

# FRESNO AIR ATTACK BASE

The Fresno Air Attack Base was established in 1955 and is located at the Fresno Airport in the CDF Fresno-Kings Unit. The base is jointly operated by CDF and the US Forest Service, Sierra National Forest.



Fresno responds to an average of 100 calls per year. Staff at Fresno consists of one battalion chief, one fire captain, one fire apparatus engineer, and three firefighters. Forest Service staff consists of one forest air officer, one air base



manager, and an assistant base manager and three part time staff. The complement of aircraft located at Fresno Air Attack Base includes one OV-10 Bronco and one S-2T airtanker. US Forest service aircraft includes one Commander.

On average, the base pumps about 500,000 gallons of retardant a year. With the base's pumps, four loading pits and equipment, Fresno has a possible peak output of 300,000 gallons of retardant each day.

The base's immediate response area spans from the California-Nevada border to the east, Interstate 5 to the west, Merced River to the north, and Fresno-Tulare county lines to the south.

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