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## **Firefighters from the Pacific Northwest on way to Aid in Wildfires in California**

*Professional Private Fire Services are being deployed to assist in wildfire efforts across  
California*

**Mill City, OR— October 12, 2017** — As of October 12, 2017 the Pacific Northwest Coordination Center has mobilized private resources including 50 Type 2- 20-person hand crews, 7 Type 2 IA hand crews and several brush engines that were deployed to California yesterday. That equates to over 1200 more boots on the ground firefighters to help our neighbors.

The National Wildfire Suppression Association (NWSA) is proud to be able to provide resources to our partners in California in their efforts to combat devastating wildfires. We have received calls from vineyard owners, and others near these fires wanting to know if help can be found, and we hope that some of our resources can assist them.

### **Providing resource across the United States**

Our member companies have provided over 5500 firefighters and over 1800 pieces of equipment to the fire lines in Oregon this summer, and we look forward to being able to support the efforts in California along with the structure departments that have been deployed from the Pacific Northwest. In addition to Oregon, we know that other private resources from different areas of the United States are also being deployed, and many more sit in waiting if the requests come in to provide more support.

“Our members hearts go out to those in harm’s way, and those already on the lines.,” said Debbie Miley, Executive Director of NWSA. “We look forward to supporting our neighbors in California and working alongside our partners on the firelines.”

### **Professional Private Wildland Fire Services**

During the height of fire season, the Professional Private Wildland Fire Services can provide up to 10,000 trained and qualified firefighters, and an abundance of resources including fallers, heavy equipment, water handling equipment, camp support and much more. We consider ourselves the “Boots on the Ground resources”.

NWSA was founded in 1991 and is the largest national organization representing the “Boots on the ground” private all hazard response resources. We currently represent over 225 private companies in 24 states across the US.

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