

Fiscal Year 2024 Short-Term and Long-Term Severity Guidance

Short Term Severity:

Short-Term Severity (STS) Fire Codes for FY2024 and approved amounts are as follows:

Region	STS FireCode	Approved STS Amount
Alaska	QP1U	\$25,000
Eastern	QP1W	\$100,000
Eastern Oklahoma	QP1Y	\$120,000
Great Plains	QP10	\$285,000
Midwest	QP12	\$160,000
Navajo	QP14	\$100,000
Northwest	QP17	\$350,000
Pacific	QP19	\$300,000
Rocky Mountain	QP2B	\$375,000
Southern Plains	QP2D	\$101,000
Southwest	QP2F	\$230,000
Western	QP2H	\$160,000

Regional Fire Management Officers are responsible for ensuring STS activities do not exceed their Region's approved FY2024 STS amount. STS expenditures are updated monthly on the Severity Tracking Spreadsheet located in the National Fire Leadership Team's (NFLT) Microsoft (MS) Team.

Severity assistance provided by the BIA to partner Agencies will not be counted against the Region's approved STS amount. The Federal Agencies do not cross bill for Severity or Suppression expenses and the expenses of Federal Agencies assisting BIA will not be counted against the Region's approved STS amount. State and Local Government resources will bill the appropriate BIA Region as identified by their Statewide Cooperative Agreement, and the expenses of State and Local Government resources supporting BIA should be tracked and will count against the Region's approved STS amount. If STS amounts are exceeded or the use of Severity is not warranted, DWFM Branch of Operations will coordinate with Regional Fire Management Officers to determine an appropriate course of action.

Long Term Severity:

Long-Term Severity (LTS) FireCodes for FY2024 are as follows:

Region	LTS FireCode
Alaska	QP1V
Eastern	QP1X
Eastern Oklahoma	QP1Z
Great Plains	QP11
Midwest	QP13
Navajo	QP16
Northwest	QP18
Pacific	QP2A
Rocky Mountain	QP2C
Southern Plains	QP2E
Southwest	QP2G
Western	QP2J

LTS requests must be consolidated and submitted to DWFM through electronic mail (email) utilizing the memorandum template no less than three (3) business days prior to the proposed LTS start date. The NFLT MS Teams site contains the memorandum template, Severity information, documents, and tracking spreadsheets for situational awareness and informational purposes. The LTS memorandum template should be updated for each submitted request to include the following:

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1. Time period covered by LTS request, not to exceed thirty (30) days.
2. Requested LTS funding amount for the period identified.
3. Long-Term Narrative with description of the severity conditions and actions to be taken with LTS funding.
4. Cost Estimation Worksheet

DWFM will review the LTS request and provide a determination within two (2) business days of receipt. DWFM's review will utilize various Predictive Services products to evaluate the Severity conditions within the requesting Region. Additionally, DWFM will review local unit initial attack response capability utilizing the Interagency Resource Ordering Capability (IROC). Local unit resources committed to incidents off the local unit, including resources committed to an Incident Management Team (IMT), should return to their local unit due to Severity conditions prior to submission of the LTS request. LTS requests to increase local staffing when local resources are mobilized to incidents away from their local unit will be denied.

LTS requests may be approved for no more than thirty (30) days. An LTS extension request can be submitted no less than five (5) business days prior to the LTS expiration which may be approved for up to fifteen (15) days if conditions warrant. LTS requests beyond a fifteen (15) day extension will require submission of a new LTS package. The Region is required to provide LTS cost estimates halfway through the approved LTS period. An additional cost estimate, or a LTS closeout cost, is required to be submitted at the end of the approved LTS period or when an extension request is submitted. LTS extension requests will not be approved if cost estimates have not been provided. If a LTS closeout cost estimate is not received, DWFM will not consider future LTS requests.

Severity Assistance to States and Local Government and Federal Agencies:

Fiscal accounting for BIA Severity assistance provided to other agencies has changed for FY2024. DWFM will no longer create Severity FireCodes for BIA assistance provided to the Bureau of Land Management, the National Park Service, or the United States Fish and Wildlife Service within the Department of the Interior (DOI). DOI Agencies, including the BIA, will utilize the incident host unit's Severity FireCode identified on the Resource Order.

BIA resources assigned to Severity activities hosted by a State or Local Government Agency or the United States Forest Service (USFS) must utilize the appropriate BIA-issued FireCode regardless of the financial information provided on the Resource Order. The BIA Severity FireCodes for assistance to State and Local Government or USFS units are as follows:

Receiving Agency for Severity Assistance	Severity Assistance FireCode
States and Local Government	QP2K
USFS	QP2L

It is critical to ensure that BIA resources utilize the appropriate Functional Area when assisting other agencies. BIA resources should review their Resource Order to determine whether their assignment is Severity assistance or Suppression support. Assignments for Severity assistance must utilize the appropriate Severity Functional Area for all expenses. Assignments for Suppression support must utilize the appropriate Suppression Functional Area for all expenses. When BIA resources are initially ordered for Severity assistance and then mobilize to a Suppression incident, their expenses must properly reflect both Functional Areas consistent with their mobilization to Suppression.

For USFS hosted assignments, financial codes beginning with "P" reflect Suppression support while financial codes beginning with "S" reflect Severity assistance. Resource Orders for USFS hosted

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assignments with financial codes beginning with any other alpha character should be referred to the appropriate Regional Office Wildland Fire Management program prior to mobilization.

Suppression and Severity Functional Areas are as follows:

Severity	AF2510000.999900
Suppression	AF2500000.999900

Refer to guidance from your Regional Office Wildland Fire Management program for the most up to date information on the appropriate Functional Area and Fund to utilize throughout FY2024 as fiscal accounting information may change at any time due to availability of Suppression funding nationally.

General BIA Severity Incident Business:

All Severity expenses will be coded to the appropriate STS or LTS FireCode as the Work Breakdown Structure (WBS) within the Financial Business Management System (FBMS). BIA resources must use their home unit Cost/Fund Center for all Severity expenses regardless of which BIA Region or partner agency they are assisting.

Severity Line of Accounting (LOA) is as follows:

Cost/Fund Center: Home Unit Cost/Fund Center

Fund: 23XA1125DR (unless otherwise directed)

Functional Area: AF2510000.999900 (unless otherwise directed)

WBS: AF.SP++++0000.00000 (++++ is the alpha numeric FireCode.)

Non-BIA resources ordered for BIA Severity assistance should follow their respective hiring Agency guidance for coding their time and expenses.

Severity FireCodes will be open for two (2) years in FBMS. The FY2024 Severity FireCodes should only be utilized for personnel time and travel, as appropriate, related to Severity assignments through September 30, 2024. As of October 1, 2024, the FY2024 Severity FireCodes must only be utilized for financial reallocations and adjustments of FY2024 expenses within FBMS and obligations or payments for invoices from partners with expenses incurred in FY2024.