

HOW TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITIES SAFE FROM WILDFIRES

Wildfires are burning hotter and faster than they were 30 years ago, yet, our approach to putting them out has remained mostly unchanged.

It's time to adapt federal and state firefighting approaches to meet today's challenge.

It's time for Rapid Initial Attack

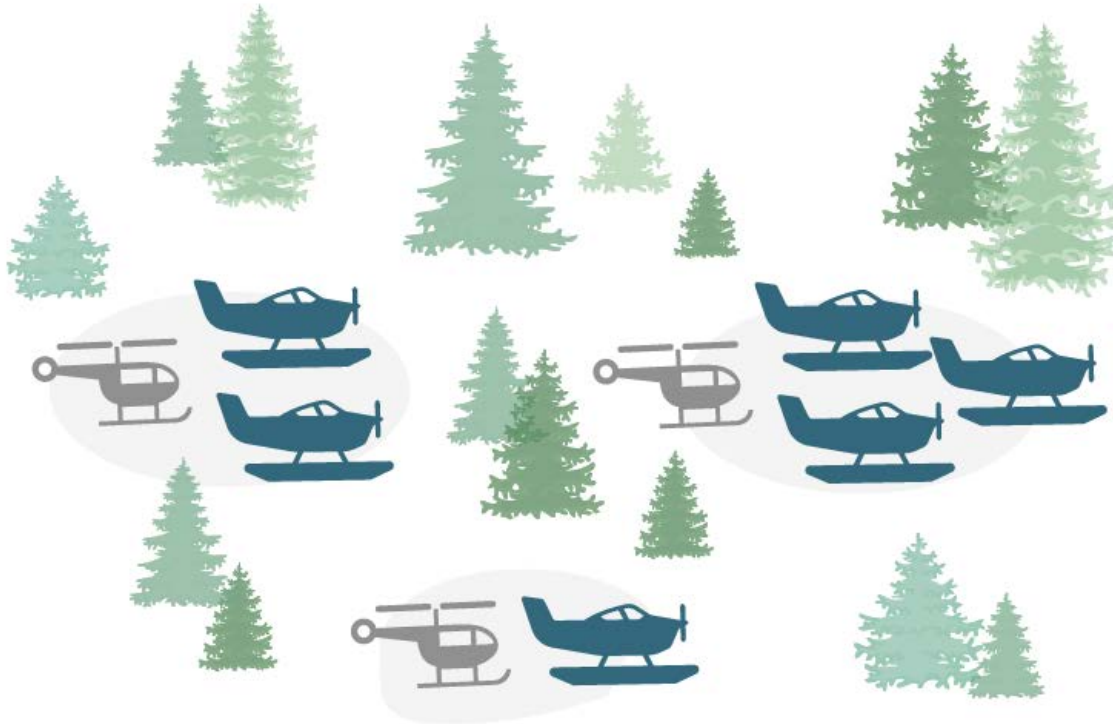


Rapid Initial Attack taps into existing infrastructure – airports, landing strips, lakes, and water basins – to respond to wildfires faster and continuously drench them with water until wildland firefighters can arrive to put them out.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS



1 At the start of a wildfire season, small firefighting planes – such as Fire Bosses – and helicopters are stationed throughout a fire-prone region.



DID YOU KNOW?

There are more than 5,000 airports and landing strips west of the Mississippi River.



2

When smoke is reported, the nearby Fire Bosses and helicopters are dispatched immediately to the fire.



3

Within an hour of dispatch, the aircraft arrive and drench the flames with water.



4 The water-scooping Fire Bosses and helicopters stay at the scene for hours, continuously bombarding the fire with water by refilling their tanks from nearby water sources.



DID YOU KNOW?

At least two-thirds of all US wildfires have been within 10 miles of an aircraft-accessible body of water.

