



**DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES**

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June 26, 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 2021-2023 Operating Budget (Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5092). Section 310 (8) 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.

For April 2023, there were 4 classified fires recorded. Total fire cost to the department for the month of April was \$1.7 million. Estimated costs for all funds in FY 2023 are \$155.1 million. This puts us under the current GF-S/Disaster allotment and Supplemental Budget by \$79,811 million and all other appropriations by \$563,490 million.

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 (April 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 2023
Executive Summary for April 2023

This report summarizes Fiscal Year 2023 fire activity, actual expenditures compared to allotments.

April

According to the FIRES Summary report, we show 4 classified fires for the month of April.

Fire Suppression Costs For the Month of April

Total fire cost to DNR in the month of April is \$1.7 million.

Fire Suppression Cost for Fiscal Year through April

Total fire cost for months through April is \$114.7 million.

Estimated total costs for FY 2023 compared to FY 2023 Allotments.

Estimated costs for FY 2023 for all funds are \$155.1 million. This puts us under our current appropriation of GF-S/Disaster allotment and the Supplemental Budget by \$79,811 and all other appropriations by \$563,490.

Adjustments to FY 2023 Allotments

Allotments for FY23 were adjusted to account for FY23 funding that was used in FY22 for biennial appropriated funds. Disaster (05H/3A0) was reduced from 8,025,000 to 3,511,192, General Fund Federal (001/020) spending authority was reduced from 10,000,000 to 0, and General Fund Local (001/500) spending authority was reduced from 417,000 to 41,076. Additional general Fund Federal and General Fund Local spending authority is being requested in the FY 2023 supplemental budget request.

Fire name or Category	Jurisdictional Agencies	DNR COST AS OF APRIL 2023 (FM22, FY23)					DNR TOTAL COST FOR FY2023					
		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 2 Fires												
VANTAGE HIGHWAY (COST SHARE)	DNR/BLM	3,897,747				3,897,747	6,679,257		6,679,257			6,679,257
COW CANYON	DNR	2,752,031				2,752,031	4,594,077		4,594,077			4,594,077
WHITE RIVER (COST SHARE)	DNR/ USFS	2,073,410				2,073,410	326,301		326,301	287,575		613,876
NORTH FORK (COST SHARE)	DNR/ USFS	2,430,838				2,430,838	1,893,577		1,893,577	621,786		2,515,363
BOULDER MOUNTAIN (COST SHARE)	DNR/ USFS	12,102,323				12,102,323	13,779,368		13,779,368			13,779,368
BOLT CREEK (COST SHARE)	DNR/ USFS	10,760,321				10,760,321	8,231,331		8,231,331	2,534,660		10,765,991
LOCH KATRINE (COST SHARE)	DNR/ USFS	863,680				863,680	2,456,778		2,456,778			2,456,778
NAKIA CREEK (COST SHARE)	DNR/WSP	3,749,232				3,749,232	7,579,199		7,579,199			7,579,199
Total Type 2 Fires		38,629,582	-	-	-	38,629,582	45,539,888	-	45,539,888	3,444,021	-	48,983,909
Type 3 Fires												
STAYMAN FLATS	DNR	572,486				572,486	707,811		707,811			707,811
WILLIAMS LAKE (COST SHARE)	DNR/ WSP	2,014,468				2,014,468	2,476,861		2,476,861	493,739		2,970,600
SUIATLE RIVER (COST SHARE)	DNR/ USFS	358,266				358,266	333,460		333,460	24,774		358,234
SEVEN BAYS	DNR	1,367,800				1,367,800	1,997,309		1,997,309			1,997,309
8 ROAD	DNR	766,551				766,551	1,078,644		1,078,644			1,078,644
BLACK HOLE	DNR	195,668				195,668	244,859		244,859			244,859
CHINOOK (PI222)	DNR	571			696,721	697,292	-		-		702,989	702,989
Total Type 3 Fires		5,275,810	-	-	696,721	5,972,531	6,838,944	-	6,838,944	518,513	-	8,060,446
Type 4 and 5 Fires												
Other Agency Incidents		7,779,389			603,052	8,382,441	9,734,000		9,734,000			696,052
Out of State Fire Dispatches		7,213,590	133,205		-	7,346,795	3,535,213		3,535,213	3,811,582		7,346,795
Total		16,875,023	133,205	-	603,052	16,875,023	14,233,213	-	14,233,213	25,439,000	697,000	44,876,847
Non-Code Cost												
Reacting to Fire Potential (i.e., False Alarms, standby/staging) PI223/285		1,971,922				1,971,922	2,527,500		2,527,500			2,527,500
Seasonal Firefighters and Engine Cost - PI 288		27,243,279				27,243,279	35,939,000		35,939,000			35,939,000
PI 224: Covid Response (PI224)		8,921,692				8,921,692	14,451,000		14,451,000			14,451,000
Attorney General projected expenditure		39				39	-		-			-
Total		38,136,932	-	-	-	38,136,932	52,917,500	230,000	53,147,500	-	-	53,147,500
Total of Fire Costs by Fire Category and Account		113,910,326	133,205.20	-	1,299,773	115,343,304	119,529,545	230,000	119,759,545	33,213,116	697,000.00	155,068,702
Actuals and Estimates to Allotments												
		GFS (001/052) & Disaster (05H/3A0)	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	
FY23 General Fund State Allotment		20,668,000				20,668,000	20,668,000				20,668,000	
FY23 Disaster Fund Allotment		3,386,356				3,386,356	3,386,356				3,386,356	
FY23 Current Allotments TOTAL		24,054,356		41,076	688,000	24,783,432	24,054,356		41,076	688,000	24,783,432	
Projected Costs		113,910,326	133,205	-	1,299,773	115,343,304	119,759,545	33,213,116	697,000	1,399,041	155,068,702	
FY23 Supplemental Budget		95,785,000	34,408,000	655,760	(611,773)	40,288,888	95,785,000	34,408,000	655,760	(164)	(711,041)	563,490
Variance		5,929,030	34,274,794.80	696,836	(611,773)	40,288,888	79,811	1,194,884	(164)	(711,041)	563,490	
GFF and GFL overspend from FY2022												
								15,891,000		2,190,240		
Administration Costs												
(Will be tracked starting in Fiscal Year 2023, when the new appropriation is available)												
Total												

