



Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon Claims Office

Fiscal Year 2024 Quarter 1 Obligations and Expenditures

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Fiscal Year 2024 Report to Congress



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Message from the FEMA Administrator

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I am pleased to present the following report, “Hermit’s Peak/Calf Canyon Claims Office Fiscal Year 2024 Quarter 1 Obligations and Expenditures,” which has been prepared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

This report has been compiled pursuant to direction set forth in the Hermit’s Peak/Calf Canyon Fire Assistance Act (“Act”) as part of the Continuing Appropriations and Ukraine Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2023, Public Law 117–180, 136 Stat. 2114 (2022).

Pursuant to congressional requirements, this report is being provided to the following Members of Congress:

The Honorable David Joyce
Chairman, House Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security

The Honorable Henry Cuellar
Ranking Member, House Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security

The Honorable Chris Murphy
Chair, Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security

The Honorable Katie Britt
Ranking Member, Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security

Please direct inquiries related to this report to the FEMA Congressional Affairs Division at (202) 646-4500.

Sincerely,



Deanne Criswell
Administrator
Federal Emergency Management Agency



Executive Summary

This report fulfills the quarterly congressional reporting requirement for the Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon Claims Office, as outlined in the Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon Fire Assistance Act. This report covers the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2024.

The Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon Claims Office was established on September 30, 2022, under the Act as part of the Continuing Appropriations and Ukraine Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2023, Public Law 117–180, 136 Stat. 2114 (2022). The Act requires FEMA to design and administer a claims program to compensate victims for injuries resulting from the fire and to provide for the expeditious consideration and settlement for those.

The information in this report is provided pursuant to congressional requirements and was prepared by FEMA's Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon Claims Office.



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I. Legislative Requirement

This report responds to requirements set forth in the Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon Fire Assistance Act (“Act”) as part of the Continuing Appropriations and Ukraine Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2023, Public Law 117–180, 136 Stat. 2114 (2022).

The Continuing Appropriations and Ukraine Supplemental Appropriations Act states:

That not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, and every 90 days thereafter until all funds provided by this section have been expended, the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency shall provide, in an appropriate format, quarterly reports to the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives on the obligations and expenditures of the funds made available by this section[.]

II. Fiscal Year 2024 Quarter 1 Obligations and Expenditures

The following graphic details the Fiscal Year 2024 Quarter 1 Claims Office funding for all obligations and expenditures.

FY 2024 Quarter 1 Obligations and Expenditures (in whole dollars)		
Object Code	Obligations	Expenditures
Awards	\$24,173	\$24,173
Miscellaneous	\$7,791,002	\$438,872
Salary & Benefits	\$2,654,459	\$2,654,459
Transportation	\$1,764	\$860
Travel	\$154,968	\$116,449
Building	\$0	\$0
Equipment	\$360	\$360
Insurance (Claims)	\$190,606,267	\$171,954,662
Total	\$201,232,993	\$175,189,835

III. Appendix A: Budget Object Code Definitions

Awards - Other Personnel Compensation - Special Payments/Awards (all employees regardless of employment type or status. Compensation above the basic rates paid directly to civilian employees)

Miscellaneous – Includes Rent, Communications, Utilities, Printing, Service Contracts, and Supplies. Contractual services for advisory and assistance services; purchases of goods and services from Government accounts; operation and maintenance of facilities and equipment; payments for medical care; research and development contracts; subsistence and support of persons; and other services not otherwise classified.

Salary and Benefits - Personnel Compensation - This section covers gross compensation (before tax deductions and other responsibilities) directly related to duties performed for the Government by Federal civilian employees, military personnel, and non-Federal personnel.

This object class covers: (1) additional compensation such as hazardous duty, night differential, holiday, standby, and overtime pay, cost-of-living allowance, and post differential; (2) salaries for casual workers; (3) payments to other agencies for employees on reimbursable details, (4) re-employed annuitants, and (5) rewards for information.

Transportation - Transportation of Things - Contractual obligations incurred for the transportation of things (animals included), for the care of such things while in the process of being transported, and for other services incidental to the transportation of things (e.g., lifts).

Travel - Travel and Transportation of Persons - Travel and transportation costs of Government employees and other persons, while in an authorized travel status, that are to be paid by the Government either directly or by reimbursing the traveler. Costs of both travel away from official duty stations, subject to regulations governing civilian travel, and local travel and transportation of persons in and around the official duty station of an employee.

Building – Buildings and Other Structures (Capitalized) - Obligations for acquisition or construction of buildings and structures, and additions thereto, when acquired under contract with a threshold of \$50,000.

- Fixed Equipment (Capitalized). Obligations for fixtures and equipment (whether an addition or a replacement) that become permanently attached to or a part of buildings or structures. Examples include elevators, plumbing, power-plant boilers, fire alarm systems, lighting or heating systems, and air conditioning or refrigerating systems, when acquired under contract, with a cost of at least \$50,000.

Equipment - Obligations for the purchase of personal property of a durable nature: i.e., property that normally may be expected to have a period of service of a year or more after being put into use without material impairment of its physical condition or functional capacity.

Insurance (Claims) - Other Claims or Indemnities - Payments for claims or indemnities (1) to veterans and former civilian employees or their survivors for death or disability, whether service-connected or not; (2) of claims and judgments arising from court decisions or abrogation of contracts; (3) indemnities for the destruction of livestock, crops, and the like; (4) damage to or loss

of property; (5) personal injury or death; (6) to or for persons displaced as a result of Federal and federally-assisted programs, as authorized under 42 USC 4622-4624; (7) losses made good on Government shipments; and (8) from liquidating accounts on guarantees where no asset is received and where forgiveness is not provided by law.