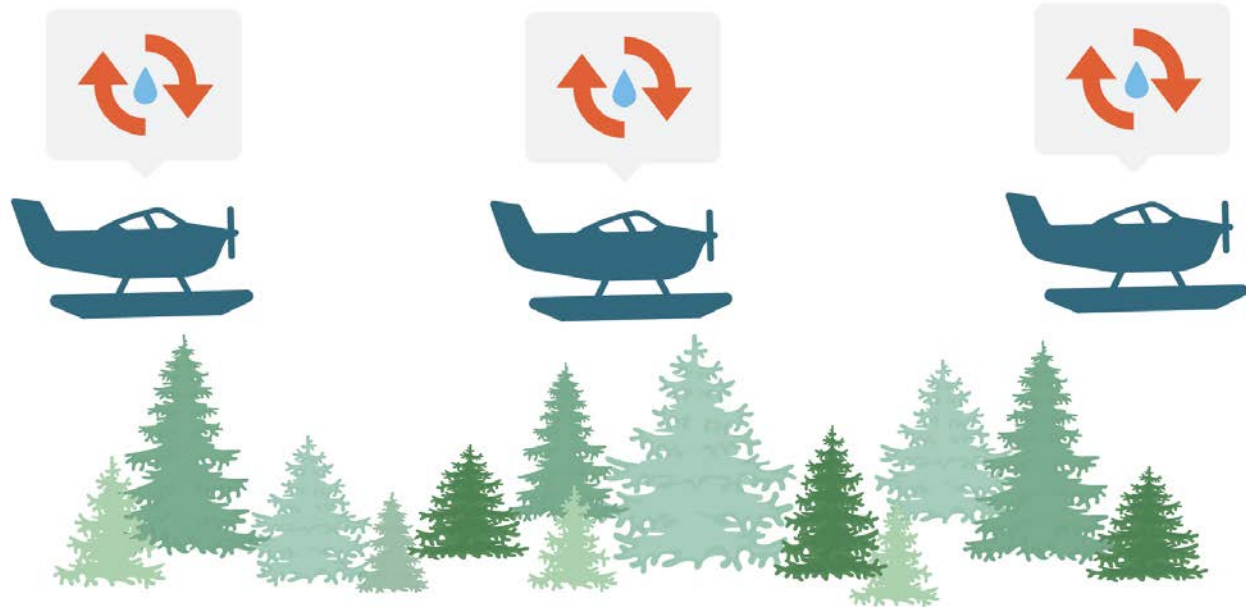


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While in flight, Fire Bosses with on-board gel-mixing systems can enhance the water with gel, making it more effective against wildfire flames.

DID YOU KNOW?

Other aerial firefighting technology includes infrared imaging, which pilots use to see through smoke and target the hottest spots of a fire.



6 Dropping thousands of gallons of water per hour, Fire Bosses and helicopters contain the fire until wildland firefighters on the ground can put it out.



Rapid Initial Attack keeps wildfires small and reduces the likelihood of large, costly disasters.



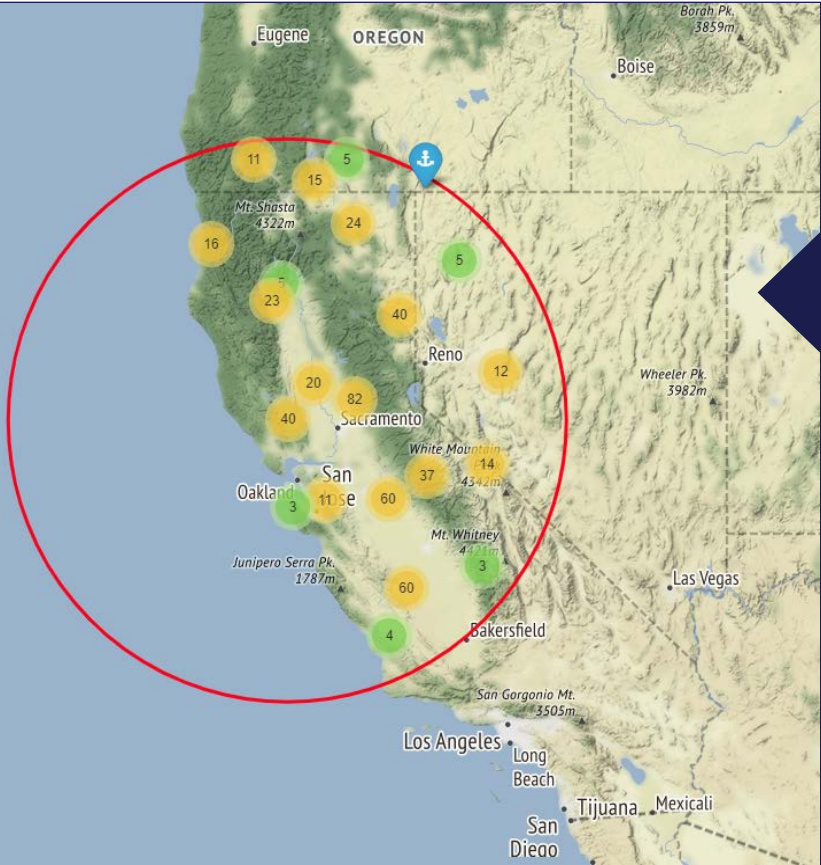
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RAPID INITIAL ATTACK
AGAINST WILDFIRES**



