



**DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES**

**OFFICE OF THE
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS**

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July 19, 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 864 department fires statewide through the month of May. Total fire cost to the department for the month of May was \$6.4 million. Estimated costs for all funds in FY 2024 are \$150.9 million. This puts us over the current GF-S/Disaster appropriation by \$944 thousand and under our Budget Stabilization Account appropriation in SSB 6100 by \$250 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.

Sincerely,

Brian Considine
Legislative Director
Office of the Commissioner of Public Lands

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

cc: Members of the Senate Ways & Means Committee
Members of the House Appropriations Committee
Members of the House Capital Budget Committee

Members of the Senate Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks Committee
Members of the House Rural Development, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee
Members of the House Environment & Energy Committee
Members of the Senate Environment, Energy, & Technology Committee
Office of Financial Management

Department of Natural Resources
Emergency Fire Suppression Report for Fiscal Year 2024
Executive Summary for May 2024 -

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

DNR fires FYTD through May

According to monthly Intel stats, there was a statewide total of 864 DNR Fires, year-to-date, through the month of May.

Fire Suppression Costs For the Month of May

Total fire cost, of all funds, to DNR in the month of May is \$6.4 million.

Fire Suppression Cost for Fiscal Year through May

Total fire cost, of all funds, for months through May is \$140.7 Million

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

For all funds, estimated costs for FY 2024 are \$150.9 Million. This puts us over our current appropriation of GF-S/Disaster by \$944 thousand, and under our current appropriation for BSA by \$250 Thousand Our current projected variance on all other appropriations is \$0*.

**Excluding LOC*

Fire name or Category	DNR COST AS OF MAY 2024 (FM11, 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
Type 2 Fires												
EAGLE BLUFF	7,149,817					7,149,817	6,602,973		6,602,973			6,602,973
TUNNEL FIVE (COST SHARE)	5,277,395					5,277,395	4,605,457		4,605,457			4,605,457
NEWELL ROAD (COST SHARE)	5,555,982					5,555,982	7,233,070		7,233,070			7,233,070
GRAY (COST SHARE)	7,444,810					7,444,810	19,573	4,002,793	4,010,685			4,022,366
OREGON (COST SHARE)	9,379,972					9,379,972	163,159	9,009,480	9,662,504			9,172,639
Total Type 2 Fires	34,807,975					34,807,975	18,624,232	13,012,273	32,114,690			31,636,505
Type 3 Fires												
MCEWAN (COST SHARE)	1,965,666					1,965,666	1,949,827		1,949,827			1,949,827
MORAN CREEK (COST SHARE) - PI 222 (LOC)	334			312,244		313,396	0		0		326,512	326,512
SILVER STAR	55,318					55,318	55,318		55,318			55,318
WEST HALLETT	1,135,023					1,135,023	782,865		782,865			782,865
ROZA CREEK (COST SHARE)	166,741					166,741	183,717		183,717			183,717
LAKE WHATCOM	1,009,962					1,009,962	0	1,040,913	0			1,040,913
CRATER CREEK (COST SHARE)	1,967,375					1,967,375	2,420,904		2,420,904			2,420,904
HARMONY		369,839				369,839	0	369,839	369,839			369,839
CHANDLER	165	2,396,952				2,396,952	0	2,403,001	2,403,289			2,403,001
MARGARITA	812,874					812,874	812,874		812,874			812,874
WEST ANDERSON	345,733					345,733	422,951		422,951			422,951
Total Type 3 Fires	7,459,190	2,766,792			312,244	10,538,879	6,628,457	3,813,753	9,401,585		326,512	10,768,722
Type 4 and 5 Fires												
Other Agency Incidents	8,713,090	4,066,346			356,852	9,069,942	10,933,654	4,066,346	15,000,000			15,000,000
Out of State Fire Dispatches	6,891,296		1,064,482			7,955,778	3,700,000		6,300,000			10,000,000
Total	52,854,345		1,064,482		356,852	54,275,678	15,553,654	4,066,346	19,620,000	25,280,000	3,100,000	48,000,000
Non-Code Cost & IAQ Covid Inc.												
Reacting to Fire Potential (i.e., False Alarms, standby/staging) PI223/285	2,048,786					2,048,786	2,650,000		2,650,000			2,650,000
Seasonal Firefighters and Engine Cost - PI 288	20,306,868					20,306,868	41,000,000		41,000,000			41,000,000
PI 224	14,678,765					14,678,765	16,900,000		16,900,000			16,900,000
Attorney General projected expenditure	656					656						
Total	37,035,075					37,035,075	60,780,000		60,780,000			60,780,000
Total of Fire Costs by Fire Category and Account	132,156,585		1,064,481.79		669,096	136,657,608	101,586,343	20,892,372	121,916,275	25,280,000	3,100,000.00	151,185,228
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	60,883,000					60,883,000
FY24 Disaster Fund Allotment	12,025,000					12,025,000	12,025,000					12,025,000
FY24 Current Allotments TOTAL	72,908,000					72,908,000	72,908,000					72,908,000
Projected Costs	132,156,585		13,822,500	545,000	2,388,000	136,657,608	101,586,343	20,892,372	13,822,500	545,000	2,388,000	151,185,228
FY24 Supplemental Budget	27,734,000	21,143,000	11,457,500	2,555,000	62,889,500	105,675,500	27,734,000	21,143,000	11,457,500	2,555,000	62,889,500	105,675,500
Variance	(31,514,585)	21,143,000	24,215,518	3,100,000	1,718,904	15,895,392	(944,343)	250,628	0	0	2,061,488	1,367,772
TOTAL FY24 VARIANCE												

