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**UTAH COMPANY KEEPS CALIFORNIA FIRE FIGHTERS IN THE AIR**

LAYTON, Utah - A Utah-based company, Logistic Specialties, Inc., headquartered in Layton, is helping to keep the state of California's aircraft airworthy during the current outbreak of wildland fires.

As a principal contractor to the California Department of Forestry (CalFire) Aviation Management Unit located at McClellan, Calif., near Sacramento, LSI directly supports all of CalFire AMU's logistical aircraft parts support and warehousing needs for their aircraft wildland fire fighting operations on a daily basis.

"Logistic Specialties personnel are keeping the CalFire's AMU fleet airworthy," said Catherine Hall, LSI's Senior Vice President and General Manager. "We answered CalFire's call to surge parts ordering and are providing any additional maintenance support needed to keep the aircraft ready to go so they can continue to fight the wildfires in southern California."

LSI usually has close to 80 percent of the state's 37 fixed wing fire fighting aircraft in hangars at the former McClellan AFB and performs logistical support operations for the fleet's regularly scheduled winter overhaul maintenance in October because this is the time of year there is usually a hiatus in the fires. LSI's 19 Logistical Support team members at McClellan provide regular logistical services for the total firefighting fixed wing fleet of 23 S-2Ts, 14 OV-10s as well as 11 UH-1 helicopters.

She explained that immediately upon notification by AMU officials, LSI's AMU staff worked side-by-side in an integral team effort to ensure that all of the effected CalFire air attack bases were logistically reopened and ready to support any new air attack flight operations

Ms. Hall defined Logistic Specialties' role as assisting the CDF's staff to protect people from fires and their mission also centers on ensuring that AMU aircraft have the highest mission capable rate possible. LSI's highly-trained personnel ensure the safety and security of the state's assets and keep up to 37,000 maintenance line items available at any time. The LSI personnel include aviation logisticians, purchasing agents, inventory specialists, warehouse workers, and an industrial safety and training coordinator.

Prior to the start of the current wildland fire event, several aircraft were already deployed in the state and others were brought out of maintenance immediately to enhance service to the CDF.