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FY23 Supplemental Budget Request

Fund	Initial Request (DP)	Nov. Request (for Gov's Budget)	Final Request	December
GFS (001/052) - For FY 2023	\$ 25,697,000	\$ 72,056,478	\$ 95,785,149	\$ 95,785,149
Disaster (05H/3A0) - For FY 2023	\$ -			
GFF (001/020) - For FY 2023	\$ 8,640,000	\$ 15,193,823	\$ 34,407,801	\$ 34,407,801
GFF (001/020) - From FY 2022	\$ 26,251,000	\$ 26,251,000	\$ 15,891,000	\$ 15,891,000
GFL (001/500) - For FY 2023			\$ 655,924	\$ 655,924
GFL (001/500) - From FY 2022	\$ 2,190,000	\$ 2,190,000	\$ 2,190,240	\$ 2,190,240
Totals:	\$ 62,778,000	\$ 113,501,301	\$ 148,930,114	\$ 148,930,114

<i>Comments: In FY 2022 DNR expended \$26,251,000 in GFF and \$2,190,000 in GFL more than anticipated on Suppression activities. DNR is requesting, as part of the Supplemental budget request, spending authority for GFF and GFL to replace the unanticipated GFF and GFL expenditures.</i>	<i>Comments:</i>	<i>Comments:</i>	
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Note: \$10,360,000 of FY 2023's GFF allotments are included in the FY 2022 \$26,251,000 GFF spending authority request.

Monthly Fire Suppression Report Fiscal Year Trends

Type 4 & 5 Incidents														
Historical Averages												Previous 12 Months		
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun		
Prior FY Actuals	2,280,689	2,321,592	2,318,079	2,243,470	2,442,556	25,967	29,170	72,440	38,773	42,281	55,978	987,722	8,361,914	8,763,081
3 Year Average	1,299,896	1,328,932	1,309,422	1,312,717	1,312,253	299,514	52,120	45,210	45,210	45,210	466,239	802,880	8,397,330	8,734,000
5 Year Average	1,591,575	1,607,169	1,508,203	1,509,375	1,523,419	194,886	85,858	(29,095)	(82,371)	67,338	(1,092,580)	683,827	4,708,591	4,811,947
10 Year Average	1,189,116	1,257,893	1,313,841	1,283,692	1,313,951	196,051	173,728	(159,381)	82,251	(123,114)	353,022		5,073,592	
TREND LINE BASED ON CURRENT ESTIMATE														
Cur. FY Mth. Est.	1,875,849	699,843	(807,613)	(277,746)	(58,881)	189,726	79,031	16,830	79,031	16,830	79,031	16,830	891,507	910,600
Cur. Est. by Mo.	2,654,922	2,702,536	3,375,578	1,447,508	665,482	30,228	33,956	84,332	45,135	49,219	18,900	1,236,513	9,734,000	10,000,000
% by Mo. of FY22	27.27%	27.76%	34.13%	14.87%	7.00%	0.31%	0.35%	0.87%	0.46%	0.51%	0.19%	11.57%	100.00%	
Historical Actuals														
FY22	729,073	2,003,689	2,181,260	1,675,256	621,216	113,054	55,434	5,301	54,765	341,069	-	-	8,361,914	7,378,222
FY21	2,280,689	2,321,592	2,318,079	2,243,470	2,442,556	25,967	29,170	72,440	38,773	42,281	55,978	987,722	8,361,914	8,763,081
FY20	1,803,312	1,847,996	1,868,101	1,785,253	1,918,177	104,277	32,402	11,344	48,857	750,219	578,347	755,405	5,343,835	4,010,083
FY19	1,008,608	1,018,901	1,018,901	1,018,901	1,018,901	1,018,901	1,018,901	1,018,901	1,018,901	1,018,901	1,018,901	1,018,901	1,018,901	1,018,901
FY18	1,583,611	1,841,108	1,446,724	952,011	609,401	318,506	166,420	(21,733)	101,196	7,186	(4,558,197)	2,223,638	4,558,198	6,571,547
FY17	721,433	1,241,516	874,495	894,119	112,476	39,793	2,575,428	567	20,220	23,611	(293,710)	(1,483,035)	4,400,467	6,007,478
FY16	698,194	1,778,056	1,505,208	1,525,533	293,516	76,318	18,701	1,933,097	(14,133)	383,028	1,506,639	633,777	10,823,798	8,192,830
FY15	995,843	1,463,401	1,792,200	1,066,123	90,673	26,396	(1,112,129)	252,220	279,307	500,809	375,000	420,966	5,760,809	4,954,843
FY14	780,770	781,387	528,721	57,179	4,016	1,181	453	6,000	31,411	66,560	67,610	339,885	2,467,785	2,360,280
FY13	726,645	873,531	891,720	296,091	6,461	1,529	13,704	6,966	9,701	112,784	222,145	200,607	3,461,140	3,038,388