plus covid inc

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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	\$ (944,343)
BSA - For FY 2024			\$ 21,142,984	\$ 21,143,000	\$ 250,628
Disaster (05H/3A0) - For FY 2024	\$ -			\$ -	
GFF (001/020) - For FY 2024	\$ 8,577,500	\$ 8,797,500	\$ 11,457,500	\$ 11,457,500	\$ -
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	\$ 62,889,500	\$ (693,715)

Monthly Fire Suppression Report Fiscal Year Trends

Type 4 & 5 Incidents

HISTORICAL AVERAGES													Historical Average Totals		Previous 12 Months			
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun						
Prior FY Actuals	229,073	2,002,693	2,183,190	1,675,256	821,174	111,434	53,424	5,301	54,765	141,069	312,285	2,042,786	10,134,460	16,138,718				
3 Year Average	1,396,008	1,790,627	1,849,991	1,307,520	375,502	80,559	39,002	39,507	47,465	311,161	492,221	1,255,304	9,946,798	15,000,000				
5 Year Average	1,420,667	1,099,486	1,656,495	914,024	305,774	153,481	110,229	(23,684)	(971,658)	94,118	(178,499)	648,052	5,828,485	8,400,000				
10 Year Average	1,189,359	1,360,410	1,442,992	856,609	243,895	122,942	200,218	171,111	(154,829)	85,079	(314,100)	537,240	5,740,924	7,500,000				
TREND LINE BASED ON CURRENT ESTIMATE													Trend Totals		FY Total		FY Running Total	
Cur. FY v. Mo. Est.	506,453	(263,548)	(209,446)	355,115	110,643	(105,170)	(121,363)	38,764	55,374	(236,565)	(330,058)	1,432,324	293,523	5,669,781				
Cur. Est. by Mo.	3,375,645	3,436,185	1,749,001	1,840,458	210,405	38,434	43,174	107,226	57,388	62,580	23,637	1,432,324	12,376,457	17,300,000				
% by Mo. of FY22	11.50%	11.66%	11.66%	12.27%	1.40%	0.26%	0.29%	0.71%	0.38%	0.16%	0.16%	9.55%	82.51%	100.00%				
HISTORICAL ACTUALS													FY Total		FY Running Total			
FY24	2,869,392	3,699,723	1,958,447	1,485,338	1,092,541	167,312	68,462	2,014	399,145	353,695	-	-	10,134,460	16,138,718				
FY23	729,073	2,002,693	2,183,190	1,675,256	821,174	111,434	53,424	5,301	54,765	141,069	312,285	2,042,786	9,946,798	15,000,000				
FY22	2,280,489	2,321,592	1,181,679	1,243,470	142,156	25,967	29,170	72,445	38,773	42,281	15,970	967,722	8,361,914	7,878,222				
FY21	580,332	1,047,936	866,104	403,885	183,177	104,277	42,402	11,344	48,857	750,129	576,347	755,405	5,348,835	4,010,083				
FY20	1,008,688	1,218,807	679,484	127,417	58,042	137,415	69,540	68,170	69,540	48,518	21,948	784,460	6,841,814	4,009,468				
FY19	2,504,274	(1,093,320)	3,371,018	1,059,711	344,319	388,313	(194,030)	(277,049)	(2,049,201)	(484,835)	(2,543,558)	(1,209,960)	(184,024)	3,569,500				
FY18	1,585,611	1,841,108	1,444,724	952,011	409,401	318,506	(66,423)	(21,753)	101,196	7,166	(428,197)	2,221,618	4,534,988	6,571,547				
FY17	721,433	1,241,516	874,495	394,119	112,476	39,793	2,574,428	657	20,220	23,631	(20,576)	(1,483,435)	4,490,467	6,008,678				
FY16	698,594	2,778,656	1,505,308	1,526,535	293,516	76,135	53,701	1,592,497	(114,177)	182,028	1,596,659	433,277	10,822,730	8,592,833				
FY15	995,443	1,463,403	1,792,200	1,066,123	90,673	26,396	(1,112,129)	252,220	279,307	100,889	375,000	420,966	5,750,809	4,954,843				
FY14	790,770	781,987	528,721	571,779	4,016	1,181	453	6,000	23,413	66,500	67,610	339,895	2,467,780	2,260,280				
FY13	728,645	973,329	893,200	726,093	296,093	5,441	-	6,968	9,703	112,794	222,145	200,607	3,461,140	3,038,388				

