

NEBRASKA

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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November 14, 2022

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 Statute 81-827 requires the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to contract all costs to maintain one single-engine air tanker (SEAT) in Nebraska available to provide aerial suppression flights in fighting wildfires. NEMA is also required to report annually, no later than December 1st, to the Governor and the Clerk of the Legislature regarding deployment of the SEAT.

The 2022 fire threat to the state required bringing on a SEAT much earlier than previous years and necessitated contracting for a second SEAT for a period when fire threat and deployments were extreme.

The Nebraska SEAT bases supplied retardant for out of state SEAT(s) flying on fires within and outside of the state, these are listed in table 1.

Nebraska works in coordination with surrounding states to allow deployment of the Nebraska funded SEAT to locations outside of the state. Fires within the state receive priority for deployment of the Nebraska SEAT over requests to support fires elsewhere. The Great Plains Interagency Dispatch Center (GPC) manages the deployment of all SEAT aircraft in the entire region.

The most recent contract/activation period for the Nebraska SEAT(s) occurred April 29 through October 28 for T854 (184 operational days) and July 28 through September 29 for T845 (64 operational days). The 2022 fire season required one or two SEAT(s) to be on stations for a combined 248 days. A list of aerial suppression flights flown in 2022 (Table 1) as well as a report of costs associated with the SEAT program for 2022 (Table 2) are attached.

Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,



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2022 SEAT REPORT

T-854

DATE	Fire Name	Location	Acres	Loads	Gallons	Total Flight Time	Load Location
5/13/22	Plum Creek	South Of Johnstown NE	400	3	1950	1.83	VTN
5/17/22	201 East	Halsey National Forest		5	3450	5.64	VTN
5/18/22	201 East	Halsey National Forest		5	3550	5.98	VTN
5/19/22	201 East	Halsey National Forest	4100	3	2125	3.21	VTN
5/29/22	Bar 25	North Of Long Pine	3	3	2150	2.6	VTN
6/6/22	Snake	South Of Valentine	1	1	675	0.52	VTN
6/14/22	Shepard's Hill	20 East of Valentine	20	5	3625	3.43	VTN 3625 LC
6/14/22	Shepard's Hill	20 East of Valentine		2	1500		VTN 1500H20
6/19/22	WestSF	ST.Francis SD BIA	3810	11	7975	6.75	VTN
6/29/22	FT 14	Rosebud BIA		2	1375	1.21	VTN
6/29/22	Cub	Springview		7	5100	4.4	VTN
7/1/22	City	Chadron	2	2	1400	1.97	VTN/CDR
7/3/22	Minitare	27	5	1	675	2.22	VTN
7/5/22	Block House Canyon	South of Nenzel		1	675	0.55	VTN
7/13/22	Mile Marker 26	North of McCook	800	1	675	2.15	VTN/MCK
7/14/22	Mile Marker 26	North of McCook	800	4	2850	2.79	VTN/MCK
7/14/22	Rock	North of Newport	1000	1	750	1.45	MCK
7/15/22	Mile Marker 26	North of McCook	800	7	4400	4.87	VTN/MCK
7/19/22	EM-2 (Casino)	Pine Ridge		7	4925	5.46	VTN/CDR
7/31/22	Carter Canyon	Banner co	15592	12	8320	7.69	VTN/BFF
8/1/22	Carter Canyon	Banner co	15592	3	2100	1.32	BFF
8/1/22	HammerHead	South of Rushville	800	1	675	3.78	BFF
8/3/22	Oak Creek	North of Newport	20	2	1375	1.91	VTN
8/4/22	Hogan	North of Newport	20	2	1375	1.97	VTN
8/4/22	Tate	West of Valentine	1000	1	675	0.65	VTN
8/5/22	Chat Canyon	South of Nenzel	724	1	675	0.73	VTN
8/17/22	Swim	Southeast of Nordon(Niobrara Riv	20	5	3575	3.16	VTN 725 H20
8/18/22	Swim	Southeast of Nordon(Niobrara Riv	20	3	2150 H20	1.82	VTN 2150H20
8/31/22	Choke Cherry	Halsey NF	130	1	675	1.07	VTN
9/1/22	Cattail	Near Niobrara NE.		4	1350 H20	4.02	VTN/ ONL 1350H20
9/13/22	Smokey	Banner CO.	4318	3	2100	2.56	VTN/BFF 675 VTN
9/14/22	Smokey	Banner Co.	4318	4	2825	2.61	BFF
9/16/22	Smokey	Ferry Flt back to VTN	0	0	0	1.1	BFF/VTN
9/30/22	Fir	Pine Ridge BIA		1	675	3.43	VTN/RAP
10/1/22	Fir	Ferry Flight back to VTN from RAP				1.3	RAP to VTN
10/2/22	Bovee	Halsey RD	18,887	5	3,575	5.27	VTN
10/5/22	Campground	Chadron	4	5	3,525	3.19	VTN->CDR
10/11/22	Railroad	Ogallala		1	675	1.78	VTN
10/15/22	Cabin	Long Pine/ Brown Co.		1	675	0.9	VTN
Totals	29 Incidents			126	83,320	107.29	5725 H20
							184 Days On contract T854

