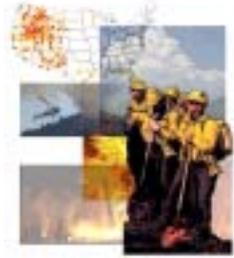


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Fire Facilities Improvements

TRINITY HELIBASE, Calif., July 2, 2002 – Dedication of the new Trinity Helitack Base located near Lewiston Lake went off without a hitch today. Congressman Wally Herger and others were present and spoke during the facility dedication, and enjoyed a live training exercise conducted by the Helitack module.

The Base serves as the main facility for the Trinity Helitack module and includes offices, restrooms, a training room, and pilot ready room in support of these aerial firefighters who are delivered from helicopters during initial attack of wildfires in both urbanized and remote areas of Northern California.

Construction of the new base was made possible under the National Fire Plan for \$736,000 and the facility was built and completed by Donald F. Gallino, Inc. Construction Company.

BURNT RANCH STATION, Calif., November 4, 2002—Construction of a much needed Forest Service fire station has been completed near Burnt Ranch, Calif, adding an office, restroom, training room, and two engine bays to the 1942 vintage firefighter barracks.

The existing five-person barracks and a small office were the only facilities for the engines and crew until this National Fire Plan supported facility was recently constructed for \$305,000 by Whitson, Incorporated, a local contractor from Willow Creek, Calif.

The 1,704 square-foot building project began in May and took six months to complete.

"The new facility enables firefighters to work and train more efficiently and prolongs the life of valuable fire engines," said District Ranger Joyce Andersen.



Contracting Officer PJ Villhauer and Whitsen Co. Representative accept the new facility at Burnt Ranch, Calif.