WALLOW FIRE COST AGREEMENT, AS PER THE
NEW MEXICO WILDLAND FIRE MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS MASTER
AGREEMENT

The purpose of this Cost Agreement is to provide for a coordinated cooperative fire suppression operation on this incident and to describe the cost methodology. This Cost Agreement is entered into as per Section 44 of the New Mexico Wildland Fire Management Joint Powers Master Agreement.

1. Incident Name  Wallow           Origin Date  05/29/11 Time  1330
2. Latitude  33:36' 07"           Longitude  109:26' 56"
3. Estimated Size  478,452 Acres at the time of this Agreement.

Agency  EMNRD - NM Forestry Division Fire Code 11-90200789N
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5. This Agreement becomes effective on  05/29/11 at 1330 and remains in effect until Control
or until otherwise amended or terminated.

6. Position  Name  Agency
Incident Commander  Jim Loach  Area Command
Finance Section Chief
7. Agency Representatives participating in development of Cost Agreement:

Agency  USFS Region 3  
Name  Billy Zamora  
Title  Incident Business Coordinator  

Agency  EMNRD Forestry Division  
Name  Gilbert A. Romero  
Title  Incident Business Advisor  

8. There are several ways to determine the best cost share mix. Below are examples of five cost share possibilities:

A. Each Agency pays for its own resources – fire suppression efforts are primarily on jurisdictional responsibility lands.

B. Each Agency pays for its own resources – services rendered approximate the percentage of jurisdictional responsibility, but not necessarily performed on those lands.

C. Cost share by percentage of ownership or Agency jurisdictional responsibility.

D. Cost is apportioned by geographic division. Examples of geographic divisions are: Divisions A and B (using a map as an attachment); privately owned property with structures; or specific locations such as campgrounds.

E. Reconciliation of daily estimates (for larger, multi-day incidents). This method relies upon daily agreed-to cost estimates, using Incident Action Plans or other means to determine multi-Agency contributions.
The following are not reimbursable:

- responsibility for tort claims or compensation for injury costs;
- non suppression rehabilitation costs are the responsibility of the Jurisdictional Agency;
- non-expendable property purchases (are the responsibility of the Agency making the purchase); and
- support costs (i.e. office dispatchers, warehouse workers, etc.), unless they are charging to an emergency code assigned to the incident.

9. Fire Suppression Costs will be divided between agencies as described below:

On the Wallow Fire, each agency will pay for their own resources, as per option B. above. Services rendered approximate the percentage of jurisdictional responsibility, but not necessarily performed on those lands. Should the fire cross the Blue River and make major runs into New Mexico, this Cost Agreement may need to be re-evaluated.

10. This Cost Agreement is our best judgment of Agencies cost responsibilities for this incident on the date/time shown. Future amendments to this Cost Agreement may be necessary, as conditions and fire spread change. This Cost Agreement can be negotiated in the field but only the State Forester has the authority to enter into a cost agreement on behalf of the EMNRD, Forestry Division.

Signature Corbin L. Newman Jr. Signature Tony Deffin, State Forester
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