

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

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Month Day, Year

To: Executive Secretary of the Department of Defense

From: The National Interagency Fire Center

Subject: Request for Military Support

The National Preparedness Level is currently at Planning Level 5. Multiple geographic areas are experiencing significant fire activity, in particular the states of California, Oregon, Washington, and Montana. Additional activity is also occurring in Idaho, Colorado, and Arizona.

Support of ongoing and emerging fire incidents has significantly drawn down our national crew capability. Given the dry fuels and severe drought conditions, elevated fire activity is expected to continue through September.

The National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC) requests DoD's support with the following Wildland Firefighting (WFF) assets:

- Train and prepare to deploy 200 personnel and appropriate command and support personnel (not to exceed 50) to assist firefighting efforts. Anticipated deployment location is within the states of Oregon and Washington. The specific fire(s) have yet to be determined.
- Upon completion of training if an appropriate fire has not been identified, ground forces and NIFC cadre will take a tactical pause for up to 14 days. During this time the unit will be placed in a 48-hour call-back status (PTDO).
- If an appropriate fire has not been determined within 14 days after the completion of training, the unit will be released.
- Once a candidate fire is identified, provide ground transportation for DoD personnel from the military installation to the incident base camp.
- Any required medical support will be provided by the Forest Service and/or partner agencies.

The anticipated duration is thru on or about 15 September 2024 unless released earlier.

DoD personnel will receive fireline training and be issued personal protective equipment at the installation prior to deployment. Training will be conducted by a highly trained and experienced Cadre. DoD personnel will be utilized to construct fireline and conduct line holding actions. All firefighting actions will be conducted with consideration to the safety and well-being of all firefighting personnel.



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The Training Cadre will arrive at the designated installation on 12 August to begin preparations at the installation and assemble PPE and gear. The NIFC ADVON will arrive at the base support installation on 14 August to brief the command element. Training will be conducted on 15 August.

All DoD incurred costs in support will be reimbursed in accordance with 31 USC Section 1535 of the Economy Act to include pay and allowances. Sufficient funds will be obligated upon receipt of estimated DoD costs for this mobilization.

If you have questions concerning this Request for Assistance, contact Sean Peterson, NICC Center Manager.

