

State of Montana

Assistance from the Governor's Disaster Fund

Fires 2000

Sequence of Events & Procedures

Wildland Fire or related incident starts

Local Initial Attack resources respond

(Documentation of Labor, Equipment & Materials starts)

Fire escapes Initial Attack

Local Fire Mutual Aid Requested

Political Subdivision Declares an Emergency or Disaster

Political Subdivision makes determination on pay status of volunteer fire fighters

Political Subdivision chooses to pay the volunteer fire fighters (that have not been hired by DNRC*) as Temp Hires or Contracts with the Fire District/Organization.

If the Political Subdivision chooses to pay the volunteer firefighters for that incident that are beyond the Initial Attack and mutual aid has been requested, the costs would be eligible.

Pay & Equipment rates will be in accordance with the Interagency Incident Business Management Handbook, NWCG Handbook 2 (2000 Version)

Political Subdivision summarizes all the extraordinary fire related costs that are not on a resource order to a project fire, this could include some of the following costs:

Fire, Law Enforcement, EOC Activation, Evacuations, Materials, etc.

If the extraordinary fire related costs are beyond existing budget capabilities

The Political Subdivision must invoke the two mill Emergency Levy (10-3-405, MCA)

To pay the extraordinary costs. If that funding is not enough, the

Political Subdivision requests the Governor in writing for supplemental state financial assistance

(See sample, Tab F-8, Local Government Disaster Information Manual)

MT DES processes the request as described in "Handbook for Applicants"

(Tab G, Local Government Disaster Information Manual)

MT DES will meet & work with each Political Subdivision to assist them through the process.

*DNRC only hires Local Government fire fighters which meet the NRCG training, physical fitness & qualification standards.

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