

**Change Record Detail with Description (285)**  
**Department of Natural Resources**

**Scenario:** FY2014 Supplemental (11324)  
**Component:** Fire Suppression Activity (AR 37595) (2706)  
**RDU:** Statewide Fire Suppression Program (140)

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										PFT	PPT	NP

**FY2014 Supplemental  
FY2014 Fire Activity**

1004 Gen Fund	Suppl	22,769.4	11,343.6	1,937.8	7,140.8	2,347.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
		22,769.4										

This request provides general funds for expenditures incurred under the Declaration of Disaster Emergency process for the fall 2013 fire season. The Fire Suppression component required supplemental funding, of which a portion will be used for payables to outside agencies (US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, NorthWest Compact participants).

The initial FY2014 general fund appropriation for the Fire Suppression component was \$6,663.3. (Sec1 Ch14 SLA2013 P31 L16)

FY2014 Fire Declaration funding requests:  
ADN 10-4-5038 \$12,838.4 (08/08/2013)  
ADN 10-4-5086 \$ 9,931.0 (08/19/2013)

**2013 Fire Season Summary**

Four fires caused impacts to local communities including Stewart Creek II and Mississippi in the Alaska Fire Service (AFS) Military Zone, Birch Creek in the AFS Upper Yukon Zone, and Moon Lake "Complex" of fires near Tok, under Division of Forestry (DOF) protection. Many other smaller fires in the Copper River area and Fairbanks area had considerable resources assigned. The fires in AFS protection put a strain on in-state availability and many resources were ordered from the Lower 48 states and Canada for both large fire support and on-going initial attack activity. Alaska was at planning level 4 in early July 2013, and then again in early through mid-August 2013, and the Alaska Multi-Agency Coordinating group (MAC) was activated. Although most resources were committed to AFS fires, DOF protected lands were threatened on Birch Creek, and both Stewart Creek II and Mississippi fires burned into DOF protection, requiring direct DOF support for suppression, planning, and fire management in addition to firefighting resources.

As the fire season progressed (into July/August/September) much of the fire activity consisted of the large fires in the Military Zone and Tok area. There were varied levels of initial attack during this period, but substantial support for the larger fires. The 2013 Alaska fire season finished with 613 fires with 1,320,753 acres burned. Total acres burned was the fourth largest over the last ten years.

The unusually warm and dry season started in late May 2013, persisted through most of the state through early July and continued through mid to late August for the eastern interior where the existing large fires continued to burn. Because of the unusually warm and dry conditions, resources were in high demand both in the lower 48 states and Alaska concurrently, which has historically been very unusual. Because the late season did not bring the usual seasonal rains, air tankers were ordered back from the lower 48 states and twice a tanker group from Alberta, Canada was ordered for our federal cooperators. Fire weather was very unusual with a very active and persistent season where the length of high activity persisted through most of the summer.

**FY2014 Projected Spring Costs for Wildland Fire Protection**

(Language)	Suppl	5,000.0	0.0	0.0	5,000.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
1004 Gen Fund		5,000.0										

The amount necessary to pay for fire suppression activities, estimated to be \$5,000,000, is appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Natural

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Resources, fire suppression activities, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014.												
This appropriation of general funds is for projected spring 2014 costs for initial attack of wildland fires through June 30, 2014.												
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FY2014 Fire Declaration funding requests: ADN 10-4-5038 \$12,838.4 (08/08/2013) ADN 10-4-5086 \$ 9,931.0 (08/19/2013)												
A separate supplemental request for the already posted general fund authorization is for \$22,769.4. Remaining funds in the component are insufficient to meet the state's statutory obligation to meet current obligations and provide spring wildland fire protection on state, municipal, and private lands in FY2014.												
2014 Spring Fire Season												
April and May are two of the busiest months, as much of the fire activity occurs in the urban interface areas with person caused starts. The largest acreages often occur in June, a period when prolonged burn periods and extended high pressure systems promote large wildland fire growth.												
It is difficult to predict the amount necessary for spring 2014 fire suppression activity. The estimate of \$5.0 million will be adjusted based on costs incurred through June 30, 2014.												
<b>Component Totals</b>		<b>27,769.4</b>	<b>11,343.6</b>	<b>1,937.8</b>	<b>12,140.8</b>	<b>2,347.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>