



**DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES**

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July 31, 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 May 2023, there were 82 classified fires recorded. Total fire cost to the department for the month of May was \$3.5 million. Estimated costs for all funds in FY 2023 are \$153.9 million. This puts us under the current GF-S/Disaster allotment and Supplemental Budget by \$1.4 million and all other appropriations by \$285,667.

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 (May 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 May 2023

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

May

According to the FIRES Summary report, we show 82 classified fires for the month of May.

Fire Suppression Costs For the Month of May

Total fire cost to DNR in the month of May is \$3.5 million.

Fire Suppression Cost for Fiscal Year through May

Total fire cost for months through May is \$118.3 million.

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

Estimated costs for FY 2023 for all funds are \$153.9 million. This puts us under our current appropriation of GF-S/Disaster allotment and the Supplemental Budget by \$1.4 million and all other appropriations by \$285,667.

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 MAY 2023 (FM23, 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	DNR TOTAL FY22 Estimated Cost (ALL FUNDS)
Type 2 Fires													
VANTAGE HIGHWAY (COST SHARE)	DNR/BLM	3,896,887				3,896,887	6,678,397		6,678,397				6,678,397
COW CANYON	DNR	2,752,031				2,752,031	4,594,077		4,594,077				4,594,077
WHITE RIVER (COST SHARE)	DNR/ USFS	2,074,802				2,074,802	203,708		203,708	411,559			615,267
NORTH FORK (COST SHARE)	DNR/ USFS	2,431,088				2,431,088	1,776,922		1,776,922	621,786			2,398,708
BOULDER MOUNTAIN (COST SHARE)	DNR/ USFS	12,103,154				12,103,154	12,647,185		12,647,185				12,647,185
BOLT CREEK (COST SHARE)	DNR/ USFS	10,763,619				10,763,619	8,234,629		8,234,629	2,534,660			10,769,289
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	3,753,428				3,753,428	7,583,677		7,583,677				7,583,677
Total Type 2 Fires		38,638,689	-	-	-	38,638,689	44,175,373	-	44,175,373	3,568,005	-	-	47,743,378
Type 3 Fires													
STAYMAN FLATS	DNR	572,486				572,486	707,486		707,486				707,486
WILLIAMS LAKE (COST SHARE)	DNR/ WSP	2,014,468				2,014,468	2,268,777		2,268,777	493,739			2,762,516
SUIATLE RIVER (COST SHARE)	DNR/ USFS	358,266				358,266	333,460		333,460	24,774			358,234
SEVEN BAYS	DNR	1,368,373				1,368,373	1,997,649		1,997,649				1,997,649
8 ROAD	DNR	769,437				769,437	1,077,580		1,077,580				1,077,580
BLACK HOLE	DNR	195,668				195,668	244,859		244,859				244,859
CHINOOK (PI222)	DNR	713			698,748	699,461	-		-		712,913		712,913
SHANNON LAKE	DNR	224,256				224,256	224,256		224,256				224,256
SUTHERLAND (JUNE INCIDENT)	DNR												
ROZA CREEK (JUNE INCIDENT) (COSTSHARE)	DNR/ BLM												
SILVER STAR (JUNE INCIDENT)	DNR												
MORAN CREEK (PI222) (JUNE INCIDENT) (COSTSHARE)	DNR/WSP												
Total Type 3 Fires		5,503,666	-	-	698,748	6,202,414	6,854,067	-	6,854,067	518,513	-	712,913	8,085,493
Type 4 and 5 Fires													
Other Agency Incidents		8,091,674			667,155	8,758,829	9,734,000		9,734,000			760,155	10,494,155
Out of State Fire Dispatches		5,473,200	1,439,659			6,912,859	3,535,213		3,535,213	3,811,582			7,346,795
Total		17,406,589	-	-	-	17,406,589	964,000	-	964,000	25,439,000	697,000	760,155	27,100,000
Total		30,971,462	1,439,659	-	667,155	33,078,276	14,233,213	-	14,233,213	29,250,582	697,000	760,155	44,940,951
Non-Code Cost													
Reacting to Fire Potential (i.e., False Alarms, standby/staging) PI223/285		2,155,852				2,155,852	2,527,500		2,527,500				2,527,500
Seasonal Firefighters and Engine Cost - PI 288		27,714,401				27,714,401	35,939,000		35,939,000				35,939,000
PI 224: Covid Response (PI224)		11,138,560				11,138,560	14,451,000		14,451,000				14,451,000
Attorney General projected expenditure		39				39							
