April 17, 2024

The Honorable Bernard Dean  The Honorable Sarah Bannister
Chief Clerk of the House Secretary of the Senate
338B Legislative Building 312 Legislative Building
Olympia, WA 98504 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.

Brian Considine
Legislative Director
Office of the Commissioner of Public Lands

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
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
- **Fire 1:** EAGLE BLUFF
  - DNR General Fund: 7,117,625
  - General Fund Local: 6,587,362
  - Landowner Contingency Fund: 6,587,362

- **Fire 2:** TUNNEL FIVE (COST SHARE)
  - DNR General Fund: 5,235,224
  - General Fund Local: 4,741,780
  - Landowner Contingency Fund: 4,741,780

- **Fire 3:** NEWELL ROAD (COST SHARE)
  - DNR General Fund: 5,348,174
  - General Fund Local: 5,368,419
  - Landowner Contingency Fund: 5,368,419

- **Fire 4:** GRAY (COST SHARE)
  - DNR General Fund: 7,384,841
  - General Fund Local: 7,826,960
  - Landowner Contingency Fund: 7,826,960

- **Fire 5:** OREGON (COST SHARE)
  - DNR General Fund: 9,304,993
  - General Fund Local: 14,835,266
  - Landowner Contingency Fund: 14,835,266

### Total Type 2 Fires
- **Total:** 34,390,858
- **Actuals:** 16,925,247
- **Estimate:** 14,338,059

## Fire Name or Category
- **Fire 1:** MCEWAN (COST SHARE)
  - DNR General Fund: 1,955,550
  - General Fund Local: 1,950,462
  - Landowner Contingency Fund: 1,950,462

- **Fire 2:** MORAN CREEK (COST SHARE)
  - DNR General Fund: 242,312
  - General Fund Local: 312,108
  - Landowner Contingency Fund: 312,108

- **Fire 3:** SILVER STAR
  - DNR General Fund: 55,407
  - General Fund Local: 55,406
  - Landowner Contingency Fund: 55,406

- **Fire 4:** WEST HALLETT
  - DNR General Fund: 1,134,221
  - General Fund Local: 782,063
  - Landowner Contingency Fund: 782,063

- **Fire 5:** ROZA CREEK (COST SHARE)
  - DNR General Fund: 167,135
  - General Fund Local: 184,111
  - Landowner Contingency Fund: 184,111

- **Fire 6:** LAKE WHATCOM
  - DNR General Fund: 872,637
  - General Fund Local: 1,081,130
  - Landowner Contingency Fund: 1,081,130

- **Fire 7:** CRATER CREEK (COST SHARE)
  - DNR General Fund: 1,966,721
  - General Fund Local: 2,415,317
  - Landowner Contingency Fund: 2,415,317

- **Fire 8:** HARMONY
  - DNR General Fund: 370,175
  - General Fund Local: 370,175
  - Landowner Contingency Fund: 370,175

- **Fire 9:** CHANDLER
  - DNR General Fund: 2,399,542
  - General Fund Local: 2,405,591
  - Landowner Contingency Fund: 2,405,591

- **Fire 10:** MARGARITA
  - DNR General Fund: 813,640
  - General Fund Local: 813,640
  - Landowner Contingency Fund: 813,640

- **Fire 11:** WEST ANDERSON
  - DNR General Fund: 345,553
  - General Fund Local: 422,951
  - Landowner Contingency Fund: 422,951

### Total Type 3 Fires
- **Total:** 10,080,824
- **Actuals:** 7,282,129
- **Estimate:** 3,198,717

## Type 4 and 5 Fires
- **Total:** 11,395,744
- **Actuals:** 11,956,000
- **Estimate:** 3,044,000

## Other Agency Incidents
- **Total:** 7,565,209
- **Actuals:** 6,300,000
- **Estimate:** 1,000,000

## Out of State Fire Dispatches
- **Total:** 18,957,618
- **Actuals:** 18,985,000
- **Estimate:** 3,100,000

## Total
- **Total:** 37,918,571
- **Actuals:** 19,620,000
- **Estimate:** 25,280,000

## Non-Code Cost
- **Total:** 1,467,708
- **Actuals:** 2,650,000
- **Estimate:** 2,650,000

## Reacting to Fire Potential (i.e., False Alarms, standby/staging)
- **Total:** 32,075,456
- **Actuals:** 41,000,000
- **Estimate:** 41,000,000

## Seasonal Firefighters and Engine Cost
- **Total:** 9,328,745
- **Actuals:** 16,000,000
- **Estimate:** 16,000,000

## Attorney General projected expenditure
- **Total:** -
- **Actuals:** 230,000
- **Estimate:** 230,000

## Total
- **Total:** 42,871,863
- **Actuals:** 59,880,000
- **Estimate:** 59,880,000

## Total of Fire Costs by Fire Category and Account
- **Total:** 125,262,115
- **Actuals:** 100,663,376
- **Estimate:** 20,580,776
- **Variance:** (24,620,115)

## Actuals and Estimates to Allotments
- **GFS (001/051) & Disaster (05H/FA0)**
- **BSA**
- **GFF (001/020)**
- **GFL (001/500)**
- **LOC* (030/960)**
- **Total - All Funds**

## FY24 General Fund State Allotment
- **60,883,000**

## FY24 Disaster Fund Allotment
- **12,025,000**

## FY24 Current Allotments TOTAL
- **72,908,000**

## Projected Costs
- **125,262,115**
- **435,235**
- **125,697,351**

## FY24 Supplemental Budget
- **27,734,000**
- **21,143,000**
- **11,458,000**
- **2,555,000**
- **62,889,500**

## Variance
- **(24,620,115)**
- **21,143,000**
- **25,280,500**
- **3,100,000**
- **1,952,765**
- **26,855,649**

## TOTAL FY24 VARIANCE
- **Prepared by:** Katie Peterschick
- **Reviewed by:** Sarah Thorson
- **Date:** 10.3.23

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## DNR TOTAL COST FOR FY24 ESTIMATED COST (ALL FUNDS)
### FY24 Supplemental Budget Request

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### Fund Type

#### Out of State Fires

- Description of activity: Cost associated with standby and prepositioning of resources to respond to wildfires.
- Appropriated fund.

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#### Other Agency Fires

- 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 appropriated fund.

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#### Description of activity: Cost of radios and radio equipment utilized for fire suppression.

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### Comments:

- The initial MFSR for FY20 is 1,404,277.
- The initial MFSR for FY21 is 1,226,191.
- The initial MFSR for FY22 is 1,070,738.

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