



National Fire Plan

Mutual Aid Agreements for Fighting Wildfires in Western Montana

Quick response by wildland firefighters working together under a mutual aid agreement made a difference in saving homes and resources in 2004. The Quartz Creek Fire was stopped at only 65 acres by the rapid response of local rural fire departments and Lolo National Forest initial attack firefighters. The Boise National Forest helitack crew's response and timing were instrumental in initiating a burnout operation that saved this house and the barn.



Quick action by firefighters delivered by helicopter, along with local and USFS engine crews, saved this home.

This is an excellent example of multi-agency response and use of initial attack resources, equipment, and aircraft during a very high fire danger period.