



Press Release

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Professional Private Wildland Fire Service companies are assisting with wildfires around the country and helping keep fire costs down.

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As lightening storms rumble across many parts of the country, NWSA Member companies are working side by side with agency personnel to provide additional resources to aide in fire suppression efforts.

The National Wildfire Suppression Association represents over 200 Professional Private Wildland fire companies across the United States. Our members can field up to 195 - 20 person hand crews, over 300 pieces of water handling equipment, kitchen and show units, and a cadre of other resources. The Professional Private Wildland fire services work to partner with the agencies so they can increase the capacity of the resources when needed and work to keep the costs of fire suppression down. Professional private wildland fire companies are paid for their actual time utilized and those costs are all inclusive to the agency and taxpayer. As Jim Furlong, Retired USFS Region 6 Assistant Fire & Aviation Director once said, "If it weren't for the markings on the equipment you would not be able to tell the difference." Meaning that the training and capability of the private industry mirrors the agency resources; thereby making a great partnership in helping protect, life, home and the environment from wildfires.



. You can view a video on the private fire services available at

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8oneGBC6PS4> also visit the NWSA Website for more information at www.nwsa.us. Find our info packet at http://www.nwsa.us/Websites/nwsa/Images/NWSAPapers_HighRes%5B1%5D.pdf

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