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Date 2/12/2015

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Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad
ATTN: Mr. Paul Schranck
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Durango CO 81301-5494

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Date: February 12, 2015

Mr. Paul Schranck
Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad
479 Main Avenue
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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Re: Indebtedness for the Goblin Fire, San Juan National Forest

Dear Mr. Schranck:

This letter is in follow up to your correspondence concerning the Forest Service's claim against Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad for the cost of suppressing the Goblin Fire. Please excuse our long delay in responding to your letter of July 23, 2014; hopefully we can resume the discussion and expedite a resolution of this matter.

As you know, on October 6, 2012, as one of the train engines owned and operated by the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad passed through the San Juan National Forest, sparks emitted from the engine and/or the metal wheels of the railcars scraped the metal train tracks, igniting a wildfire on National Forest System lands. An investigation revealed that the fire, known as the Goblin Fire, originated from the railroad and was caused by sparks negligently escaping the passing train and igniting surrounding fuels.

On June 27, 2014, the Forest Service billed Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad for fire suppression costs in the amount of \$44,751.26, and supported its bill with a disk containing a copy of the transaction register that summarized the costs of suppressing the fire, as well as additional back-up documentation.

Your letter of July 23 in response to that bill states that the Goblin Fire was discovered on October 6 and was put by the Incident Management Team into a "confine and contain" status, with no additional active suppression activity, beginning October 10. Additionally, you allege that unspecified representatives of the San Juan National Forest prohibited your own fire suppression crews from suppressing the fire completely in these early stages and further, that the Forest Service representatives committed to you that pursuing a "let burn" strategy would not increase your suppression costs beyond a total of approximately \$10,000.

Consequently, you refigured the suppression costs utilizing the documentation we supplied and offered to pay a total of \$15,833.48 in an effort to settle the bill. This calculation included \$7,157.58 for Forest Service labor for the dates of October 6-9, and \$8,675.90 for air support necessary to monitor the fire.

After consulting with the Forest Service's legal counsel, we are willing to accept, for settlement purposes in the instant case only, the proposition that Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad be charged only for the days where active suppression activities were taking place, and



not be held liable, as was allegedly previously represented to you by an unidentified Forest Service employee(s), for the costs incurred during the remaining days where the Goblin Fire was in a "confine and contain" or "let burn" status only. However, your computation fails to include wages and travel for a temporary/seasonal hire employee who worked on the fire during the October 6-9 time period, and also fails to include the additional benefit amount paid to all employees, which is also considered a labor cost. Once these costs are included per the enclosed adjusted summary transaction register, the adjusted suppression costs for the Goblin Fire for the period of October 6-9, 2012, equal \$17,138.56.

As such, the Forest Service is prepared to accept \$17,138.56 as payment in full for the suppression costs of the Goblin Fire. We look forward to your response to this proposal as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please contact Joi Lin Olsen at 801-725-9013.

Amy Pearson
for A. LISA LUX
Branch Chief, Claims/Claims Officer

Enclosures

Cc w/o encl: Ronald J. Duvall, AO – San Juan NF



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Goblin Query

FY 2013 Transaction Register: Expenditure Report by BOC Type
GOBLIN, R-2, San Juan National Forest, 10/6/2012

