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NATURAL RESOURCES**
**OFFICE OF THE
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October 31, 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 419 department fires statewide through the month of August. Total fire cost to the department for the month of August was \$42 million. Estimated costs for all funds in FY 2025 are \$219.1 million, putting us over the annual GF-S/Disaster appropriation by \$124.1 million and over all other appropriations by \$18.4 million (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 (August 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 2025
Executive Summary for August 2025

This report summarizes Fiscal Year 2025 fire activity, actual expenditures compared to allotments.

DNR fires YTD through August

According to monthly Intel stats, there was a statewide total of 419 DNR Fires, year-to-date, through the month of August.

Fire Suppression Costs For the Month of August

Total fire cost, of all funds, to DNR in the month of August is \$42 million.

Fire Suppression Cost for Fiscal Year through August

Total fire cost, of all funds, for months through August is \$62.7 million.

Estimated total costs for FY 2025 compared to FY 2025 Allotments.

For all funds, estimated costs for FY 2025 are \$219.1 Mil. This puts us over our current appropriation of GF-S/Disaster allotment by \$124.1 Million and over all other appropriations by \$18.4 Million, excluding Landowner Contingency (LOC).

FY25 Supplemental Budget Request

Fund	Initial Request (DP)	Nov. Request (for Gov's Budget)	Final Request
GFS (001/052) - For FY 2025	\$ 69,230,581		
Disaster (05H/3A0) - For FY 2025	\$ -		
GFF (001/020) - For FY 2025	\$ 17,477,500		
GFL (001/500) - For FY 2025	\$ 955,000		
Totals:	\$ 87,663,081	\$ -	

