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## **New Mexico Sends Fire Crews on Out of State Assignments**

Santa Fe, NM – The State of New Mexico has dispatched 27 firefighters to aid in firefighting efforts and to be available for initial attack in Oregon, Washington and California, according to New Mexico State Forestry.

Two 10-person hand crews consisting of members of State Forestry's Veterans Fire Crew Program, seasonal firefighters and State Forestry staff have been assigned to the Douglas Complex Fire in Oregon.

Additionally, an engine from State Forestry's Bernalillo District office and an engine crew from San Juan County are currently assigned to fires in California.

"Even though it appears that New Mexico's fire season has wrapped up, many areas of the Western United States are still very volatile with the potential for wildfire very high," said State Forestry Resource Protection Bureau Chief Donald Griego. "I'm pleased that New Mexico is able to send these resources to areas in need, just as we welcomed out of state fire crews to our state this year."

This past summer, resources were mobilized from many different agencies and many states to supplement fire resources in New Mexico.

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