Last Month of TROB Data imported for this fiscal year: OCT -- 2013

BOC Type: 02 - BASE PAY 1100

Job Code: P2G9HJ13 Program: WFSU

BOC	Vendor	Month	Trans Code	Document Nbr	Line Nbr	Trans Type	PP	Ref Info	Pay Hours	Pay Days	Obligations	Expenditures
1101	(b) (6)	OCT	PY	NONE	na	na	21	3XX0213 P2G9HJ 21	9	1.13	\$0.00	\$272.34
1202		OCT	PY	NONE	na	na	21	3XX0213 P2G9HJ 21	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.56
1203		OCT	PY	NONE	na	na	21	3XX0213 P2G9HJ 21	0	0	\$0.00	\$20.90
1213		OCT	PY	NONE	na	na	21	3XX0213 P2G9HJ 21	0	0	\$0.00	\$4.96
1264		OCT	PY	NONE	na	na	21	3XX0213 P2G9HJ 21	0	0	\$0.00	\$32.41
1269		OCT	PY	NONE	na	na	21	3XX0213 P2G9HJ 21	0	0	\$0.00	\$21.21
1274		OCT	PY	NONE	na	na	21	3XX0213 P2G9HJ 21	0	0	\$0.00	\$2.72
1275		OCT	PY	NONE	na	na	21	3XX0213 P2G9HJ 21	0	0	\$0.00	\$10.89
1213		OCT	PY	NONE	na	na	21	3XX0213 P2G9HJ 21	13.5	1.69	\$0.00	\$7.11
1121		OCT	PY	NONE	na	na	21	3XX0213 P2G9HJ 21	16	2	\$0.00	\$214.56
1201		OCT	PY	NONE	na	na	21	3XX0213 P2G9HJ 21	0	0	\$0.00	\$63.28
1213		OCT	PY	NONE	na	na	21	3XX0213 P2G9HJ 21	0	0	\$0.00	\$14.80
1101		OCT	PY	NONE	na	na	21	3XX0213 P2G9HJ 21	16	2	\$0.00	\$317.28
1202		OCT	PY	NONE	na	na	21	3XX0213 P2G9HJ 21	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.66
1203		OCT	PY	NONE	na	na	21	3XX0213 P2G9HJ 21	0	0	\$0.00	\$79.04
1213		OCT	PY	NONE	na	na	21	3XX0213 P2G9HJ 21	0	0	\$0.00	\$16.40
1266		OCT	PY	NONE	na	na	21	3XX0213 P2G9HJ 21	0	0	\$0.00	\$83.44
1271		OCT	PY	NONE	na	na	21	3XX0213 P2G9HJ 21	0	0	\$0.00	\$70.10
1274		OCT	PY	NONE	na	na	21	3XX0213 P2G9HJ 21	0	0	\$0.00	\$3.17
1275		OCT	PY	NONE	na	na	21	3XX0213 P2G9HJ 21	0	0	\$0.00	\$12.69
1101		OCT	PY	NONE	na	na	21	3XX0213 P2G9HJ 21	16	2	\$0.00	\$375.84
1202		OCT	PY	NONE	na	na	21	3XX0213 P2G9HJ 21	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.78
1203		OCT	PY	NONE	na	na	21	3XX0213 P2G9HJ 21	0	0	\$0.00	\$79.04



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1213	(b) (6)	OCT	PY	NONE	na	na	21	3XX0213 P2G9HJ 21	0	0	\$0.00	\$20.35
1266		OCT	PY	NONE	na	na	21	3XX0213 P2G9HJ 21	0	0	\$0.00	\$98.84
1271		OCT	PY	NONE	na	na	21	3XX0213 P2G9HJ 21	0	0	\$0.00	\$87.00
1274		OCT	PY	NONE	na	na	21	3XX0213 P2G9HJ 21	0	0	\$0.00	\$3.76
1275		OCT	PY	NONE	na	na	21	3XX0213 P2G9HJ 21	0	0	\$0.00	\$15.03
1101		OCT	PY	NONE	na	na	21	3XX0213 P2G9HJ 21	16	2	\$0.00	\$469.44
1202		OCT	PY	NONE	na	na	21	3XX0213 P2G9HJ 21	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.96
1203		OCT	PY	NONE	na	na	21	3XX0213 P2G9HJ 21	0	0	\$0.00	\$79.04
1213		OCT	PY	NONE	na	na	21	3XX0213 P2G9HJ 21	0	0	\$0.00	\$18.72
1266		OCT	PY	NONE	na	na	21	3XX0213 P2G9HJ 21	0	0	\$0.00	\$123.46
1271		OCT	PY	NONE	na	na	21	3XX0213 P2G9HJ 21	0	0	\$0.00	\$80.05
1274		OCT	PY	NONE	na	na	21	3XX0213 P2G9HJ 21	0	0	\$0.00	\$4.69
1275		OCT	PY	NONE	na	na	21	3XX0213 P2G9HJ 21	0	0	\$0.00	\$18.78

Total for Job Code: P2G9HJ13

86.50 10.82 \$0.00 \$2,724.30

Total for BOC Type: 02 - BASE PAY 1100

86.50 10.82 \$0.00 \$2,724.30

BOC Type: 03 - PREMIUM PAY 1100

Job Code: P2G9HJ13 Program: WFSU

BOC	Vendor	Month	Trans Code	Document Nbr	Line Nbr	Trans Type	PP	Ref Info	Pay Hours	Pay Days	Obligations	Expenditures
1170	(b) (6)	OCT	PY	NONE	na	na	21	3XX0213 P2G9HJ 21	2	0.25	\$0.00	\$90.78
1170		OCT	PY	NONE	na	na	21	3XX0213 P2G9HJ 21	3.5	0.44	\$0.00	\$173.32
1180		OCT	PY	NONE	na	na	21	3XX0213 P2G9HJ 21	10	1.25	\$0.00	\$330.10
1165		OCT	PY	NONE	na	na	21	3XX0213 P2G9HJ 21	48	6	\$0.00	\$160.80
1170		OCT	PY	NONE	na	na	21	3XX0213 P2G9HJ 21	32	4	\$0.00	\$699.56



