

STATE FIREFIGHTING RESOURCES

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- **Single Engine Air Tankers (SEATs)**
 - Three SEATs are available through October 31, 2007.
 - SEATs under exclusive contract with the Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) are currently located at the Grand Junction Air Tanker Base, Craig Airport and Fort Collins/Loveland Airport. The BLM SEAT is at the Grand Junction Air Tanker Base.
 - SEATs are especially valuable during initial attack because they maneuver well at high altitudes and steep terrains. Use of SEATs often helps prevent small fires from growing.

- **State Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) Engines**
 - The state's 10 WUI Engines are used during fire suppression and prescribed fires.
 - There are four Type 3 and six Type 6 WUI engines strategically placed in the state.
 - Additions this year include movement toward full-time state staffing of four of the engines, which will give CSFS flexibility to implement fuels reduction projects when not responding to fires.

- **State Inmate Crews**
 - The Department of Corrections maintains three 20-person crews for instate mitigation and fire suppression activity. To be eligible, inmates must be non-violent offenders, under minimum security, and may not have received any disciplinary action for at least six months.
 - The crews are from Canon City, Rifle and Buena Vista.
 - CSFS will support training and equipment for additional crew members at the Buena Vista facility this year, which will increase the potential to implement more wildfire hazard mitigation projects.

- **State supported interagency resources partnerships**
 - CSFS employees hold positions on regional and national Interagency Incident Management Teams.
 - Through cooperative agreements, CSFS supports and sponsors local, county, and fire department participation on regional and national Interagency Incident Management Teams.
 - CSFS has converted 140 federal excess property vehicles into wildland fire engines and has loaned these engines to Colorado fire departments.

- **National Guard Resources**
 - Colorado National Guard resources, both helicopter and ground forces, are available to support Colorado wildfire efforts. Guard resources have assisted movement of supplies to wildfires, security for evacuation, road closures, and direct suppression.