Description of activity: Cost associated with fire suppression on Type 4 & 5 incidents that WADNR is the jurisdictional agency on.

Other Agency Fires

HISTORICAL AVERAGES													Historical Average Totals		Previous 12 Months			
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun						
Prior FY Actuals	142,876	582,581	2,812,248	1,780,860	804,318	412,358	49,435	433,709	24,165	155,992	40,181	2,006,541	6,919,400	9,953,187				
3 Year Average	550,564	1,108,883	2,151,702	1,113,107	518,181	157,329	164,931	24,165	184,819	39,707	311,643	(52,908)	6,271,493	3,700,000				
5 Year Average	624,140	1,557,714	1,685,391	919,105	422,082	129,406	104,116	(37,206)	117,467	158,939	235,094	6,000,665	6,300,000	6,300,000				
10 Year Average	471,759	1,151,608	1,244,471	622,889	278,064	128,819	66,700	(14,819)	64,421	31,063	110,046	62,241	5,148,340	4,000,000				
TREND LINE BASED ON CURRENT ESTIMATE													Trend Totals		FY Total		FY Running Total	
Cur. FY v. Mo. Est.	779,229	(466,015)	462,375	140,052	(1,261,533)	(162,801)	(101,649)	(55,939)	14,886	(18,478)	1,204,144	(1,281,998)	5,199,418	5,199,418				
Cur. Est. by Mo.	1,346,008	1,376,781	2,446,047	1,072,151	234,683	52,751	29,709	2,752	16,039	27,546	1,476,869	(2,881,998)	15,948,422	20,000,000				
% by Mo. of FY22	13.46%	13.77%	24.46%	10.72%	2.84%	0.29%	0.09%	0.16%	0.16%	0.17%	14.77%	-28.42%	82.51%	100.00%				
HISTORICAL ACTUALS													FY Total		FY Running Total			
FY24	666,699	1,842,796	1,988,672	932,200	1,496,216	615,052	131,358	58,690	1,153	46,024	272,725	-	6,919,400	9,953,187				
FY23	142,876	582,581	2,812,248	1,780,860	804,318	206,119	412,358	49,435	515,992	40,181	(433,709)	2,006,541	8,919,400	7,346,567				
FY22	1,205,030	1,238,006	1,218,807	956,295	299,123	25,498	2,614	14,356	24,569	131,728	(12,702)	4,637,568	10,025,234	8,664,120				
FY21	308,186	3,516,063	1,461,131	602,156	540,900	218,817	55,937	26,005	22,668	54,372	1,361	405,305	5,257,512	4,800,846				
FY20	676,821	1,000,957	248,136	166,581	(10,742)	59,936	(72,357)	23,318	7,319	43,262	49,269	141,707	2,334,726	2,143,749				
FY19	792,386	3,400,962	1,225,735	1,089,624	566,109	115,108	98,145	(282,369)	27,452	67,202	10,494	1,195,487	7,686,120	7,686,120				
FY18	609,086	2,001,978	3,400,946	1,129,009	528,974	120,898	126,241	34,601	50,996	79,479	69,529	1,641,443	10,230,211	9,139,339				
FY17	259,800	1,073,720	518,447	258,313	40,507	12,586	182	3,738	1,227	(748)	(1,518)	(1,708,919)	4,953,434	2,167,781				
FY16	288,590	122,735	43,294	44,890	-	407	-	-	375	3,726	15,528	30,077	529,981	484,377				
FY15	186,137	90,557	14,258	703	822	529	1,923	-	4,280	4,248	40,000	72,981	399,248	281,267				
FY14	292,914	438,524	33,710	134,189	332	394	-	-	943	2,230	9,361	911,997	900,406	900,406				
FY13	146,231	548,326	110,002	498,226	248	49	-	-	593	7,620	9,246	26,590	1,347,131	1,311,295				

