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Valley Fire Departments Send Help to California

(Hailey, Idaho) Wood River Valley Fire Departments have bid farewell and good luck to 9 firefighters and 3 Structural Fire Engines to California to aid in the wildfires. The local Fire Departments have combined their resources to insure that adequate protection for our valley is still maintained, while assisting out neighbors to the south.



Pictured from left to right, Ketchum & Bellevue Firefighter Gary Robrahn, Ketchum Firefighter Noah Tunney, and Hailey Firefighter Brandon Rasmussen

Hailey, SunValley and Ketchum Fire Engines rendezvous'd in Jerome, Idaho at 11:00am on July 3rd and are being trucked to California. The firefighters pictured above are currently on a 2 week deployment and will be traveling to California by Sun Valley Stages. They have been dispatched to the Piute Fire due east of Bakersfield. Currently 7 structures have been lost and an additional 1,231 structures are threatened and over 14,500 acres of the Shasta National Forest have burned. The nine firefighters have had extensive training in wildland and urban interface firefighting, including extended time on last year's Castle Rock Fire.

Fire dangers are extremely high throughout the summer season in the valley and the local Fire Departments are urging residents to be extra cautious with "safe and sane" fireworks this season.