

News Release from: Oregon Office of Emergency Management
Media Advisory: OREGON NATIONAL GUARD JOINS MULTI-AGENCY RESPONSE TO DOUGLAS COMPLEX FIRE
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The Oregon Military Department and the Oregon Office of Emergency Management are assisting with response to the Douglas Complex fire in Southern Oregon. The Douglas Complex fire, a group of lightning-caused wildfires in southern Douglas County and northern Josephine County, has burned more than 25,000 acres.



Three Oregon Army National Guard Soldiers with Charlie Company, 7-158 Aviation, prepare a Bambi bucket for use in fire suppression efforts for the Dollar Lake fire in the Parkdale area, Sept. 9, 2011. The Oregon Army National Guard is currently responding to wildfires with four aircraft based out of Salem, Ore., and one based out of Pendleton, Ore., in support Oregon Department of Forestry fire suppression efforts. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Jason van Mourik, Oregon Military Department Public Affairs)

Multiple state agencies have responded to the fires, providing a variety of assets in support of the firefighting operations.

The Oregon Army National Guard is providing aviation assets at the request of the Oregon Department of Forestry. Five aircraft are prepared to help with fire suppression including three HH-60M Blackhawk helicopters, one CH-47 Chinook helicopter, and one UH-72 Lakota. Approximately 125 Soldiers along with 26 High Mobility Multi Wheeled Vehicles are also slated to be called-up on State Active Duty within the next 72 hours to assist with traffic control in the evacuated areas.

The Oregon Office of Emergency Management is assisting with coordinating response to the fires. The fire is being managed jointly by the Oregon Department of Forestry and the Oregon State Fire Marshal's Office.



An Oregon Army National Guard Blackhawk helicopter pilot, with Charlie Company, 7-158 Aviation, guides a Bambi bucket attached to the aircraft over the Dollar Lake fire to assist in fire suppression efforts, September 9, 2011. The Oregon Army National Guard is currently responding to wildfires with four aircraft based out of Salem, Ore., and one based out of Pendleton, Ore., in support Oregon Department of Forestry fire suppression efforts. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Jason van Mourik, Oregon Military Department Public Affairs)

The latest fire information can be found here:
<http://wildfireoregondeptofforestry.blogspot.com/>

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