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FIRES AND ACRES

609 Total Fires for 395,265 acres in Nevada.

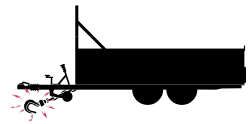
Lightning caused fires for 341,112 acres. **264**

345 Human Caused Fires for 54,154 Acres.

TOP HUMAN CAUSES

In 2025, 57 percent of wildfires were human-caused. Nevada as a state saw the highest human-cause occurrence from roadside or equipment starts, followed by firearms or explosives and debris burning.

**ROADSIDE
(EQUIPMENT & VEHICLES)**



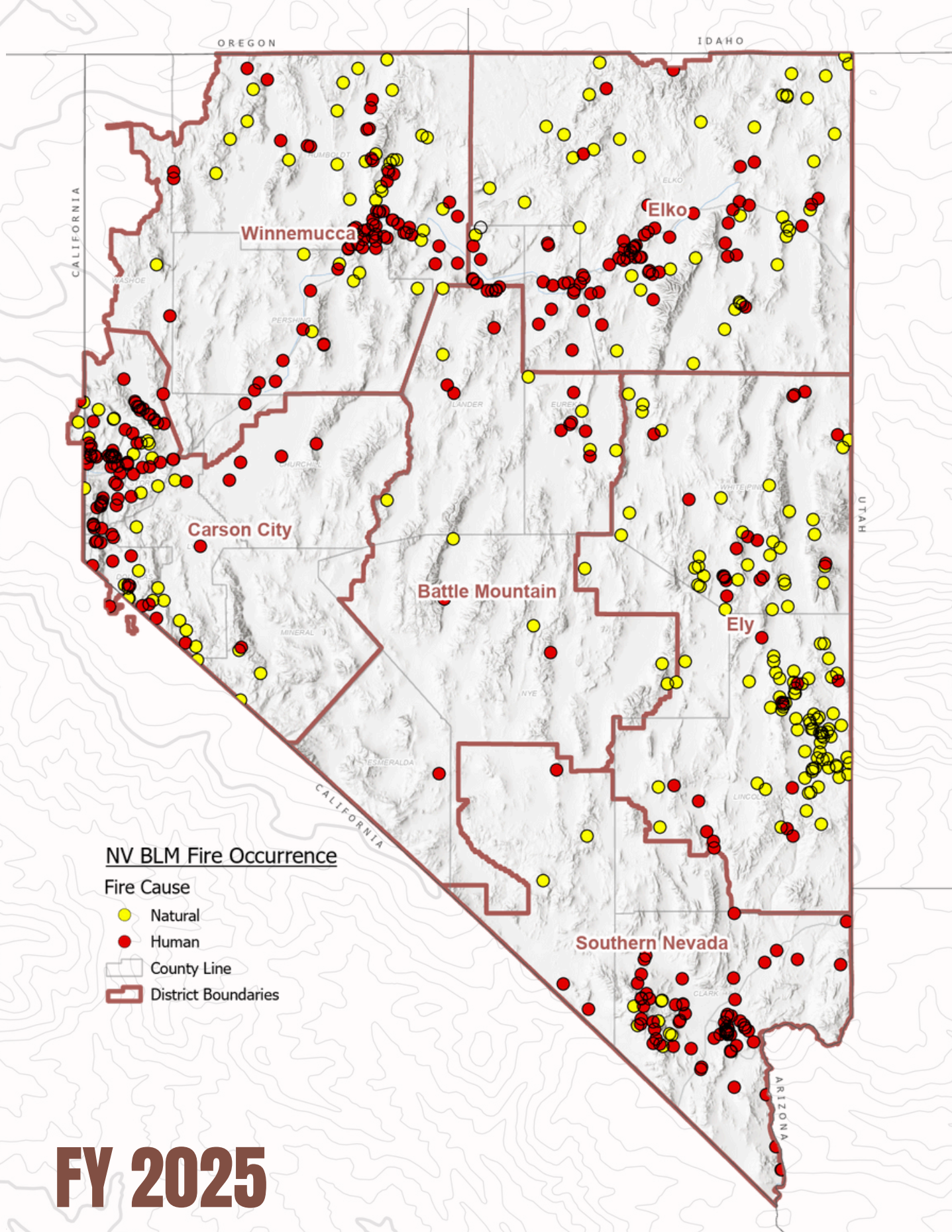
**FIREARMS &
EXPLOSIVES**



DEBRIS BURNING



NAME	COUNTY	CAUSE	ACRES ↑	DATE
Cottonwood Peak	Elko	Natural	132,603.48	8/15/25, 7:02 PM
Jakes	Elko	Natural	82,217.00	8/1/25, 8:43 PM
Gothic	Nye	Natural	35,161.00	7/6/25, 10:25 AM
Snowstorm	Elko	Natural	22,256.00	8/1/25, 8:30 PM
Conner	Douglas	Human	17,714.00	6/20/25, 4:10 AM
Barber	Pershing	Natural	17,571.67	7/3/25, 9:52 PM
Cat Canyon	Nye	Undetermined	16,260.00	7/19/25, 6:14 PM
Hot Canyon	Elko	Natural	12,794.00	7/8/25, 1:02 PM



NV BLM Fire Occurrence

Fire Cause

● Natural

● Human

□ County Line

▬ District Boundaries

FY 2025

445

Total Fire Personnel



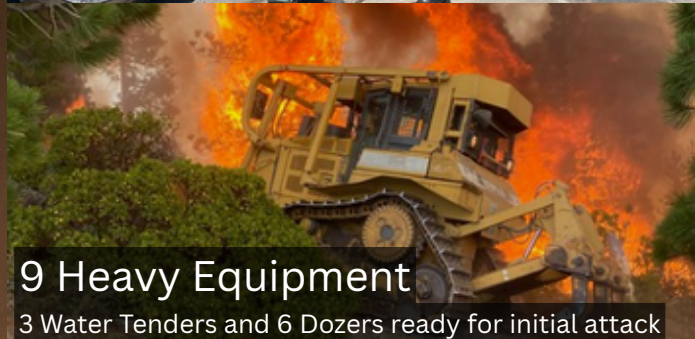
541,611

Miles Driven



8 Engine Transfers

Strengthening Rural Fire Readiness across Nevada



9 Heavy Equipment

3 Water Tenders and 6 Dozers ready for initial attack



1 Veteran and 2 Hotshot Crews

Elite teams on front lines of wildfire response



43 Engines Total

30 Heavy, 8 Light, and 5 Super Heavy Engines



5 Airtanker Bases

With 8 Cotract SEATs



5 Tactical Aircraft

With 3 Air Attacks and 30 Helitack



TEACHING THE NEXT GENERATION OF WILDLAND FIREFIGHTERS

AACT

BLM Nevada Fire & Aviation kicked off the second year of the Fire Science Career and Technical Education (CTE) program at the Academy of Arts, Careers & Technology (AACT) high school in Reno, the first program of its kind in the Washoe County School District. This program was developed to introduce students to the fundamentals of wildland fire and blends classroom learning with hands-on skills training in fire behavior, mapping, hose deployment, radio communications, and teamwork. In 2025, 44 students participated, with enrollment expected to grow to 51 next year. BLM instructors led **141 classes**, most featuring hands-on activities designed to prepare students for real-world fireline conditions.

Through strong partnerships and grant support, students now have access to professional gear and tools including pumps, hoses, Nomex, and hand tools. Interest in the program continues to grow, with the Nevada State Fire Marshal exploring ways to expand the model to rural schools statewide. Two field trips, media coverage, and a student completing Camp Crew assignments further highlight the program's success.

By building early pathways into fire careers, the Fire Science CTE program helps develop Nevada's future firefighting workforce while strengthening community resilience and interagency collaboration.



