

BIEBER HELITACK BASE

The Bieber Helitack Base was established in 1972 and is located in the CDF Lassen-Modoc Unit on Bridge Street in the small town of Bieber.

Bieber responds to an average of 150 calls per year ranging from fires to rescues. On a daily basis, the crew of Bieber consists of one pilot, two fire captains, one fire apparatus engineer, and six firefighters. In addition to the *helitack crew there are two fire engines staffed at Bieber Station. Bieber Helitack operates a UH-1H helicopter. Also operated out of Bieber Helitack Base is the Helitender, which serves as a support vehicle for the copter. The helitender contains 1,000 gallons of fuel, along with foam, backup tools, out-of-county bags, an extra bucket, paperwork, Meals Ready to Eat (MRE's) and many other items that are necessary to support the crew.



Bieber Helitack has an initial attack response area of nearly 4.4 million acres and includes Lassen, Modoc, and Shasta-Trinity National Forests.

*CDF helitack crews consist of highly trained and experienced firefighters who are assigned to and respond to wildland fires aboard CDF helicopters. Once arriving on an incident the crew, typically 5 to 6 firefighters along with a fire captain, are let off with fire fighting hand tools and initiate fire suppression actions. Helitack crews also perform other helicopter support operations when not assigned to direct fire line operations such as helibase operations and support.

*For information about other helitack bases, visit the
Air Program page of the
CDF website:
www.fire.ca.gov*

