



**DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES**

**OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC
LANDS**

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July 27th, 2022

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 report, 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.

There were 28 classified fires recorded in May 2022. Total fire cost to the department for the month of May was \$7.6 million. The Legislature’s 2021-23 enacted budget originally appropriated \$28.7 million GF-S/Disaster Recovery Account; however, due to increased wildland fire fighting activity, increased this appropriation in the FY22 Supplemental to \$120.607 million. As of this report, estimated costs for FY 2022 are \$120.5 million, resulting in a positive variance of \$118,587.

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 2022)

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