STRENGTHING WILDFIRE RESPONSE ACROSS THE WEST
THROUGH COORDINATION, RECONNAISSANCE,
AND RETARDANT SUPPORT.

AVIATION

In 2025, Nevada BLM's exclusive air attack platforms based in Elko and Stead played a critical role in wildfire response, flying **322 hours** across **116 missions** that supported **55 wildland fires** throughout the region. These aircraft provided essential aerial coordination, reconnaissance, and communication capabilities that ensured safe and effective operations on complex, fast-moving incidents across Nevada and neighboring states. Utilized the **Nevada National Guard** to assist with fire suppression and firefighter transport on the Cottonwood Peak and Jakes Fires in Northeastern Nevada.

Nevada BLM's helicopter program also made a major impact, with **three exclusive-use helicopters**, logging **625 flight hours** on incidents in Nevada, Utah, California, Idaho, and Arizona. Additionally, five BLM retardant bases in Stead, Winnemucca, Wells, Battle Mountain, and Mesquite supplied **1,444,878 gallons of retardant** over **1,121 missions**. Together, these aerial resources strengthened interagency firefighting efforts across the West, bolstering both initial attack capability and extended suppression support.





LEADING THE BUREAU IN FISCAL EXCELLENCE, FIREFIGHTER CARE, AND MODERNIZED BUSINESS OPERATIONS.

FIRE BUSINESS

In 2025, BLM Nevada's Fire Business program managed a significant operational and financial workload, processing over **\$29.3 million in payments** to contractors and vendors for suppression support and issuing **\$2.3 million in reimbursements** to cooperating agencies. The program also received **\$619,862.34 in reimbursements** from cooperators and submitted over **260 Casual Hire payment batches**, averaging five hires per batch. Fire Business staff completed **22 assignments** in key positions such as THSP, ESDS, SCKN, RESL, ADCP, and FSC3, while opening **11 new task books and signing off one** (INBA). The team successfully onboarded over **120 temporary seasonal employees** and continued to oversee the largest BLM Casual Hire program in the nation.

The program provided comprehensive support to more than 300 BLM Nevada fire employees, covering time and attendance, charge cards, travel, human resources, contracting, and other incident business management needs. Fire Business also coordinated with multiple Incident Management Teams and provided specialized hospital liaison and OWCP assistance to firefighters with complex injuries, ensuring both employee and family received continued support during recovery. A major achievement for the year was the successful implementation of FireNet for BLM Nevada finance, which modernized operations, standardized statewide procedures, improved compliance, and strengthened collaboration across districts and interagency partners.

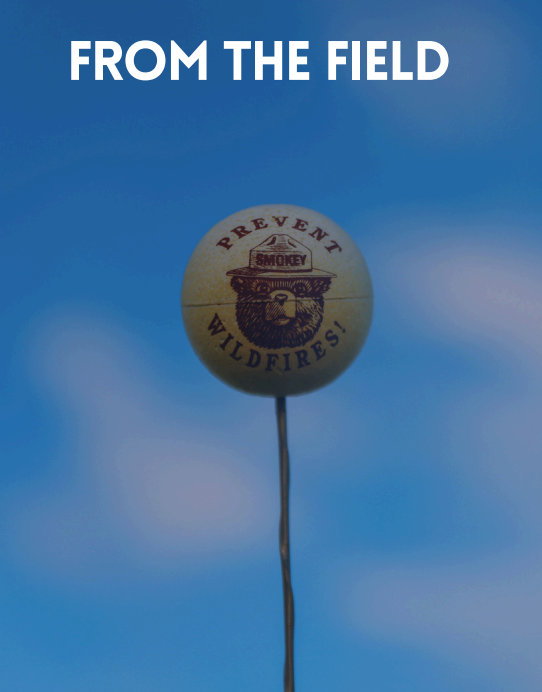


REBUILDING NEVADA'S LANDSCAPES ONE FIRE SCAR AT A TIME.

