

BOGGS MOUNTAIN HELITACK BASE

The Boggs Mountain Helitack Base was established in 1972 and is located at Boggs Mountain Demonstration State Forest in CDF Sonoma-Lake-Napa Unit near the town of Cobb.

Boggs Mountain responds to an average of 250 calls per year ranging from fires to rescues. On a daily basis, the *helitack crew of Boggs Mountain consists of one pilot, two fire captains, one fire apparatus engineer, and five firefighters. Boggs Mountain Helitack operates a UH-1H helicopter. Also operated out of Boggs Mountain 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.



Boggs Mountain provides coverage north into Mendocino National Forest, south to the Bay Area, east to the Sacramento Valley and west to the ocean. This area covers Colusa, Yolo, Solano, Lake, Napa, Sonoma and parts of Marin and Mendocino counties.

*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*



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