



MEMORANDUM

TO: Alexei Painter, Director
Division of Legislative Finance

FROM: Theresa Cross, Administrative Services Director *TC*
Department of Natural Resources

DATE: March 13, 2024

SUBJECT: Intent Language Response – Fire Cost Summary

The information the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Fire Protection has received from the federal (and non-federal) Northwest Compact agencies indicates that the division will need an additional \$7 million to close-out Fire Season 2023 (FY2024).

The Governor's FY2024 Supplemental Budget, included a supplemental of \$26 million in unrestricted general fund authority to close-out Fire Season 2023 (FY2024). Based on updated information, a supplemental of only \$7 million in unrestricted general fund authority is needed, therefore a negative \$19 million supplemental is also being requested, leaving \$7 million to close-out Fire Season 2023 (FY2024).

In addition, the Division of Forestry and Fire Protection is requesting a supplemental of \$7 million in unrestricted general fund authority for projected spring fire repositioning expenditures from January 1 to June 30, 2024 (FY2024) based on a five-year average.

The Division of Forestry and Fire Protection requires additional supplemental funding due to increased cost for aviation contract renewals of approximately \$1.4 million.

The total supplemental request for FY2024 is approximately \$15.4 million.

The division estimates \$4 million in expenditures that will be adjusted from unrestricted general funds to the federal appropriation. This number is subject to change when the division completes the full fire transfer process in September 2024.

The total unrestricted general fund authority needed for FY2024 is approximately \$90 million.

Enclosure: *Fire Cost Estimates – Summary and Detail.pdf* (3 pages)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "TC".

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Theresa Cross, Admin Services Director

[Attachment E](#)

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Division of Forestry & Fire Protection

Fire Activity Cost Summary as of 02/07/2024

(whole dollars)

FY	Authority by Fiscal Year	Timeframe	Expenditures & Estimates by Fiscal Year	Combined Expenditures & Estimates by Calendar Year	CY
FY2022	\$ 58,641,000	07/01/21 - 12/31/21	\$ 22,447,924	\$ 140,527,135	CY21
		01/01/22 - 06/30/22	\$ 32,010,736		
FY2023	\$ 71,641,000	07/01/22 - 12/31/22	\$ 108,516,399	\$ 84,574,041	CY22
		01/01/23 - 06/30/23	\$ 16,532,112		
FY2024	\$ 90,031,000	07/01/23 - 12/31/23	\$ 68,041,929	\$ 21,997,567	CY23
		01/01/24 - 06/30/24	\$ 21,997,567		
FY2025	\$ 13,641,000	07/01/24 - 12/31/24			CY24
		01/01/25 - 06/30/25			CY25

Note: Actual expenditures and payables setup are as of 02/07/24.

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Division of Forestry & Fire Protection
Fire Activity Cost Detail as of 02/07/2024
(whole dollars)

FY	Authority by Fiscal Year	Timeframe	Expenditures & Estimates by Fiscal Year
FY2022	\$ 58,641,000	07/01/21 - 12/31/21	\$ 22,447,924
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		01/01/25 - 06/30/25	

Note: Actual expenditures and payables setup are as of 02/07/24.