ES&R

The Emergency Stabilization and Burned Area Rehabilitation (ES&R) program plays a critical role in restoring Nevada's landscapes following wildfires. Currently, **52 ES&R plans** are active across BLM Nevada, each spanning a five-year treatment window to address post-fire recovery needs. These projects include **13,087 acres of aerial seeding** and **644 acres of drill and broadcast seeding** to reestablish native vegetation and prevent invasive species spread. In addition, **62,028 acres have received herbicide** treatments to control weeds and promote ecological resilience across fire-impacted areas.

This year, **19 new ES&R plans** were approved to treat over **212,000 acres** statewide, supported by approximately **\$35 million** in combined Emergency Stabilization and Burned Area Rehabilitation funding over the next five years. Every BLM District in Nevada has now fully integrated its ES&R program into its Fire Management program, a major milestone that ensures a more coordinated, efficient, and science-driven approach to post-fire recovery. This integration strengthens the state's ability to protect natural resources, support wildlife habitat restoration, and reduce future wildfire risks through strategic, long-term land management.





LEADING THE BUREAU IN WILDFIRE RESILIENCE
AND LANDSCAPE RESTORATION.

FUELS

The Nevada BLM Fuels Program continues to lead the Bureau in proactive wildfire risk reduction, treating more acres than any other state for the past two years, over **544,000 acres** in total. In 2025 alone, **248,875 acres** were treated through a combination of fuel breaks, prescribed fire, conifer removal, and habitat restoration. Of those, **204,816 acres** were treated in the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI), directly reducing wildfire threats to communities and critical infrastructure.

This work reflects the strength of collaboration between BLM, state agencies, and local partners, whose combined efforts have expanded the scope and effectiveness of fuels management across Nevada's diverse landscapes.

During the 2025 fire season, **36 wildfires interacted with 84 fuels treatments**, including both new and maintained projects, demonstrating the program's critical role in aiding suppression and improving firefighter safety. Treatments proved particularly effective during the Conner, Winnemucca Mountain, Jakes, and Rancho Fires, where reduced fuel loads helped slow fire spread and create safer operational zones. Highlights of this year's accomplishments include **61,368 acres of fuel breaks, 2,521 acres of prescribed fire, 29,025 acres of conifer removal, and 152,701 acres of greater sage-grouse habitat improvement**. Collectively, these treatments strengthen Nevada's landscape resilience, protect key ecosystems, and safeguard communities from the growing threat of wildfire.

Proactive Fuels Work Pays Off Across Nevada

Across Nevada, proactive fuels work continues to prove its value. From the pinyon-juniper foothills in Gardnerville to the communities below Winnemucca Mountain, years of planning, coordination, and on-the-ground effort have paid off. In both recent fires, prior thinning, seeding, and maintenance projects helped slow fast-moving flames, giving firefighters safe access and protecting nearby neighborhoods. These success stories show that when we manage the landscape ahead of fire season, we strengthen Nevada's first line of defense against wildfire.



PINE NUT ROAD FUEL BREAK - CCD

The Conner Fire burned nearly 18,000 acres under high winds and dry conditions early in the season, drawing national attention for its rapid growth potential. However, thanks to a series of hazardous fuels reduction projects completed along Pine Nut Road and the Lena Lane neighborhood, the fire's intensity dropped as it entered treated areas. Crews had thinned dense pinyon and juniper stands through mechanical mastication in 2005 and again in 2019, followed by seeding in 2020. Those efforts transformed a once-continuous canopy into more open, manageable terrain, where flames stayed low to the ground and firefighters could safely engage.

Untreated wildlands in the area typically burn hot and fast, with tree-to-tree flame lengths reaching up to 40 feet conditions too dangerous for direct attack. In contrast, the Conner Fire slowed dramatically in treated zones, allowing firefighters to contain it swiftly and protect nearby communities and infrastructure.

