

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

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November 27, 2017

Pete Ricketts, Covernor

Governor Pete Ricketts and Patrick J. O'Donnell, Clerk of the Legislature State Capital Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Governor Ricketts and Mr. O'Donnell:

Nebraska Revised Statutes 81-827. Wildfire Control: Nebraska Emergency Management Agency; duties, states in part the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency shall prepare a report on or before December 1 of each year describing (a) the date and time of each request to deploy a Single-Engine Air Tanker (SEAT) is made to the agency, (b) the date and time a SEAT is deployed in response to the request, (c) an explanation of the reason for any delay of more than an hour from the time of a request for a SEAT and the time of the actual deployment of the SEAT, and (d) an explanation of the reason for the denial of a request to deploy a SEAT.

- Contract/ Activation Period: July 15 through September 29, 2017 (77 operational days).
- State aerial suppression fights:

| DATE/TIME  | PURPOSE               | ACTION   |  |  |  |
|------------|-----------------------|--|--|--|--|
| July 16    | Wanblee Timber        | Flight time and associated costs paid by South Dakota. SEAT was requested at 1755    |  |  |  |
| 1755 hours | South Dakota          | and was on scene at 1814. Two flights applied 1,100 gallons of retardant. 1,100      |  |  |  |
|            |                       | gallons of retardant loaded on South Dakota SEAT at Valentine base.                  |  |  |  |
| July 17    | Wanblee Timber        | Flight time and associated costs paid by South Dakota. SEAT was requested at 1005    |  |  |  |
| 1005 hours | South Dakota          | and was on scene at 1035. Five flights applied 2,750 gallons of retardant. 3,150     |  |  |  |
|            |                       | gallons of retardant loaded on South Dakota SEAT at Valentine base.                  |  |  |  |
| July 19    | Brownlee Fire         | Seat was requested at 1555 and was on scene at 1610. Two flights applied 1,000       |  |  |  |
| 1024 hours | Cherry County, NE     | gallons of retardant.  |  |  |  |
| July 21    | Correction Line Dam & | Flight time and associated costs paid by South Dakota. SEAT was requested at 1600    |  |  |  |
| 1600 hours | Martin fires          | on scene at 1700. Two flights applied 525 gallons of retardant. Note, one flight was |  |  |  |
|            | South Dakota          | loaded in South Dakota.  |  |  |  |
| July 24    | Chilson Fire          | Flight time and associated costs paid by South Dakota. SEAT was requested at         |  |  |  |
| 1115 hours | South Dakota          | 1115 and was on scene at 1215. One flight applied 550 gallons of retardant.          |  |  |  |
| July 24    | Brownlee Fire         | Request at 1430 on scene at 1440. One flight applied 550 gallons of retardant.       |  |  |  |
| 1430 hours | Cherry County, NE     |  |  |  |  |

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| DATE/TIME    | PURPOSE                  | ACTION  |
|--------------|--------------------------|---|
| July 25      | Pine Glen Fire           | Request at 1325 on scene at 1345 Two flights applied 1,150 gallons of retardant.        |
| 1325 hours   | Brown County, NE         |   |
| August 1     | Bow and Arrow Fire       | Requested at 1435 and on scene at 1440. One flight applied 550 gallons of retardant.    |
| 1435 hours   | Cherry County, NE        |   |
| August 18    | Putnam Dam Fire          | Flight time and all associated costs paid by South Dakota. SEAT was requested at        |
| 1355 hours   | South Dakota             | 1355 and on scene at 1455. One flight applied 550 gallons of retardant.                 |
| August 18    | Rogers Lake Fire         | Flight time and all associated costs paid by South Dakota. Seat requested at 1609 on    |
| 1609 hours   | South Dakota             | scene at 1724. One flight applied 550 gallons of retardant.                             |
| September 4  | Sheps Canyon Fire        | Flight time and all associated costs paid by South Dakota. SEAT requested at 1225       |
| 1225 hours   | South Dakota             | on scene at 1330. Four flights applied 2,000 gallons of retardant.                      |
| September 11 | Cody Fire                | Requested at 1120 on scene at 1135. Four flights applied 2,200 gallons of retardant.    |
| 1120 hours   | Cherry County, NE        |   |
| September 14 | Red Fern Fire            | Requested at 1700 on scene at 1745. Five flights applied 2,750 gallons of retardant.    |
| 1700 hours   | Dawes County, NE         |   |
| September 15 | Return flight from Red   | SEAT and crew stayed in Chadron after flying on fire and SEAT had to divert             |
|              | Fern Fire                | through Martin South Dakota due to weather to return to Valentine base.                 |
| August 15    | Mission Currency Flights | These flights are a requirement to ensure pilot proficiency                             |
| September 3  |                          | • Flights also used to train local fire fighters on ground to air coordination for SEAT |
| September 26 |                          | operations as well as measurements for coverage of drops.                               |

