



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

AGENDA DATE: 07/20/2026

AGENDA ITEM: Considering allowing the Fire Chief to sign the Minnesota Department of Natural resources Division of Forestry and the Grand Rapids Fire Department Cooperative Fire Protection Agreement.

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BACKGROUND:

THIS COOPERATIVE FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENT, is made and entered into by and between the State of Minnesota acting by and through the Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources, hereinafter referred to as the “DNR” and the **Grand Rapids** Fire Department, hereinafter referred to as the “Fire Department,” as authorized by M.S. 88.04 subd. 4; 88.11 subd. 1; and 89.01 subd. 4

The purpose of this Cooperative Fire Protection Agreement is to cooperate in the prevention and suppression of wildland fires as authorized under M.S. 88.04. Assistance will only be provided when requested, when resources are available, and can be committed without diminishing either party’s ability to protect its own jurisdiction.

We have an existing agreement but needed to update it as we have a new command vehicle #117 which is a 2025 Chevrolet 1-ton that replaced our 2019 Dodge 1-ton. This will now be covered should they request a command vehicle to be a strike team leader.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION:

Make a motion to authorize the Fire Chief to sign the updated Minnesota Department of Natural resources Division of Forestry and the Grand Rapids Fire Department Cooperative Fire Protection Agreement.