T475

Date	Fire	Location	Acres	Loads	Gallons	Flight time	Load Location
7/30/22	Carter Canyon	Gering	15592	4	2050	1.58	BFF
7/31/22	Carter Canyon	Gering	15592	16	8450	7.94	BFF
8/1/22	Carter Canyon	Gering	15592	2	1025	1.27	BFF
8/2/22	Carter Canyon	Gering	15592	3	1475	2.33	BFF
8/2/22	Pass Road	Gering	3.5	2	975	1.33	BFF
8/9/22	Two Bull	Pine Ridge		1	475	1.88	BFF
8/12/22	Wayside	Chadron	140	1	475	1.62	BFF
8/22/22	Schleicher	Gering		1	475	0.82	BFF
9/6/22	Proficiency	Gering VFD				0.81	BFF
9/11/22	UP	Morril	4	1	475	0.6	BFF
9/13/22	Smokey	Banner County	4000	4	1975	2.94	BFF
9/14/22	Smokey	Banner County	4000	3	1500	2.46	BFF
9/26/22	Proficiency	Airport		1		0.97	
Totals				39	19350	26.55	

Other SEATS

5/17-20/22	201 East	Halsey NF		9	6525		T861,T864,T839,882 VTN Also flew support
6/19/22	West SF	ST. Francis SD	3810	6	4425	4.84	T840
7/8/22	Fur	USFS west of Chadron	5	2	1450		T830 at CDR
7/8/22	Fur	USFS west of Chadron	5	2	1450		T840 at CDR
7/15/22	Rock	North of Newport	1000	2	1325		T830 & T840 VTN each 1 load
7/16/22	Trout	SE of Crawford	6	7	5150		T830 at CDR
7/16/22	Trout	SE of Crawford	6	4	2970		T840 at CDR
7/16/22	Dry Creek	SW of Chadron	1	1	725		T840 at CDR
7/19/22	EM 2 (Casino)	Pine Ridge BIA		4	2950		T840 at CDR
7/19/22	EM 2 (Casino)	Pine Ridge BIA		5	3650		T830 at CDR
9/13/22	Smokey	Banner County	4000	2	1,450		T830 at BFF
9/14/22	Smokey	Banner County	4000	4	5,700		T830 and T840 BFF

TOTALS

				48	37,770		
SEASON TOTAL				Loads	Gallons	FT.	
				213	140,440	133.84	

2021
SEAT OPERATIONS
SUMMARY

	Standby	AV	Flight Time FT	Ext Pilot EP	Ext Driver	ET	Per Diem PD	Support Truck	SM	Relief Crew Cost	Mob/Demob	Misc.
4/29/22 - 5/12/22 T854	14		0	0	0	0	34	34	28	1	6,815.00	
5/13/22 - 5/26/22 T854	14		16.66	7	7	7	34	34	28	1		682.00
5/27/22 - 6/09/22 T854	14		3.12	0	0	0	34	34	28	1		
6/10/22 - 6/23/22 T854	14		10.18	2	2	2	33	33	28	1		
6/24/22 - 7/07/22 T854	14		10.35	6	6	6	33	33	28	1		
7/08/22 - 7/21/22 T854	14		16.72	14	14	14	33	33	28	1		
7/22/22 - 8/04/22 T854	14		17.32	8	8	8	33	33	28	1		
8/5/22 - 8/18/22 T854	14		5.71	5	5	5	33	33	28	1		
8/19/22 - 9/01/22 T854	14		5.09	2	2	2	33	33	28	1		
9/02/22 - 9/15/22 T854	14		5.17	4	4	4	33	33	28	1		
9/16/22 - 9/29/22 T854	14		1.1	0	0	0	33	33	28	1		353.92
9/30/22 - 10/13/22 T854	14		15.53	5	5	5	33	33	28	1		379.37
10/14/22 - 10/28/22 T854	15		0.9	0	0	0	33	33	30	1	7497	
7/28/22 - 8/10/22 T475	14		19.53	10	10	10	34	34	140	1	7,497.00	1,300.00
8/11/22 - 8/24/22 T475	14		2.45	0	0	0	34	34	140	1		
8/25/22 - 9/07/22 T475	14		0.81	0	0	0	34	34	140	1		1300
9/08/22 - 9/21/22 T475	14		6	4	4	4	34	34	140	1		
9/22/22 - 9/29/22 T475	8		0.97	0	0	0	22	22	80	1	7497	
Total	247		137.61	67	73	73	590	590	1446	18	29,306.00	4,015.29
Price	\$ 3,245.00		\$ 3,570.00	\$ 59.00	\$ 34.00	\$ 34.00	\$ 155.00	\$ 155.00	\$ 2.45	\$ 2,090.00	\$ -	\$ -
Total Cost	\$ 801,515.00		\$ 491,267.70	\$ 3,953.00	\$ 2,482.00	\$ 2,482.00	\$ 91,450.00	\$ 91,450.00	\$ 3,542.70	\$ 37,620.00	\$ 29,306.00	\$ 4,015.29
Total Contract Amount billed for 2022		\$ 1,465,151.69										
2022 Allotment		\$ 362,520.00										
2021 Carry Over		\$ 131,528.04										
Contract year to date Expenses		\$ (1,465,151.69)										
GEF Costs		\$ 996,965.38										
Reimbursement for Federal Fires		\$ (157,741.31)										
SEAT - State Funds		\$ 468,186.31										
Outstanding Reimbursements		\$ (31,804.96)										
Balance Remaining		\$ 25,861.73										
Additional costs:												
USDA -		\$ 3,245.00										
USDA -		\$ 12,000.00										
Carry over		\$ 10,616.73										

** (GEF reduced \$104,145.60 / State reduced \$53,595.71)

*All funds return to the GEF