Actuals and Estimates received from cooperators and payables setup (listed in the BFY transaction was posted)			Notes
07/01/21 - 12/31/21	\$ 22,447,923.90	Actuals	
	\$ 22,447,923.90	Total	
01/01/2022 - 06/30/2022	\$ 9,902,486.81	Actuals	Actual expenses include the remainder of the BFY23 expenditures, including transactions through December - payment of CY22 USFS invoice. This includes the release of the USFS payable to the GF which temporarily reduced expenditures by \$20m, with the final payment occurring in December 2023.
	\$ 665,500.00	Bureau of Indian Affairs BIA CY22	
	\$ 38,608.87	Fish & Wildlife Service FWS CY22 payable setup	
	\$ 413,153.64	National Parks Service NPS CY22	
	\$ 342,731.70	Oregon CY22	
	\$ 64,121.18	Saskatchewan CY22	
	\$ 20,584,134.03	US Forest Service USFS CY22 payable setup	
	\$ 32,010,736.23	Total	
07/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	\$ 82,421,244.70	Actuals	
	\$ 24,103,845.27	Bureau of Land Management Alaska Fire Service BLM AFS CY22	
	\$ 703,451.34	Fish and Wildlife Service FWS CY22	
	\$ 596,341.35	Idaho CY22	
	\$ 413,869.81	Montana CY22	
	\$ 277,646.13	Oregon CY22	
	\$ 108,516,398.60	Total	
01/01/2023 - 06/30/2023	\$ 12,004,072.23	Actuals	
	\$ 134,683.08	Additional CY22 Bureau of Land Management Alaska Fire Service BLM AFS payable	
	\$ 1,637,011.73	Additional CY22 National Parks Service NPS payable setup	
	\$ 377.63	Fish and Wildlife Service FWS CY23	
	\$ 152.59	National Parks Service NPS CY23	
	\$ 182,880.79	Oregon CY23	
	\$ 1,063,184.64	US Forest Service USFS CY23	
	\$ 1,509,749.59	Bureau of Land Management Alaska Fire Service BLM AFS CY23	
	\$ 16,532,112.28	Total	
07/01/2023 - 12/31/2023	\$ 36,337,804.87	Actuals	
	\$ 18,083,060.73	Additional CY23 Bureau of Land Management Alaska Fire Service BLM AFS	
	\$ 484,637.54	Additional CY23 Oregon	
	\$ 7,687,997.52	Additional CY23 US Forest Service USFS	
	\$ 225,328.36	Additional CY23 Fish and Wildlife Service FWS	
	\$ 30,503.00	Bureau of Indian Affairs BIA CY23	
	\$ 25,601.67	Washington CY23	
	\$ 273,590.40	British Columbia BC CY23	
	\$ 107,725.40	Montana CY23	
	\$ 721,472.68	Saskatchewan CY23	
	\$ 4,064,206.83	FY24 funds to pay remainder of CY22 US Forest Service USFS invoice	
	\$ 68,041,929.00	Total	
01/01/24 - 06/30/24	\$ 5,828,467.35	Actuals (2/7/24)	***As of 02/15/2024 - No estimate returned from Alberta for CY23. But a DOF estimate for Alberta, using the DOF Aviation Allocation spreadsheet is \$309,440.69 (estimate in USD). This is using the rates listed on the RO and using the DOF flight record; **do not have AB flight record**. This does not have personal services, per diem, or travel costs.
	\$ 921,658.00	National Park Service CY23 - pending payable	
	\$ 7,000,000.00	Spring start-up costs	
	\$ 20,000.00	Fire engine order	
	\$ 925,000.00	Tanker contract increase	
	\$ 465,000.00	Helicopter contract increase	
	\$ 77,442.00	ACDC Dispatch stations and comms	
	\$ 60,000.00	SWS Ethernet circuit	
	\$ 6,000,000.00	Final crossbill for CY19 and CY22	
	\$ 700,000.00	Alberta aircraft allocation estimate	
	\$ 21,997,567.35	Total	

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Division of Forestry & Fire Protection

UGF Fire Supplementals by Fiscal Year (FY08-24)

(dollars in thousands)

FY	Initial Auth GF Budget	First Supplemental	Second Supplemental	Third Supplemental	Total GF Authorized
FY08	\$ 6,712.5	\$ 1,390.7			\$ 8,103.2
FY09	\$ 6,712.5	\$ 11,242.8			\$ 17,955.3
FY10	\$ 6,712.5	\$ 60,847.4			\$ 67,559.9
FY11	\$ 6,663.3	\$ 46,363.6			\$ 53,026.9
FY12	\$ 6,663.3	\$ 9,952.2			\$ 16,615.5
FY13	\$ 6,663.3	\$ 20,778.7			\$ 27,442.0
FY14	\$ 6,663.3	\$ 43,469.4			\$ 50,132.7
FY15	\$ 6,663.3	\$ 53,995.8			\$ 60,659.1
FY16	\$ 6,659.1	\$ 71,150.0			\$ 77,809.1
FY17	\$ 5,973.0	\$ 25,300.0			\$ 31,273.0
FY18	\$ 5,973.0	\$ 12,100.0			\$ 18,073.0
FY19	\$ 5,241.0	\$ 42,700.0			\$ 47,941.0
FY20	\$ 13,641.0	\$ 42,500.0	\$ 52,000.0	\$ 16,000.0	\$ 124,141.0
FY21	\$ 13,641.0	\$ 12,076.8			\$ 25,717.8
FY22	\$ 13,641.0	\$ 20,000.0	\$ 25,000.0		\$ 58,641.0
FY23	\$ 13,641.0	\$ 50,000.0	\$ 8,000.0		\$ 71,641.0
FY24	\$ 13,641.0	\$ 61,000.0	\$ 34,390.0	\$ (19,000.0)	\$ 90,031.0
17-yr Average	\$ 8,559.1				\$ 49,809.6
					Average without the highest and lowest total/years. \$ 47,634.6