Estimates					
Fund Type	Initial MFSR Estimate (For DP)	Nov. Estimate (For Gov's Budget)	Final Estimate	Previous Estimate	Current Estimate
gSP/Deaster	5,500,000	7,150,000	8,734,000	8,734,000	8,734,000
GFF					
GFL					
GFC					
LOC					
Total	5,500,000	7,150,000	8,734,000	8,734,000	8,734,000

Comments: Low Estimate: \$6,800,000 (+\$1.3)
High Estimate: \$7,500,000 (+\$2)

Other Agency Fires														
Historical Averages												Previous 12 Months		
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun		
Prior FY Actuals	1,200,830	1,228,026	1,218,727	956,295	209,233	47,260	26,498	74,554	14,306	24,569	1,317,278	(2,570,570)	4,637,560	6,093,504
3 Year Average	728,546	1,246,343	1,298,984	1,070,411	246,607	108,000	3,309	19,466	14,761	40,784	472,846	674,938	4,076,600	4,899,400
5 Year Average	717,382	1,841,993	1,804,531	797,941	387,013	200,362	50,883	(40,273)	24,548	52,577	295,586	42,675	6,264,827	8,560,500
10 Year Average	472,094	1,148,183	974,247	480,661	297,607	146,832	25,465	(10,763)	13,922	27,807	154,342	(135,054)	3,496,484	
TREND LINE BASED ON CURRENT ESTIMATE														
Cur. FY Mth. Est.	1,739,152	1,363,816	648,025	(277,746)	(277,746)	132,350	102,230	(65,547)	(65,547)	132,350	(1,220)	-	1,868,453	2,346,795
Cur. Est. by Mo.	1,802,028	1,855,387	3,456,773	1,514,954	111,608	75,837	41,078	3,888	27,663	18,952	7,086,811	(4,077,274)	7,346,795	10,000,000
% by Mo. of FY22	25.89%	26.48%	47.04%	20.62%	4.51%	1.01%	0.57%	0.05%	0.31%	0.51%	28.40%	(55.43%)	100.00%	
Historical Actuals														
FY22	142,876	582,541	2,832,248	1,761,088	804,311	113,054	42,358	49,435	525,592	40,381	-	-	8,361,914	7,378,222
FY21	1,200,830	1,228,026	1,218,727	956,295	209,233	47,260	26,498	74,554	14,306	24,569	1,317,278	(2,570,570)	4,637,560	6,093,504
FY20	308,186	1,516,063	1,461,131	600,166	540,900	218,817	55,937	20,605	22,668	54,372	51,361	405,305	5,297,512	4,800,846
FY19	676,822	1,000,961	246,188	185,983	110,243	59,366	172,379	23,238	2,139	43,262	40,369	148,707	2,284,726	2,142,740
FY18	729,186	1,460,962	1,723,715	1,089,624	564,529	115,108	98,145	(29,363)	37,452	67,282	10,494	1,305,887	8,864,120	7,650,140
FY17	609,086	2,003,978	1,407,946	1,175,039	628,874	1,010,898	146,241	34,601	50,996	73,479	45,329	1,041,443	10,230,211	9,139,239
FY16	259,800	1,073,720	518,447	220,313	40,507	17,996	182	3,738	1,277	(748)	(15,118)	(1,708,939)	407,344	2,167,781
FY15	388,950	123,725	49,294	48,460	48,460	48,460	48,460	48,460	48,460	48,460	48,460	48,460	528,981	488,377
FY14	165,137	90,507	14,358	703	472	563	-	-	-4,280	4,248	40,000	72,881	394,248	281,267
FY13	292,914	438,524	33,710	134,189	312	394	-	-	-	343	2,230	9,361	911,997	900,406
FY12	146,221	548,520	110,020	498,226	208	48	-	-	501	7,620	9,206	26,900	1,807,131	1,311,296