The success of these proactive fuels reduction projects underscores their importance: when we thin vegetation, reduce ladder fuels, and restore fire-resistant grasses, we give firefighters a fighting chance and help safeguard Nevada's people, landscapes, and resources.



WINNEMUCCA MOUNTAIN WUI FUELBREAK - WID

Just two weeks before the Winnemucca Fire ignited on June 15, local and federal partners completed disking operations to reestablish a fuelbreak between Winnemucca Mountain and nearby subdivisions. The project, which followed previous seeding efforts to create a greenstrip, was coordinated with county officials and local volunteer fire departments through a joint mock fire drill. That training proved invaluable when the real fire started, crews were already familiar with the fuelbreak and used it effectively during suppression.

Driven by downslope winds and heavy fine fuel loading, the fire rapidly moved toward homes and infrastructure at the base of the mountain, producing 6-8 foot flame lengths in brush and grass. When the fire reached the fuelbreak, fire intensity dropped dramatically, allowing suppression resources to safely engage. Firefighters anchored off the fuelbreak to flank the fire east and west, and even conducted a backfire to protect a nearby structure. The success of this project underscored the importance of proactive fuels work and interagency coordination, demonstrating that when communities invest in prevention, those lines on the map can become lifesaving lines on the ground.





STRENGTHENING THE MIND BEHIND THE FIRELINE

MENTAL HEALTH

CASAT staff and contracted clinicians delivered mental health trainings across all seven BLM Fire & Aviation units in Nevada during the fiscal year. Each 90-minute session focused on strengthening firefighters' mental fitness through education, reflection, and skill practice. Topics included operational stress, team well-being, and grounding techniques. Eight Fall Tour and four Summer Check-in Trainings reached **517 attendees** statewide, underscoring BLM Nevada's year-round commitment to mental wellness.

In 2025, BLM Nevada advanced its firefighter wellness efforts with a new clinical services contract offering up to 16 therapy sessions per employee. The program also hosted **11 Nevada Fire All Check-ins** to share resources, leadership updates, and workforce support. Together, these initiatives strengthen mental resilience and ensure firefighters have the tools and professional care needed to thrive both on and off the fireline.

For more info visit: nevadafireinfo.org/support



Michelle Murray - Winnemucca District
Sean Whalen - Las Vegas District
Trace Deeds - Ely District
Matt Croswait - Carson City District
Madi Harris - Elko District
Robert Burdick - Battle Mountain District

Across Nevada, every fire season is defined by the people who make the work possible. These portraits represent firefighters and staff from each district, individual moments captured that reflect the dedication, grit, and character behind BLM Nevada Fire & Aviation.





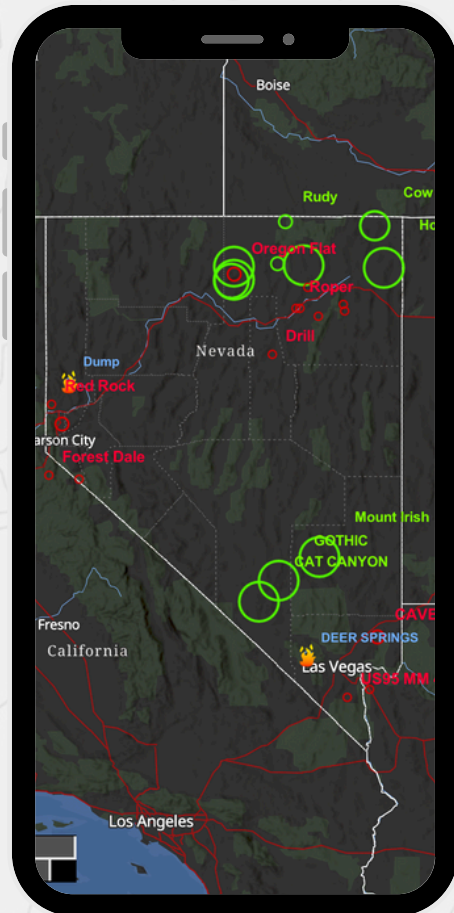
BUILDING FIRE-ADAPTED COMMUNITIES THROUGH
COLLABORATION, INVESTMENT, AND SHARED STEWARDSHIP.

