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CAL FIRE EXPANDS EASTERN SIERRA WILDFIRE RESPONSE WITH NEW FIRE STATION

MAMMOTH LAKES, CA – The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) is proud to announce the opening of a new fire station at Mammoth Lakes Airport, strengthening wildfire response capabilities throughout Inyo and Mono Counties and reinforcing the Department's long-standing commitment to protecting the Eastern Sierra.

The new station will serve as a strategic hub for personnel and equipment responsible for protecting over 606,683 acres of State Responsibility Area (SRA) across Inyo and Mono Counties. Positioned in the heart of the Eastern Sierra, the facility will reduce response times to wildfires while enhancing coordination with local, state, and federal partners.

The opening of the station represents the next chapter in CAL FIRE's history within the Owens Valley. For more than 6 decades, CAL FIRE has maintained a presence in the region dedicated to protecting communities, watersheds, and natural landscapes throughout the Eastern Sierra.

"The Eastern Sierra presents unique wildfire challenges due to its vast geography, diverse fuel types, and increasing wildfire activity," said Assistant Chief Arnold Ramirez. "This new station allows CAL FIRE to strategically position resources closer to the communities and landscapes we protect while strengthening our partnership with Mammoth Lakes Airport, the Town of Mammoth Lakes, and our local, state, and federal partners."

The establishment of the station reflects continued investment in wildfire preparedness across the Eastern Sierra and CAL FIRE's mission to serve and safeguard the people and protect the property and natural resources of California.

CAL FIRE extends its appreciation to Mammoth Lakes Airport, the Town of Mammoth Lakes, Mono County, Inyo County, and partner agencies whose collaboration helped make this project possible.

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