

VINA HELITACK BASE

The Vina Helitack Base was established in 1972 and is located in the CDF Tehama-Glenn Unit in the town of Vina.

Vina responds to an average of 180-190 calls per year ranging from fires to rescues. On a daily basis, the crew of Vina consists of one pilot, two fire captains, one fire apparatus engineer, and five firefighters. Vina Helitack operates a UH-1H helicopter. Also operated out of Vina 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 *helitack crew.

Vina provides coverage and protection north to Shasta County, south to Butte County, east to the Plumas National Forest and west to the Mendocino National Forest.

*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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