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U.S. supports Canada with aviation resources

Boise, Idaho – As wildfires continue to burn in Canada, the U.S. is sending additional U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), USDA Forest Services (USFS), and state wildland firefighting and support personnel to assist with ongoing wildfire suppression efforts in Canada. With increased fire activity across the provinces, multiple requests for resources from the Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Centre (CIFFC) are being filled for Alberta, British Columbia, Nova Scotia, Ontario, and Quebec. Resources include hand crews, incident management teams, fireline leadership positions, and various aviation assets.

Aviation assets have now been requested, including airtankers and smokejumpers. Through the Northwest and Great Lakes Compacts, with Alaska, Washington, and Minnesota, three airtankers in Alberta and three fire bosses (scooping single engine air tankers) in Ontario are assisting ground resources with fire suppression efforts. Additionally, the Bureau of Land Management and USFS are sending two aircraft, four spotters, and 36 smokejumpers to assist with fire suppression efforts in British Columbia.

“We’re proud of our personnel for continuing to step up and make themselves available for assignment in Canada,” said Dave Haston, National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group (NMAC) representative for the U.S. Forest Service. “The NMAC will continue to respond promptly to Canadian requests for additional fire suppression resources and provide critical support during this current period of relatively light fire activity in the U.S.”

Since May 8, the U.S. has mobilized a total of 839 personnel to Alberta, British Columbia, Ontario, Quebec and the CIFFC, which includes: 36 fire suppression crews (677 personnel), 77 individual overhead, and six incident management teams (84 personnel).



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Current U.S. resources assigned to Canadian incidents (includes federal and state compact resources) as of June 16, 2023:

	Airtankers	Crews	Individual Overhead	Incident Mngt. Teams	Smokejumpers and Pilots	Total Personnel
Alberta	3	12	14	1		284
British Columbia					43	43
Nova Scotia		1				17
Ontario	3					3
Quebec		6	5	1		121
Totals	6	19	19	2	43	468

A new NIFC International Support webpage at <https://www.nifc.gov/fire-information/international-support> will be updated weekly (by Friday morning) with resource and personnel numbers. Additional information will be shared on the NIFC Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/NIFCFire/> and Twitter at https://twitter.com/NIFC_Fire.

As smoke from Canadian wildfires continues to impact various areas in the U.S., air quality information about wildfire smoke can be found on AirNow at <https://www.airnow.gov/wildfires/>.

For the most current information concerning the wildfires burning in Canada, please visit the CIFFC website at <https://ciffc.net/>.

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The National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC), located in Boise, Idaho, is the nation's support center for wildland firefighting. Eight different agencies and organizations are part of NIFC including, the Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, USDA Forest Service, National Weather Service, U.S. Fire Administration, and the National Association of State Foresters.