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 agreements with them.

PI 223 - Reacting to Fire Potential

HISTORICAL AVERAGES													Historical Average Totals		Previous 12 Months			
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun						
Prior FY Actuals	1,256,279	6,900,332	7,887,686	7,998,658	1,628,528	563,866	268,826	357,592	223,868	60,847	471,122	7,442,513	35,000,456	27,749,381				
3 Year Average	1,692,795	4,357,375	5,709,275	6,161,991	1,240,405	441,823	254,997	152,043	87,006	167,503	300,993	5,517,515	26,213,724	20,000,000				
5 Year Average	2,005,529	4,223,073	4,654,441	4,383,201	1,022,151	526,265	172,871	124,675	156,898	172,675	265,898	1,640,828	15,489,340	12,000,000				
10 Year Average	1,517,664	3,077,780	3,061,678	2,659,947	703,828	402,321	113,165	105,321	160,862	420,692	3,249,211	11,489,340	11,489,340	11,489,340				
TREND LINE BASED ON CURRENT ESTIMATE													Trend Totals		FY Total		FY Running Total	
Cur. FY v. Mo. Est.	1,377,933	144,549	(1,219,027)	417,850	(7,409,590)	(2,549,267)	(160,862)	(69,256)	(250,773)	83,591	12,308,860	8,741,010	15,194,677	15,194,677				
Cur. Est. by Mo.	3,421,006	4,375,394	6,751,601	8,208,127	1,731,073	244,943	507,287	27,819	36,141	156,306	245,669	1,317,228	35,000,456	41,000,000				
% by Mo. of FY22	8.34%	10.67%	6.47%	22.68%	4.22%	0.55%	1.24%	0.19%	0.06%	0.36%	0.49%	21.32%	86.59%	100.00%				
HISTORICAL ACTUALS													FY Total		FY Running Total			
FY24	2,043,493	4,230,846	7,929,628	5,300,387	9,140,669	2,774,210	668,149	147,076	276,915	64,153	(12,109,656)	-	35,000,456	32,416,525				
FY23	1,256,279	6,900,332	7,887,686	7,998,658	1,628,528	563,866	268,826	357,592	223,868	60,847	471,122	7,442,513	10,230,211	10,230,211				
FY22	2,925,484	3,741,544	5,773,517	7,951,230	1,480,302	192,356	433,798	66,546	22,355	126,341	170,345	2,474,727	30,358,544	22,713,473				
FY21	1,226,622	2,430,231	3,466,623	2,515,886	672,186	569,128	62,369	31,992	14,796	315,322	261,512	1,635,304	13,222,170	11,325,353				
FY20	1,958,699	3,854,305	2,821,919	622,640	221,631	940,515	29,500	39,769	26,112	140,932	273,905	2,295,309	11,025,234	10,456,000				
FY19	3,100,961	4,388,935	3,320,360	2,807,800	1,109,486	807,824	73,943	25,206	140,740	141,049	1,090,160	4,375,609	21,293,249	15,856,519				
FY18	1,668,465	2,634,593	2,808,274	1,950,121	596,128	607,974	55,884	67,434	117,386	184,060	312,153	3,220,734	14,593,186	11,060,299				
FY17	945,187	2,627,300	1,656,831	901,049	30													