Total		41,008,853	-	-	-	41,008,853	52,917,500	230,000	53,147,500	-	-	-	53,147,500
Total of Fire Costs by Fire Category and Account		116,122,670	1,439,658.83	-	1,365,903	118,928,232	118,180,153	230,000	118,410,153	33,337,100	697,000.00	1,473,068.36	153,917,321
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		116,122,670	1,439,659	-	1,365,903	118,928,232	118,410,153	33,337,100	697,000	1,473,068	153,917,321		
FY23 Supplemental Budget		95,785,000	34,408,000	655,760		130,848,760	95,785,000	34,408,000	655,760		130,848,760		
Variance		3,716,686	32,968,341.17	696,836	(677,903)	36,703,960	1,429,203	1,070,900	(164)	(785,068)	1,714,871		
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													Estimates							
Historical Averages												Previous 12 Months		Estimates						
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Historical Average Totals	Previous 12 Months	Fund Type	Initial MFSR Estimate (For DP)	Nov. Estimate (For Gov's Budget)	Final Estimate	Previous Estimate	Current Estimate
Prior FY Actuals	2,280,689	2,321,592	2,318,679	2,243,470	1,842,556	25,967	29,170	72,445	38,773	42,281	35,978	967,722	8,361,914	9,059,936	gfs/Deaster	5,500,000	7,150,000	8,734,000	8,734,000	8,734,000
3 Year Average	1,299,896	1,529,922	1,609,422	1,611,217	1,312,125	89,230	229,914	51,120	49,281	274,263	446,239	802,880	4,897,330	5,267,330	gff	-	-	-	8,734,000	8,734,000
5 Year Average	1,591,575	1,967,169	1,509,203	769,375	223,419	194,886	85,858	(29,095)	(82,371)	67,338	(1,092,380)	683,822	4,708,591	5,073,592	gfl	-	-	-	-	-
10 Year Average	1,189,116	1,257,843	1,313,841	718,692	362,382	113,951	196,051	173,278	(159,183)	82,251	(123,114)	353,022	-	-	LOC	-	-	-	-	-
Trend Line Based on Current Estimate												Trend Totals	95,813	Comments:		9,734,000	9,734,000			
Cur. FY Mfs. Est.	1,875,881	699,843	(807,613)	(277,748)	(80,821)	189,276	79,031	(8,262)	(91,805)	(293,605)	-	-	4,506,600	4,506,600	Comments:		Low Estimate: \$6,800,000 (+\$1.3) High Estimate: \$7,500,000 (+\$2)	8,734,000	8,734,000	
Cur. Est. by Mo.	2,654,922	2,702,536	1,375,578	1,447,508	665,482	30,228	33,966	84,132	45,135	49,219	18,580	1,236,513	-	-	Comments:		-	-	-	
% Mo. of FY22	27.27%	27.76%	14.13%	14.87%	7.0%	0.31%	0.35%	0.87%	0.46%	0.51%	0.19%	11.37%	-	-	Comments:		-	-	-	
Historical Actuals												FY Total	8,361,914	FY Running Total	8,361,914					
FY22	729,073	2,003,689	2,181,200	1,675,256	621,214	111,054	55,434	5,301	54,765	341,000	312,245	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
FY21	2,280,689	2,321,592	2,318,679	2,243,470	1,842,556	25,967	29,170	72,445	38,773	42,281	35,978	967,722	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
FY20	1,802,131	1,047,596	868,100	400,865	163,177	104,277	32,462	11,344	48,857	750,129	578,347	755,405	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
FY19	1,008,608	1,216,961	678,481	107,917	58,927	137,415	628,170	60,540	48,138	21,968	344,640	584,113	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
FY18	2,004,374	1,099,320	1,373,018	1,209,211	344,318	188,113	124,000	277,249	(2,049,201)	(464,800)	(2,543,538)	(1,209,566)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
FY17	1,583,611	1,841,108	1,446,724	952,011	409,401	318,506	166,420	(21,733)	101,196	7,186	(4,258,197)	2,221,638	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
FY16	721,433	1,241,516	874,495	894,119	112,476	39,793	2,375,428	567	20,220	23,611	(29,730)	(1,483,635)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
FY15	698,194	1,778,056	1,505,208	1,535,533	293,516	76,139	18,701	1,931,497	(14,133)	383,028	1,506,639	633,777	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
FY14	995,843	1,463,401	1,782,200	1,066,123	90,673	26,396	(1,112,129)	252,220	279,307	300,809	375,000	420,966	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
FY13	780,770	781,887	528,721	57,179	4,016	1,181	453	6,000	23,411	66,560	67,610	339,895	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
FY12	726,045	973,511	891,220	296,091	6,461	1,529	13,704	6,966	9,701	121,784	222,145	200,607	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