**SEE THE OPPORTUNITY
IN KEY REGIONS**



Greater San Francisco



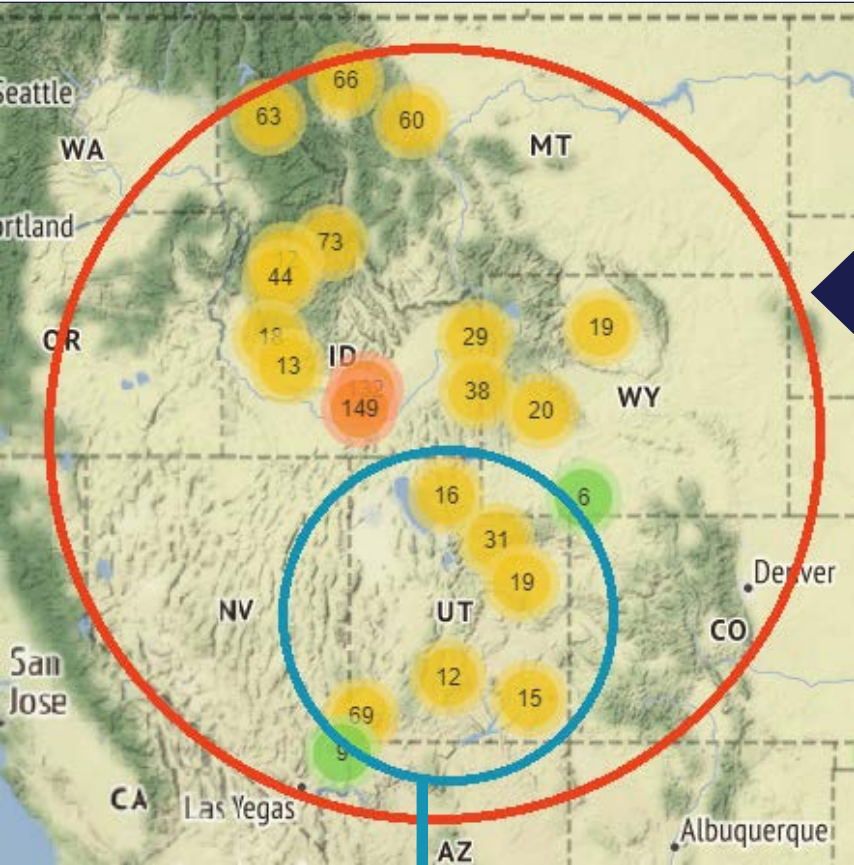
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**135+
Water Sources**

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Great Basin



345+
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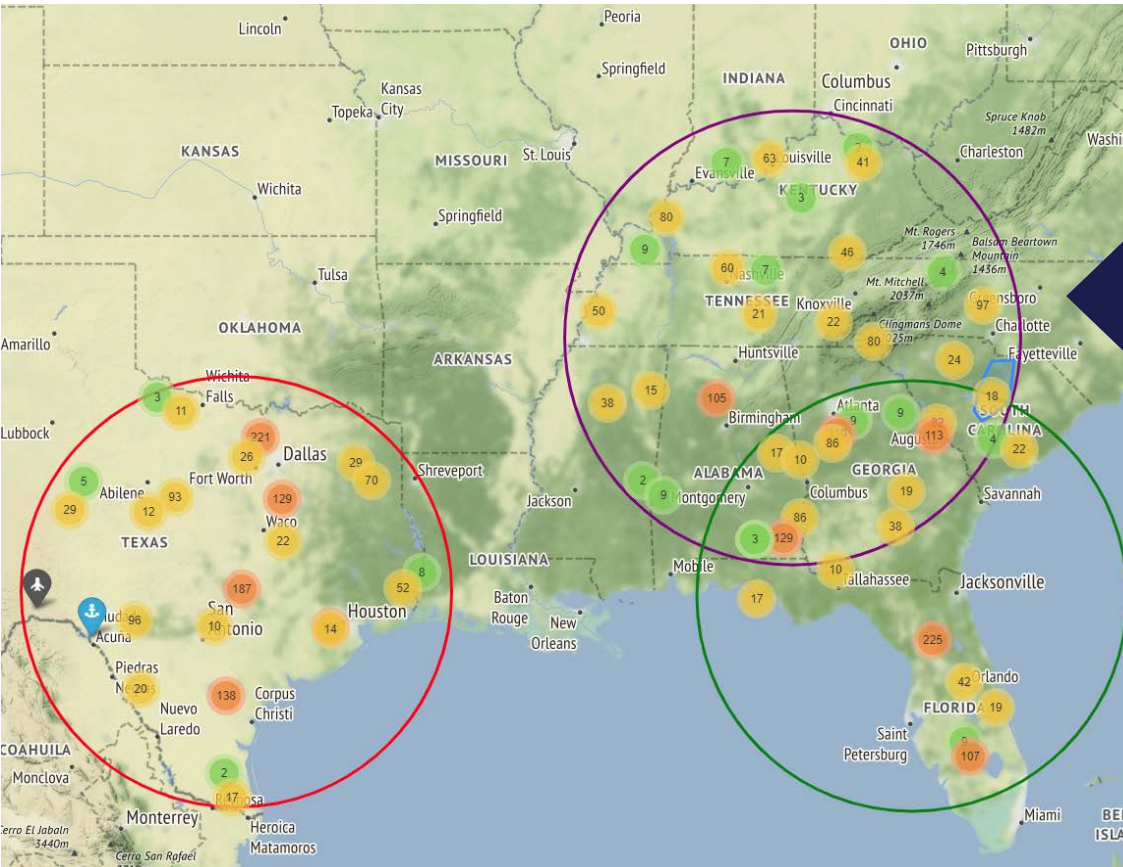
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UTAH: 88 Airports | 50 Water Sources



Southeastern US



1,700+
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