



Memorandum

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Meeting of: Committee of the Whole - Public Safety and Human Services

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TO: Committee of the Whole - Public Safety and Human Services
FROM: Mayor Angela Birney
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TITLE:

Authorization to Execute Interagency Agreement with Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for Wildfire and Emergency Response Support

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

The Redmond Fire Department requests Council authorization for the Mayor to execute an Interagency Agreement with the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to allow Redmond Fire personnel and resources to support wildfire and other emergency response incidents throughout Washington State when requested. Participation under this agreement is voluntary and only occurs when staffing and operational conditions allow Redmond Fire to maintain appropriate service levels within the City.

This agreement establishes reimbursement procedures, operational expectations, and deployment parameters for personnel, equipment, and Incident Management Team (IMT) resources provided by Redmond Fire in support of statewide emergency incidents. The agreement extends through July 13, 2031.

Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached

REQUESTED ACTION:

- Receive Information
- Provide Direction
- Approve

REQUEST RATIONALE:

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**
This agreement supports the City’s Community Strategic Plan priorities related to public safety, preparedness, emergency response, and regional resilience, as well as the City’s Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan framework for coordinated interagency emergency response activities.
- **Required:**
N/A
- **Council Request:**

N/A

- **Other Key Facts:**

N/A

OUTCOMES:

This agreement formalizes Redmond Fire Department participation in those response efforts and establishes the framework for:

- Deployment of qualified personnel and equipment;
- Reimbursement for personnel, travel, equipment, and approved incident-related costs;
- Incident qualification and resource tracking requirements;
- Operational and insurance requirements associated with emergency mobilizations.

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**

N/A

- **Outreach Methods and Results:**

N/A

- **Feedback Summary:**

N/A

BUDGET IMPACT:

Total Cost:

If Redmond Fire personnel or resources are mobilized under the agreement, costs incurred by the City are reimbursable by DNR in accordance with the agreement terms.

Approved in current biennial budget: Yes No N/A

Budget Offer Number:

N/A

Budget Priority:

Safe and Resilient; Strategic and Responsive

Other budget impacts or additional costs: Yes No N/A

If yes, explain:

N/A

Funding source(s):

N/A

Budget/Funding Constraints:

N/A

Additional budget details attached

COUNCIL REVIEW:

Previous Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
N/A	Item has not been presented to Council	N/A

Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
6/2/2026	Business Meeting	Approve

Time Constraints:

N/A

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:

If not approved, Redmond Fire Department personnel and resources would be unable to participate in or support Washington State Department of Natural Resources wildfire and emergency mobilization requests under this agreement framework. This would limit the department's ability to assist with statewide emergency response efforts, participate in Incident Management Team deployments, and receive reimbursement for eligible personnel and equipment costs associated with such mobilizations.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Interagency Agreement with DNR