



Forestry Division
Memorandum

DATE: August 23, 2013
TO: Hope Stockwell, Research Analyst, Legislative Services Division
FROM: Bob Harrington, Administrator, DNRC Forestry Division
RE: Questions from June EQC Wildfire Presentation

In response to questions raised at the June EQC meeting, I offer the following replies in preparation for the upcoming meeting in September:

1. **How much money has been transferred into the Wildfire Suppression Fund pursuant to HB354 authorities?**

Fire Suppression Fund Transfers--HB354:

Governor's Emergency Fund Unexpended Balance:	\$ 940,000
General Fund FY13 Unexpended Balance:	\$13,300,000
Corporate License Tax Excess:	<u>\$25,500,000</u>
SUBTOTAL:	<u>\$39,740,000</u>
HB3 Transfer:	<u>\$11,900,000</u>
TOTAL CASH--FIRE SUPPRESSION FUND:	<u>\$51,640,000</u>

2. **What happens to federal reimbursements for wildfire costs associated with state assistance to federal agencies or FEMA Fire Management Assistance Grants?**

Fire Suppression Reimbursements:

Fire suppression reimbursements (federal) are recorded in a federal reimbursement fund. By each fiscal year end, expenditures that are linked to federal reimbursements are journaled from the fire suppression fund to the federal reimbursement fund. This journal replenishes the

cash in the fire suppression fund. However, the federal reimbursement fund is cash negative. Until reimbursements are received from federal agencies, a loan from the general fund is obtained to keep the federal reimbursement fund cash positive.

3. What are the updated figures for seven-year and five-year adjusted net state wildfire costs:

Average Fire Cost Summary:

Average Fire Cost of Fire Suppression			
Fiscal Year	Total Cost	Reimbursements	Net Cost
2007	\$61,000,318	(\$21,290,928)	\$39,709,390
2008	\$108,152,537	(\$56,757,219)	\$51,395,318
2009	\$10,082,885	(\$3,211,351)	\$6,871,534
2010	\$6,695,714	(\$1,047,748)	\$5,647,966
2011	\$3,293,346	(\$807,571)	\$2,485,775
2012	\$20,357,103	(\$3,596,721)	\$16,760,382
2013	\$70,838,438	(\$14,000,275)	\$56,838,163
7 Year Total Cost			\$179,708,528
<i>7 Year Average</i>			<i>\$25,672,647</i>
<i>5 Year Adj. Average (Excl. High & Low Yrs)</i>			<i>\$24,076,918</i>

I believe I have addressed the committee's questions. If more information is needed, please contact me.