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To: Geographic Area Coordinating Groups

From: National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

Subject: Outreach for 2026 Military Activation Operational Support

At [National Wildland Fire Preparedness Level](#) 4 or 5 (PL4-5) and if all civilian and national guard hand crews in the potentially deployable state are committed or not reasonably available in the event of this situation occurring, NMAC may submit a Request for Assistance (RFA) to the Department of Defense (DoD) for use of active duty military assets. Mobilization of active-duty military ground force assets is a complex and detailed process. The task cannot be accomplished within an existing organizational structure; therefore, additional personnel are assigned to various organizational positions.

The Military Activation program is hosted by the USDA Forest Service, Fire & Aviation Management, Workforce Development Training & Education Branch. To be prepared the program is looking for individuals that are qualified to participate if/when a military activation would occur in the 2026 fire year. Trainees will also be prioritized. The following positions are integral to the success of the activation:

- Task Force Leader (TFLD)
- Strike Team Leader Crew (STCR)
- Strike Team Leader Military (STLM)
- Crew Boss, Single Resource (CRWB)
- Military Crew Advisor (MCAD)
- Safety Officer Complex (SOFC)
- Safety Officer, Field (SOFF)
- Safety Officer Type 3 (SOF3)

Typical assignments are up to 34 days. A standard 14 or 21 day assignment will be considered on a case-by-case basis. However, the preference is for individuals to be available for the entire duration. All incident business guidelines are followed including the work/rest ratio.

Individuals that are interested in participating should complete the following form:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=5zZb7e4BvE6GfuA8-g1G1-q5Vkt8kclBr9tNMJEJf1UODIySUYzQ0RZQI0UEIGRDJFSEtMSktDWC4u>

Completion of the form is not a commitment to participate in a Military Activation but an expression of interest. Additional information will be shared with those that express interest through the form if/when the military is activated throughout the 2026 Fire Year.

Please contact Daniel Cottrell at daniel.cottrell@usda.gov for additional information.

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