

National Fire Plan

New Engine Serves Many in 2002

Vermont



Meeting the National Fire Plan's goals of Preparedness and Hazardous Fuels Reduction is aided by this Type 3 engine, acquired to support the Green Mountain-Finger Lakes National Forest's fuels program on complex burns on and off the forest.

The engine and crew have had a busy year, serving both in suppression and prescribed fire efforts. They helped suppress wildfires in Texas, Vermont, and New Hampshire. They supported an extensive prescribed fire program in the Lone Star State, spending one month with the National Forests in Texas. Back in the northeast, the engine and crew assisted military installations in New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Vermont with their prescribed fire efforts -- making a total of four trips to three installations to burn seven units. In addition to the land management benefits gained from prescribed fire, these trips serve as "train-the-trainer" exercises that allow the military to continue building their fire management programs. Sharing personnel, equipment, and expertise continues to foster great partnerships in the northeast.



The Green Mountain – Finger Lakes National Forest’s Type 3 engine has proven invaluable on northeastern wildland fires where steep, remote mountains make water delivery challenging. This assignment required 85 lengths of hose and a rise of 800 feet to reach the fire.

Lighter duty for the engine and crew has found them in parades to help spread National Fire Plan messages. The engine also served in a "Driving for the Fire Services" training session in New Hampshire. This engine really gets around!