jan-Jun), and ESTIMATES (July-Dec). Includes columns for Prior FY Actuals, 3, 5, and 10 Year Averages, and Cur. FY to Mo. Est.

Table for Non-Coded 221: HISTORICAL AVERAGES (July-Dec), TREND LINE BASED ON CURRENT ESTIMATE (Jan-Jun), and ESTIMATES (July-Dec). Includes columns for Prior FY Actuals, 3, 5, and 10 Year Averages, and Cur. FY to Mo. Est.

Table for PI 288 - Seasonal Cost: HISTORICAL AVERAGES (July-Dec), TREND LINE BASED ON CURRENT ESTIMATE (Jan-Jun), and ESTIMATES (July-Dec). Includes columns for Prior FY Actuals, 3, 5, and 10 Year Averages, and Cur. FY to Mo. Est.

Table for Out of State Fires: HISTORICAL AVERAGES (July-Dec), TREND LINE BASED ON CURRENT ESTIMATE (Jan-Jun), and ESTIMATES (July-Dec). Includes columns for Prior FY Actuals, 3, 5, and 10 Year Averages, and Cur. FY to Mo. Est.

Table for PI 222 - LOC: HISTORICAL AVERAGES (July-Dec), TREND LINE BASED ON CURRENT ESTIMATE (Jan-Jun), and ESTIMATES (July-Dec). Includes columns for Prior FY Actuals, 3, 5, and 10 Year Averages, and Cur. FY to Mo. Est.

Table for 2018 Seasonal Post Expenditures: HISTORICAL AVERAGES (July-Dec), TREND LINE BASED ON CURRENT ESTIMATE (Jan-Jun), and ESTIMATES (July-Dec). Includes columns for Prior FY Actuals, 3, 5, and 10 Year Averages, and Cur. FY to Mo. Est.

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