

**CSFCA Recommended Standard Equipment Rates
As of October 20, 2008**

On October 10, 2008, a wildland fire cooperator meeting was held in Keystone, CO to address the equipment rates for wildland fire cooperators that list equipment on the Cooperative Resource Rate Form and participate in wildland fire response on a state or national level.

The meeting was well attended with regional and executive representation from CSFCA, DFS, and CSFS.

The meeting was very productive with several positive outcomes. All in attendance felt the meeting was helpful in moving this issue forward, and all agreed with the outcomes.

The main focus of the meeting was equipment rates for ENGINES and TENDERS. Three options for determining equipment rates were discussed, and agreed upon, by all present.

OPTION 1: Standard Engine and Tender Rates 2009-2010

Cooperators can use the Standard Rates. These rates were proposed by CSFCA and described in a January 3, 2008 document. See table below.

By using these Standard Rates for engines and tenders, a cooperator is assured that the local CSFS District Forester can approve and sign the CRRF at the district level.

Nurse tender rates will be 50% of Tactical Tender rates. For example, \$55/hour for a T1 Nurse Tender.

| CSFCA Recommended Standard Equipment Rates 2009-2010 | | | | | | |
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| Engine Type | T1 | T2 | T3 | T4 | T5 | T6 |
| CSFCA Recommended Rate | \$120.00 | \$110.00 | \$98.00 | \$98.00 | \$65.00 | \$65.00 |
| Tender Type (tactical) | T1 | T2 | T3 | T4 | | |
| CSFCA Recommended Rate | \$110.00 | \$95.00 | \$85.00 | \$75.00 | | |

Nurse Tender ½ of above tactical tender rate

OPTION 2: Standard Cost Determination Formula 2009-2010

Cooperators can opt to use the Standard Cost Determination Formula. This formula will allow the input of actual cost factors to calculate a cost per hour rate.

This formula utilizes pre-determined, and agreed upon, entries for Life Span in Years, and Average Use Per Year for each ENGINE or TENDER type. By choosing this option, Life Span in Years, and Average Use Per Year cannot be modified.

By using the Standard Cost Determination Formula for engines or tenders, a cooperator is assured that the local CSFS District Forester can approve and sign the CRRF at the district level.

However, justification of actual costs will be required prior to approval by District Forester.

Standard Cost Determination Formula attached for ENGINES and TENDERS.

OPTION 3: Special Circumstance Rate Cost Determination Formula

Cooperators may have a special circumstance when options 1 and 2 do not sufficiently capture the actual costs of an engine. For example, an unusual piece of equipment such as a Hawk Extreme Tactical Engine, or an unusually outfitted engine.

In these circumstances, a cooperator must determine, and justify with proper documentation, all costs associated with the piece of equipment. The cooperator must also justify the Life Span in Years, and Average Use Per Year.

The formula is the same as the Standard Cost Determination Formula, but without pre-determined factors for Life Span in Years, and Average Use Per Year.

By using this option, the District Forester will NOT have authority to approve and sign the CRRF. The District Forester will collect all supporting documentation and forward to CSFS Fire Division for review and approval, if warranted.

NOTE:

A cooperator may choose to utilize one or more of the above options. For example, a cooperator may choose to use Standard Rates for two Type 6 engines, then use the Standard Cost Determination Formula for a Type 3 engine. These rates would be included on a single CRRF. Equipment rates determined with OPTION 3 would be placed on a separate CRRF so as not to delay approval of all equipment.