

CY 2001-2005 COST SHARE AGREEMENT

FOR

FLORIDA HELICOPTER BASE SUPPORT

between

THE STATE OF FLORIDA, DIVISION OF FORESTRY

and

**THE US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, NATIONAL FORESTS IN
FLORIDA**

The following is the cost share agreement between the above-mentioned agencies as it was negotiated for the following fire suppression activity and is considered a statewide agreement:

SITE: VARIOUS HELICOPTER BASE SITES THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF FLORIDA

INCIDENT NUMBERS:

Incident numbers and codes will be assigned as needed on an annual basis.
Each base will have a unique number assigned for cost tracking purposes.

STARTING DATE: January 1, 2001

JURISDICTIONS: USDA, FOREST SERVICE-NATIONAL FORESTS IN FLORIDA
STATE OF FLORIDA, DIVISION OF FORESTRY

COMMAND STRUCTURE: Critical fire situations in Florida warrant the assignment of aerial resources and accompanying support resources. A joint decision has been made to assign air tankers and large helicopters to strategic sites throughout the state. The cost of the support personnel, their travel, and incidental expenses will be charged to each site.

COST SHARE PERIOD: This Cost Share Agreement covers the period starting January 1, 2001 and ending December 31, 2005.

AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE PARTICIPATING IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS
COST SHARE AGREEMENT:

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This cost-share agreement was prepared under the following guidelines:

1. In accordance with the Cooperative Fire Protection Agreement between the USDA, Forest Service, National Forests in Florida and the State of Florida, Division of forestry.
2. All costs originating from orders placed by and for this activity that can be reasonably obtained and recorded for the cost-share period will be included in this agreement and will be shared on the basis of the agency representative's mutual agreement.
3. Cost for nonexpendable property purchases by each agency will be charged directly to that agency and will not be shared.
4. Cost incurred by cooperators not engaged in joint fire suppression activities will not be included as part of this cost-share agreement.
5. Agency specific costs that do not contribute directly to this joint activity will not be shared.
6. Responsibility for tort claim costs or compensation for injury costs will not be part of this agreement. Responsibility for these costs will be determined outside of this agreement. Costs incurred for the resolution of tort claims maybe included in the cost settlement. Compensation for injury costs will be part of the overall administrative cost.
7. Non-suppression rehabilitation costs are the responsibility of the jurisdictional agency and will not be shared.
8. Each agency's share of the total costs for this joint activity is based on the judgment of the incident commanders representing each agency and is based on recognizing that there are certain costs to be incurred in the establishment of a helicopter base and that there is a preparedness element as well as a suppression element in protecting wildlands from wildfire. Establishment and operation of helicopter bases has a considerable operational cost regardless of who uses the base. It is the mutual agreement of the parties to this agreement to share the operational costs for each base based on the utilization of the assigned aircraft from that base. Costs will be shared based on total aircraft utilization from the designated helicopter base. Costs will be distributed on a percentage basis using existing records and a mutually agreed to process.

9. The parties to this agreement will meet annually when accounting records are complete to determine the total costs for each agency. Costs from this agreement will be consolidated with the other cost share agreements in the state. The agency whose total actual costs exceed their calculated proportioned share will submit a bill to the other agency. The Forest Service will represent all federal land management agencies. The billing, when paid, will result in each agency sharing overall incident costs as herein agreed.

10. The report "***Cost Containment on Large Fires: Efficient Utilization of Wildland Fire Suppression Resources***", prepared by the National Association of State Foresters, Fire Protection Committee, July 1, 2000 contains valuable information on strategies and direction for reducing costs in wildland fire situations. **Appendix B3. The First Steps Toward Cost Containment**, lists the following objectives for Agency Line Officers:
 - a. Create Realistic Expectations
 - b. Deal With Development in the Wildland/Urban Interface
 - c. Eliminate Conflicting Objectives
 - d. Think "Outside the Box"
 Personnel involved in the wildland fire suppression efforts in Florida should familiarize themselves with this report.

11. This agreement may be terminated by either party with 60 days advance notice but is intended to provide a working relationship for the next five years. The effective dates will be January 1, 2001 to December 31, 2005 and may be extended by mutual agreement.

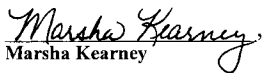
12. Appendix A is a list of sites that have been used in the past and could be used during the agreement period. Additional sites maybe used without being added to this list.

13. Activation of each site will be done by mutual agreement by the designated representatives of each agency. Once a site is activated for a fire season it is considered open for the fire season and any costs for reopening a site where operations have been suspended will be added to the total cost of the site for the season.

This agreement and the apportionment are the revised judgments of agency cost responsibilities.


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Date of this Finalized Agreement June 6, 2001

APPENDIX A
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Potential Sites

<u>NAME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Tallahassee	Tallahassee Airport
Punta Gorda	Punta Gorda Airport
Lake City	Lake City Airport
Ocala	Ocala Airport Dunnellon Airport Ocala Work Center
Apalachicola	Apalachicola Work Center
Wakulla	Wakulla Work Center