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	Historical Average Totals	Previous 12 Months		
Prior FY Actuals	2,880,392	3,699,733	1,958,447	1,485,328	1,992,608	1,673,312	1,992,608	1,673,312	2,014	399,145	353,695	905,314	13,001,246	13,091,253		
3 Year Average	1,959,651	2,674,673	1,774,439	1,468,018	321,110	410,002	83,972	48,736	31,851	194,165	227,317	1,305,274	10,499,207	-		
5 Year Average	1,493,501	2,038,006	1,373,981	999,147	236,910	294,339	182,498	45,418	38,585	270,914	400,951	1,071,108	8,465,539	-		
10 Year Average	1,397,201	1,852,384	1,385,963	999,243	244,883	222,884	216,004	177,887	156,969	118,387	289,420	594,782	6,774,270	-		
Trend Line Based on Current Estimate													Trend Totals	8,841,068		
Cur. FY v. Mo. Est.	1,238,096	1,428,848	2,384,212	1,656,533	-	1,218,557	186,599	74,354	2,246	445,158	394,468	1,009,677	14,500,000	14,500,000		
Cur. Est. by Mo.	3,199,846	4,126,230	2,184,212	1,656,533	-	1,218,557	186,599	74,354	2,246	445,158	394,468	1,009,677	14,500,000	14,500,000		
% by Mo. of FY24	22.07%	28.46%	15.06%	11.42%	0.00%	1.29%	0.53%	0.02%	3.07%	2.72%	6.96%	-	-	-		
Historical Actuals													FY Total	FY Running Total		
FY24	1,961,200	2,697,682	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,658,932		
FY23	2,869,192	3,699,733	1,958,447	1,485,328	-	1,992,608	1,673,312	1,992,608	1,673,312	2,014	399,145	353,695	905,314	13,001,246		
FY22	2,700,071	2,903,693	2,183,200	1,675,264	321,114	410,002	83,972	55,334	5,301	54,765	141,069	312,385	2,022,786	10,136,460		
FY21	2,280,609	2,311,592	1,181,679	1,243,470	143,156	25,567	25,170	72,445	38,773	42,281	15,970	967,722	-	8,361,914		
FY20	580,312	1,047,596	868,104	403,865	163,177	104,277	32,402	11,344	48,857	750,129	578,347	755,405	-	5,343,835		
FY19	1,608,668	1,238,867	676,484	377,817	58,042	117,415	628,710	69,540	48,518	21,948	748,460	884,313	-	5,486,244		
FY18	2,504,574	1,093,300	1,712,611	1,009,111	388,313	118,320	277,040	1,249,031	484,831	1,243,543	1,295,969	-	-	11,834,000		
FY17	1,583,611	1,841,108	1,446,724	992,011	409,401	318,506	166,423	21,753	101,196	7,166	(4,258,197)	2,221,638	-	4,534,988		
FY16	723,413	1,241,516	874,495	394,119	112,476	39,793	2,375,428	567	20,220	23,631	(29,579)	(1,483,639)	-	4,990,467		
FY15	698,594	2,728,666	1,508,338	1,534,031	293,516	76,315	58,371	1,592,697	114,137	182,208	1,936,609	438,366	-	10,822,796		
FY14	995,841	1,463,401	1,792,200	1,066,123	96,673	26,396	(1,112,129)	262,220	279,307	100,809	375,000	420,965	-	5,750,809		
FY13	790,770	781,967	528,211	571,759	4,016	1,181	453	6,000	23,413	66,560	67,610	339,895	-	2,667,785		
FY12	226,645	974,821	693,720	280,093	5,641	1,329	33,366	-	6,966	9,703	112,794	232,145	200,607	3,461,140		
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		Previous 12 Months	
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Historical Average Totals	Previous 12 Months		
Prior FY Actuals	566,859	1,843,099	1,983,672	932,100	1,486,216	615,052	131,358	58,690	1,153	46,397	279,832	2,815,328	10,769,757	12,321,779		
3 Year Average	636,788	1,211,895	2,325,882	1,233,085	836,619	289,407	190,071	36,840	177,017	37,049	387,801	750,433	6,108,908	-		
5 Year Average	570,075	1,234,841	1,737,383	897,680	608,103	229,995	110,759	30,905	112,208	41,758	292,806	599,662	4,283,793	-		
10 Year Average	499,123	1,292,066	1,439,467	900,657	473,653	228,654	79,836	(8,590)	64,537	35,669	137,806	342,938	5,239,487	-		
Trend Line Based on Current Estimate													Trend Totals	1,880,000		
Cur. FY v. Mo. Est.	425,755	1,265,694	(823,006)	(846,143)	696,099	410,660	(280,631)	9,420	(514,436)	6,347	714,327	816,693	10,800,000	10,800,000		
Cur. Est. by Mo.	5,681,415	3,842,215	1,980,243	1,580,243	1,500,818	616,717	1,500,818	616,717	1,500,818	112,809	112,809	112,809	10,800,000	10,800,000		
% by Mo. of FY24	5.20%	17.11%	18.24%	8.65%	13.89%	5.71%	1.22%	0.54%	0.01%	0.43%	2.60%	26.14%	-	-		
Historical Actuals													FY Total	FY Running Total		
FY24	1,061,992	2,910,588	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,972,581		
FY23	566,859	1,843,099	1,983,672	932,100	1,486,216	615,052	131,358	58,690	1,153	46,397	279,832	2,815,328	10,769,757	12,321,779		