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BOC	Vendor	Month	Trans Code	Document Nbr	Line Nbr	Trans Type	PP	Ref Info	Pay Hours	Pay Days	Obligations	Expenditures
1180	(b) (6)	OCT	PY	NONE	na	na	21	3XX0213 P2G9HJ 21	8	1	\$0.00	\$107.28
1165		OCT	PY	NONE	na	na	21	3XX0213 P2G9HJ 21	48	6	\$0.00	\$238.08
1170		OCT	PY	NONE	na	na	21	3XX0213 P2G9HJ 21	32	4	\$0.00	\$952.00
1180		OCT	PY	NONE	na	na	21	3XX0213 P2G9HJ 21	8	1	\$0.00	\$158.64
1165		OCT	PY	NONE	na	na	21	3XX0213 P2G9HJ 21	16	2	\$0.00	\$93.92
1170		OCT	PY	NONE	na	na	21	3XX0213 P2G9HJ 21	19	2.38	\$0.00	\$715.73
1180		OCT	PY	NONE	na	na	21	3XX0213 P2G9HJ 21	8	1	\$0.00	\$187.92
1165		OCT	PY	NONE	na	na	21	3XX0213 P2G9HJ 21	32	4	\$0.00	\$234.88
1170		OCT	PY	NONE	na	na	21	3XX0213 P2G9HJ 21	28	3.5	\$0.00	\$1,232.28
1180		OCT	PY	NONE	na	na	21	3XX0213 P2G9HJ 21	8	1	\$0.00	\$234.72

Total for Job Code: P2G9HJ13 302.50 37.82 \$0.00 \$5,610.01
 Total for BOC Type: 03 - PREMIUM PAY 1100 302.50 37.82 \$0.00 \$5,610.01

BOC Type: 04 - OTHER PERSONNEL 1193

Job Code: P2G9HJ13 Program: WFSU

BOC	Vendor	Month	Trans Code	Document Nbr	Line Nbr	Trans Type	PP	Ref Info	Pay Hours	Pay Days	Obligations	Expenditures
1193	MISC EMPLOYEE	OCT	CT	228925AG111	19	1		GROSS WAGES	0	0	\$0.00	\$93.94

Total for Job Code: P2G9HJ13 0.00 0.00 \$0.00 \$93.94
 Total for BOC Type: 04 - OTHER PERSONNEL 1193 0.00 0.00 \$0.00 \$93.94

BOC Type: 06 - AIRCRAFT 2541

Job Code: P2G9HJ13 Program: WFSU



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Boc	Vendor	Month	Trans Code	Document Nbr	Line Nbr	Trans Type	PP	Ref Info	Pay Hours	Pay Days	Obligations	Expenditures
2541	NEW AIR HELICOPTERS	OCT	PV	IB130003141	1	1	1	024B1152432 1 1007-10091	0	0	\$0.00	\$6,000.08
2541	NEW AIR HELICOPTERS	OCT	PV	IB130003141	2	1	1	024B1152432 1 1007-10091	0	0	\$0.00	\$2,675.82

Total for Job Code: P2G9HJ13

Total for BOC Type: 06 - AIRCRAFT 2541

0.00 0.00 \$0.00 \$8,675.90
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BOC Type: 12 - TRAVEL 2100

Job Code: P2G9HJ13 Program: WFSU

Boc	Vendor	Month	Trans Code	Document Nbr	Line Nbr	Trans Type	PP	Ref Info	Pay Hours	Pay Days	Obligations	Expenditures
2100	MISC EMPLOYEE	OCT	CT	228925AG116	8	1	1	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENTS	0	0	\$0.00	\$34.41

Total for Job Code: P2G9HJ13

Total for BOC Type: 12 - TRAVEL 2100

0.00 0.00 \$0.00 \$34.41
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Report Total

389.00 48.64 \$0.00 \$17,138.56