



Memorandum

To: Executive Appropriations Committee

From: Ivan Djambov

Date: September 20, 2022

Re: Wildland Fire Cost Projections and Reserves

The Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands is responsible for the fire management on Utah's non-federal lands. During the 2022 General Session, the Legislature appropriated to the Wildland Fire Suppression Fund \$49 million one-time from the General Fund in FY 2023 for future fire suppression costs.

The numbers below reflect all fire suppression funding, including the amounts appropriated to the division and the funding available through the Wildland Fire Suppression Fund. Based on the projections, there would not be a need for a FY 2023 supplemental appropriation for fire suppression costs.

	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Projected
Carry Forward from Prior Year	\$33,723,500	32,455,200
General Fund Appropriation, Ongoing	\$1,500,000	1,500,000
General Fund Appropriation, 1x	\$0	49,000,000
Wildland Fire Suppression Fund Revenue	\$1,567,200	1,567,200
Out-of-State Fire Suppr. Reimbursement	\$1,648,400	\$1,500,000
FEMA Reimbursements	\$12,261,600	16,143,000
Fire and Rehab Costs	(\$18,245,500)	(\$23,437,200)
Total	32,455,200	78,728,200

Jamie Barnes, Director of the Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands will make a presentation to EAC on September 20, 2022, about the 2022 fire season, to provide the estimated fire suppression and rehabilitation costs, and answer legislators' questions.