FY22	142,876	583,541	2,812,248	1,780,880	804,318	206,119	412,358	49,435	515,592	40,181	(433,709)	2,006,541	8,919,400	8,919,400		
FY21	1,200,630	1,228,006	2,181,277	956,295	209,323	47,050	26,498	2,454	14,306	24,569	1,317,278	(2,570,570)	4,637,569	4,637,569		
FY20	208,186	1,510,603	1,461,201	602,166	540,980	218,817	55,937	20,025	22,668	54,372	34,363	409,305	5,297,614	5,297,614		
FY19	676,421	1,000,951	2,483,136	1,666,981	1,102,242	104,242	159,316	172,357	23,338	7,319	43,262	49,309	2,334,726	2,334,726		
FY18	792,186	3,460,962	1,723,715	1,089,624	566,109	115,108	98,145	(282,363)	27,452	67,202	104,694	1,195,487	8,864,120	8,864,120		
FY17	629,086	2,021,978	3,407,946	1,175,039	628,974	1,010,898	146,241	34,021	50,996	73,479	49,329	1,041,443	10,240,211	10,240,211		
FY16	229,802	1,013,221	1,438,417	258,513	402,07	3,718	1,227	7,480	11,277	15,588	(1,709,939)	497,841	477,844	477,844		
FY15	268,950	122,735	43,234	44,890	407	-	-	-	375	3,726	15,528	30,077	529,981	529,981		
FY14	1,663,127	905,057	143,528	77,803	422	563	-	-	4,280	4,248	40,000	72,981	394,248	394,248		
FY13	239,834	2,845,824	82,163	384,289	723	284	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,390,361	2,390,361		
FY12	146,231	548,326	310,022	498,226	248	49	-	-	993	7,620	9,246	26,590	1,347,131	1,347,131		
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 223/285 - Reacting to Fire Potential													Historical Averages		Previous 12 Months	
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Historical Average Totals	Previous 12 Months		
Prior FY Actuals	2,043,493	4,230,846	7,970,628	5,100,887	9,340,669	2,774,210	668,149	147,076	276,915	64,153	(12,109,656)	24,111,390	44,418,258	49,204,723		
3 Year Average	2,275,085	4,929,780	7,210,610	7,016,825	4,683,166	1,376,851	456,024	190,044	174,379	83,781	(1,822,720)	13,099,543	36,612,400	49,204,723		
5 Year Average	1,882,511	4,214,279	5,464,271	4,841,695	4,841,695	2,008,319	1,008,319	1,008,319	1,008,319	1,008,319	1,008,319	1,008,319	27,214,494	-		
10 Year Average	1,669,708	3,432,604	3,822,155	3,152,521	1,616,264	685,860	166,752	126,846	73,164	111,972	(794,901)	1,650,871	19,713,816	-		
Trend Line Based on Current Estimate													Trend Totals	36,200,000		
Cur. FY v. Mo. Est.	(3,226,389)	(1,054,344)	8,613,353	5,511,665	9,877,742	2,997,913	722,026	158,935	299,245	69,327	(13,086,139)	20,053,653	36,200,000	36,200,000		
Cur. Est. by Mo.	2,028,714	4,217,007	8,613,353	5,511,665	9,877,742	2,997,913	722,026	158,935	299,245	69,327	(13,086,139)	20,053,653	36,200,000	36,200,000		
% by Mo. of FY24	4.60%	5.93%	17.84%	11.48%	20.58%	6.25%	1.50%	0.33%	0.62%	0.14%	-27.26%	54.28%	-	-		
Historical Actuals													FY Total	FY Running Total		
FY24	5,438,468	5,626,341	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,064,809		
FY23	2,043,493	4,230,846	7,970,628	5,100,887	9,340,669	2,774,210	668,149	147,076	276,915	64,153	(12,109,656)	24,111,390	44,418,258	44,418,258		
FY22	1,256,279	6,900,352	7,887,686	7,998,658	1,628,528	563,986	288,826	37,592	223,665	60,847	471,122	7,442,513	35,060,456	35,060,456		
FY21	2,925,484	3,741,544	5,773,517	7,951,230	1,480,302	192,156	433,798	66,546	22,355	126,341	170,345	2,474,727	30,398,546	30,398,546		
FY20	1,238,622	2,403,211	3,464,623	2,518,896	672,396	569,128	62,869	31,962	14,796	315,322	261,512	1,810,304	18,920,100	18,920,100		
FY19	1,958,699	3,654,305	2,821,519	622,640	221,631	940,515	29,500	39,769	26,112	140,932	273,905	2,295,309	13,025,234	13,025,234		
FY18	3,160,561	4,388,935	3,322,360	2,807,890	1,109,486	867,824	73,943	25,226	(40,754)	141,049	1,059,040	4,375,689	21,291,249	21,291,249		
FY17	1,686,641	2,845,824	2,808,214	1,950,211	666,218	607,914	58,281	67,438	117,386	188,060	312,153	2,220,734	14,984,186	14,984,186		
FY16	645,187	2,627,300	1,656,811	901,049	308,427	33,541	27,838	10,638	12,385	25,125	143,136	2,277,503	8,968,959	8,968,959		
FY15	1,022,263	3,030,865	1,737,553	1,190,244	368,614	112,848	43,988	104,690	61,212	40,125	1,393,438	1,628,526	10,734,367	10,734,367		
FY14	489,847	687,070	776,157	466,904	265,808	386,215	40,219	617,498	17,368							