Estimates					
Fund Type	Initial MFSR Estimate (For DP)	Nov. Estimate (For Gov's Budget)	Final Estimate	Previous Estimate	Current Estimate
gSP/Deaster	2,500,000	2,284,777	3,167,620	2,500,956	3,525,273
GFF					
GFL					
GFC					
LOC					
Total	2,500,000	2,284,777	3,167,620	2,500,956	3,525,273

Comments: Low Estimate: \$2,400,000 (+\$2.4)
High Estimate: \$3,500,000 (+\$8.5)

PI 223 - Reacting to Fire Potential														
Historical Averages												Previous 12 Months		
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun		
Prior FY Actuals	2,073,484	2,143,544	2,187,037	1,931,280	1,480,802	431,788	431,788	22,356	126,961	170,385	7,474,727	30,858,546	34,888,351	
3 Year Average	2,026,935	2,064,385	2,026,864	2,026,864	2,026,864	2,026,864	2,026,864	2,026,864	2,026,864	2,026,864	2,026,864	2,026,864	2,026,864	
5 Year Average	1,188,000	1,369,931	1,638,538	1,379,553	890,107	635,559	130,939	46,193	27,979	18,541	415,391	3,800,331	18,498,077	
10 Year Average	1,407,281	2,411,915	2,300,587	1,802,490	1,466,776	1,066,916	79,712	79,064	43,777	102,907	375,283	2,508,536	12,072,746	
TREND LINE BASED ON CURRENT ESTIMATE														
Cur. FY Mth. Est.	2,296,963	2,489,258	(1,228,815)	(1,228,815)	123,881	136,271	244,712	(278,814)	(197,404)	88,568	-	-	1,746,653	2,346,795
Cur. Est. by Mo.	3,463,241	4,429,308	6,834,795	9,431,811	1,752,409	227,715	513,538	78,778	28,464	194,565	201,668	8,848,718	35,939,000	100,000,000
% by Mo. of FY22	9.64%	12.37%	18.02%	26.19%	4.88%	0.83%	1.43%	0.27%	0.07%	0.45%	0.56%	28.42%	100.00%	
Historical Actuals														
FY22	1,276,279	6,938,566	7,998,630	8,280,059	1,828,332	303,989	268,826	392,282	223,868	60,966	-	-	8,361,914	7,378,222
FY21	2,073,484	2,143,544	2,187,037	1,931,280	1,480,802	431,788	431,788	22,356	126,961	170,385	7,474,727	30,858,546	34,888,351	
FY20	1,276,279	2,410,231	2,466,621	2,538,886	672,866	549,128	62,369	31,992	14,796	33,512	261,512	1,635,304	13,222,170	11,829,383
FY19	1,828,026	1,847,805	2,823,978	2,823,978	2,823,978	2,823,978	2,823,978	2,823,978	2,823,978	2,823,978	2,823,978	2,823,978	13,025,234	10,656,020
FY18	1,165,661	4,388,935	3,829,360	2,807,890	1,409,486	802,864	73,943	29,226	(69,248)	193,090	1,000,000	4,179,688	21,291,248	15,856,519
FY17	1,668,645	2,634,593	2,808,274	1,950,121	966,728	607,874	55,084	67,834	117,386	184,000	312,133	3,220,714	14,593,186	11,060,239
FY16	945,187	2,627,300	1,658,811	907,049	508,427	33,541	27,838	10,638	12,385	25,125	143,116	2,277,503	8,968,959	9,198,420
FY15	1,022,243	1,000,865	1,723,503	1,102,844	588,614	112,848	41,988	100,690	62,212	61,213	1,914,138	1,628,236	10,786,361	7,712,409
FY14	489,847	687,070	776,157	466,904	265,888	186,215	4,029	417,498	37,368	21,767	75,994	2,047,614	5,465,731	3,142,723
FY13	325,056	482,610	360,862	174,614	16,310	47,234	3,881	10,263	198,550	13,004	46,275	96,791	2,179,499	2,032,433
FY12	150,483	254,250	276,722	72,284	58,001	6,339	2,729	14,309	3,352	13,296	17,039	30,760	884,224	8