## **Associated Program Costs:**

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| 2016 Balance Forward   | \$ 168,021.14   |
| Funding per LB 634   | \$ 300,000.00   |
| Additional Funding   | \$ 62,520.00    |
| Total Billed for SEAT 2016-17  | \$ (565,287.16) |
| 2016-17 Season   | \$ (202,767.16) |
| Total Balance Forward  | \$ (34,746.02)  |

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Sincerely

Bryan Tuma Assistant Director

Attachment:

## 2017 SEAT Costs Breakdown

|  | 07/15/17 to<br>07/26/17      | 07/27/17 to 08/13/2017 | 08/14/17 to<br>08/27/17   | 08/28/17 to<br>09/15/17   | 09/16/17 to<br>09/29/17 | Mob /<br>Demob. |
|--|------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| USDA Forest Svc.                         | ¢ 12.000.00                  |                        |                           |                           |                         |                 |
|  | \$ 12,000.00                 |                        |                           |                           |                         |                 |
| Availability                             | \$ 24,795.00                 | \$ 49,679.00           | \$ 37,192.50              | \$ 50,967.50              | \$ 38,570.00            |                 |
| Flight Time                              | \$ 13,209.15                 | \$ 2,100.15            | \$ 2,837.65               | \$ 26,757.45              | \$ 3,085.60             |                 |
| Mileage                                  | \$ 41.60                     | \$ 93.60               | \$ 72.80                  | \$ 98.80                  | \$ 72.80                |                 |
| Per diem                                 | \$ 2,800.00                  | \$ 5,600.00            | \$ 4,480.00               | \$ 5,880.00               | \$ 3,920.00             |                 |
| Mobilization                             |                              |                        |                           |                           |                         | \$ 16,710.00    |
| Demobilization                           |                              |                        |                           |                           |                         | \$ 16,710.00    |
| NEMA Misc. Costs                         |                              |                        |                           |                           |                         |                 |
| Fire Retardant Expense Cost Recovery     | \$ 116,973.86<br>(24,864.25) | \$ 629.11              | \$ 3,362.63<br>(2,981.00) | \$ 3,729.41<br>(9,634.90) |                         |                 |
| SD Cost Recovery                         | \$ (32,875.05)               |                        |                           | \$(16,597.80)             | \$                      |                 |
| BIA Cost Recovery                        | \$ (60,012.95)               |                        |                           |                           |                         |                 |
| Amt. billed to GEF                       | \$ (56,040.60)               |                        | \$ -                      |                           |                         |                 |
| Black Hills Forest Cost<br>Recovery      | \$ (14,249.55)               |                        |                           |                           |                         |                 |
| Crew Change                              | \$ 3,200.00                  | \$ 3,200.00            | \$ 3,200.00               | \$ 3,200.00               | \$ -                    |                 |
|  | \$ 253,924.46                | \$ 61,301.86           | \$ 54,126.58              | \$ 116,865.86             | \$ 45,648.40            | \$ 33,420.00    |
| Other SEAT flight<br>Costs Direct Billed | \$ -                         | \$ -                   | \$ 18,505.10              | \$ -                      |                         |                 |