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TO: Environmental Quality Council

FROM: Roger Lloyd, Senior Fiscal Analyst

RE: FY 2013 Fire Costs, Fire Suppression Account Updates, FY 2014 Fire Costs

Fiscal year 2013 is over. The table below shows the actual and projected costs for FY 2013 as of June 2013 and how these costs are funded. Montana's share of the costs is \$57.5 million.

Fire Suppression Costs and Funding FY 2013 (as of June 30, 2013) Actual and Projected		
State responsibility	\$57,546,584	
Other's responsibility	14,000,275	
Total:	\$71,546,859	
Funding for State Responsibility		
Fire Suppression Account	\$5,205,240	
Governor's General Fund Emergency	\$14,253,432	
Supplemental	<u>\$38,087,912</u>	
Total:	\$57,546,584	

The table on the next page shows the various general fund transfers to the fire suppression account, the current account balance, and expenditures as of September 10, 2013.

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Fire Suppression Account (02847)		
FY 2014		
General Fund Transfers In		
Sources		
HB 3 Transfer from FY 2013	\$11,912,088	
Unspent governor's GF emergency appropriation	\$943,867	
HB 354 Transfer from GF reversions>0.5%	\$13,338,028	
HB 354 FY 2014 corporation license tax	<u>\$25,497,421</u>	
Total:	\$51,691,404	
Current Fund Balance as of September 5, 2013: \$51,693,209		
Expenditures as of September 10, 2013:	\$2,049,864	

At the beginning of September, actual and projected costs in FY 2014 were \$15.2 million, \$10.2 million of which is state responsibility.

Fire Suppression Costs FY 2014 (as of September 4, 2013)		
		Actual and Projected
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<u>All costs</u>		
State responsibility	\$10,157,471	
Other's responsibility	<u>5,009,492</u>	
Total:	\$15,166,963	