Other Agency Fires													Estimates							
Historical Averages												Previous 12 Months		Estimates						
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Historical Average Totals	Previous 12 Months	Fund Type	Initial MFSR Estimate (For DP)	Nov. Estimate (For Gov's Budget)	Final Estimate	Previous Estimate	Current Estimate
Prior FY Actuals	1,200,630	1,228,026	1,218,727	956,295	209,293	47,260	26,498	74,544	14,306	24,569	1,317,278	(2,570,570)	4,637,560	4,342,289	gfs/Deaster	1,500,000	2,282,177	3,187,620	2,500,956	3,353,273
3 Year Average	778,546	1,246,361	1,296,981	1,079,711	246,607	108,000	3,309	19,466	18,761	407,264	477,636	6,749,339	4,076,600	4,076,600	gff	2,000,000	2,417,873	3,353,174	2,500,956	3,353,273
5 Year Average	717,382	1,841,593	1,804,531	797,941	387,013	290,662	50,893	(40,273)	24,548	53,577	295,586	42,675	-	-	gfl	-	-	-	2,500,956	3,353,273
10 Year Average	472,094	1,148,183	974,247	409,661	297,607	146,832	25,465	(10,763)	13,922	27,807	154,342	(135,054)	-	-	LOC	-	-	-	-	-
Trend Line Based on Current Estimate												Trend Totals	4,506,230	Comments:		6,722,000	6,722,000			
Cur. FY Mfs. Est.	1,298,152	1,363,816	648,025	265,562	(272,210)	(131,540)	(202,230)	(65,547)	(492,230)	(2,320,330)	-	-	4,506,230	4,506,230	Comments:		Low Estimate: \$2,400,000 (+\$1.2) High Estimate: \$2,700,000 (+\$1.2)	6,722,000	6,722,000	
Cur. Est. by Mo.	1,802,028	1,855,987	1,456,771	1,514,954	131,608	76,517	41,078	3,888	27,661	38,952	2,086,811	(4,077,274)	-	-	Comments:		-	-	-	
% Mo. of FY22	25.89%	26.48%	47.04%	20.62%	4.51%	1.01%	0.57%	0.09%	0.13%	0.53%	28.40%	55.43%	-	-	Comments:		-	-	-	
Historical Actuals												FY Total	4,637,560	FY Running Total	4,637,560					
FY22	1,200,630	1,228,026	1,218,727	956,295	209,293	47,260	26,498	74,544	14,306	24,569	1,317,278	(2,570,570)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
FY21	1,200,630	1,228,026	1,218,727	956,295	209,293	47,260	26,498	74,544	14,306	24,569	1,317,278	(2,570,570)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
FY20	808,186	1,516,063	1,461,131	600,166	540,900	218,817	55,937	20,605	22,668	54,372	51,361	405,305	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
FY19	676,822	1,006,961	246,188	185,361	110,243	50,366	(72,379)	23,338	2,189	43,262	40,369	144,707	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
FY18	775,186	1,460,962	1,273,715	1,089,624	564,509	115,108	98,145	(283,363)	37,452	67,262	10,494	1,305,887	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
FY17	608,086	2,003,978	1,407,946	1,175,039	628,974	1,010,898	146,241	34,601	50,996	73,479	45,529	1,041,443	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
FY16	259,800	1,073,720	518,447	230,313	40,507	17,396	182	3,738	1,227	(748)	(15,118)	(1,708,939)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
FY15	268,950	123,725	42,281	44,860	44,860	44,860	44,860	44,860	44,860	44,860	44,860	44,860	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
FY14	165,137	90,507	14,358	701	472	563	-	-	-	4,280	4,248	40,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
FY13	292,914	438,524	33,710	134,189	312	394	-	-	-	343	2,230	9,161	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
FY12	146,221	548,520	110,000	498,226	288	48	-	-	-	501	7,620	9,246	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

PI 223 - Reacting to Fire Potential													Estimates							
Historical Averages												Previous 12 Months		Estimates						
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Historical Average Totals	Previous 12 Months	Fund Type	Initial MFSR Estimate (For DP)	Nov. Estimate (For Gov's Budget)	Final Estimate	Previous Estimate	Current Estimate
Prior FY Actuals	2,070,484	2,141,544	2,137,037	1,911,280	1,480,802	180,282	433,788	102,586	22,355	126,981	170,385	7,074,777	30,548,546	31,189,128	gfs/Deaster	25,000,000	32,950,000	35,939,000	25,939,000	25,939,000
3 Year Average	2,026,953	2,069,361	2,020,688	1,791,400	1,319,440	157,333	175,222	46,102	10,208	184,386	218,204	3,400,780	18,868,650	18,868,650	gff	-	-	-	25,939,000	25,939,000
5 Year Average	1,188,000	1,369,911	1,638,538	1,375,553	890,107	635,549	130,939	46,193	27,979	185,541	415,391	3,800,351	-	-	gfl	-	-	-	18,868,650	18,868,650
10 Year Average	1,407,281	2,411,915	2,300,587	1,800,490	1,466,726	356,916	79,712	79,064	43,277	103,907	375,283	2,508,536	-	-	LOC	-	-	-	-	-
Trend Line Based on Current Estimate												Trend Totals	2,476,130	Comments:		35,939,000	35,939,000			
Cur. FY Mfs. Est.	2,206,963	2,489,258	(1,223,815)	1,495,712	123,881	136,271	244,712	(278,814)	(197,404)	88,598	(269,465)	-	2,476,130	2,476,130	Comments:		Low Estimate: \$12,400,000 (+\$1.4) High Estimate: \$33,500,000 (+\$8.5)	35,939,000	35,939,000	
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	28,454	149,565	201,658	8,848,718	-	-	Comments:		-	-	-	
% Mo. of FY22	9.64%	12.37%	18.02%	26.19%	4.88%	0.83%	1.43%	0.26%	0.07%	0.47%	0.56%	28.42%	-	-	Comments:		-	-	-	
Historical Actuals												FY Total	30,548,546	FY Running Total	30,548,546					
FY22	2,070,484	2,141,544	2,137,037	1,911,280	1,480,802	180,282	433,788	102,586	22,355	126,981	170,385	7,074,777	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
FY21	2,070,484	2,141,544	2,137,037	1,911,280	1,480,802	180,282	433,788	102,586	22,355	126,981	170,385	7,074,777	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
FY20	1,276,622	2,430,231	2,466,621	2,538,886	672,866	549,128	62,369	31,992	14,796	33,522	261,512	1,635,304	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
FY19	1,028,099	1,028,099	2,823,939	2,823,939	2,823,939	2,823,939	2,823,939	2,823,939	2,823,939	2,823,939	2,823,939	2,823,939	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
FY18	1,165,941	1,388,935	1,329,360	2,802,890	1,409,486	802,844	73,943	29,226	(69,248)	193,080	1,000,000	4,170,480	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
FY17																				