MITIGATION

In 2025, BLM Nevada's Fuels and Mitigation program treated **16,363 non-federal acres** through cooperative efforts aimed at reducing wildfire risk in communities across the state. The program invested **\$1.6 million** to support four cooperative agreements, strengthening partnerships that extend beyond federal boundaries and enhance statewide resilience. These projects reflect a growing commitment to proactive fire management through collaboration, planning, and targeted fuel reduction efforts designed to protect lives, property, and Nevada's natural landscapes. This year also marked the inaugural launch of the Nevada Wildfire Risk Reduction Program, a partnership between BLM Nevada and the Nevada Fire Chiefs Association.

The program awarded **\$342,000** in grant funding to six community-based wildfire mitigation projects led by Lincoln County Fire District, Pershing County, Sparks Fire Department, Central Lyon Fire Protection District, Cold Creek Canyon HOA, and Humboldt County. "Partnerships are the foundation of our wildfire prevention strategy," said NFCA President and Reno Fire Chief Dave Cochran, emphasizing the power of local and federal collaboration. As Kelsey Griffie, BLM Nevada Assistant State Fire Management Officer, noted, "Wildfires don't respect property lines," underscoring the importance of addressing risks across both public and private lands through shared stewardship.

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MAPS

FIRE CAMERAS

WEATHER

RESTRICTIONS

PREPAREDNESS

PREVENTION

CAREERS

FF SUPPORT

FIRE STORIES



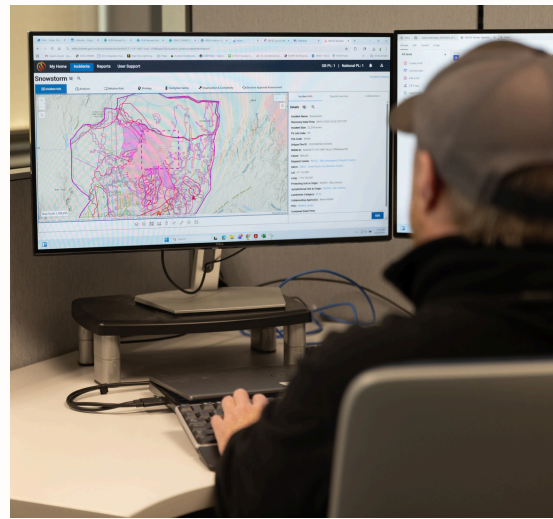
BRINGING MEDICAL READINESS TO THE FIRELINE

OMSP

The BLM Nevada Operational Medical Support Program (OMSP) continued to expand its reach and interagency impact this year. With **75 authorized providers**, the program delivered three in-person refresher trainings in Nevada, reaching **87 participants** from BLM-NV and four other BLM states, as well as the USFS, BOR, and USFWS. An additional eight Nevada personnel received in-person training outside those courses, while BLM-NV instructors supported **73 more providers** at OMSP refresher sessions in Tucson, AZ, and Salt Lake City, UT. The program also provided equipment, mentorship, and guidance to partner agencies across the West.

BLM-NV OMSP personnel represented the program on eight national committees and working groups focused on medical oversight, training, leadership, and equipment. They supported multiple large fires within Nevada, conducted quality assurance reviews for patient care, and recognized providers who voluntarily take on the medical role to help their crews and communities. The program's professionalism and commitment have led to several nominations for national recognition, including the DOI Valor Award, DOI-LEO Award, NWCG Emergency Medical Committee Awards, and DOI Safety and Occupational Health Awards, reflecting the excellence and dedication of Nevada's OMSP team.





ADVANCING WILDFIRE DECISION SUPPORT AND TECHNOLOGY TO STRENGTHEN NEVADA'S READINESS.

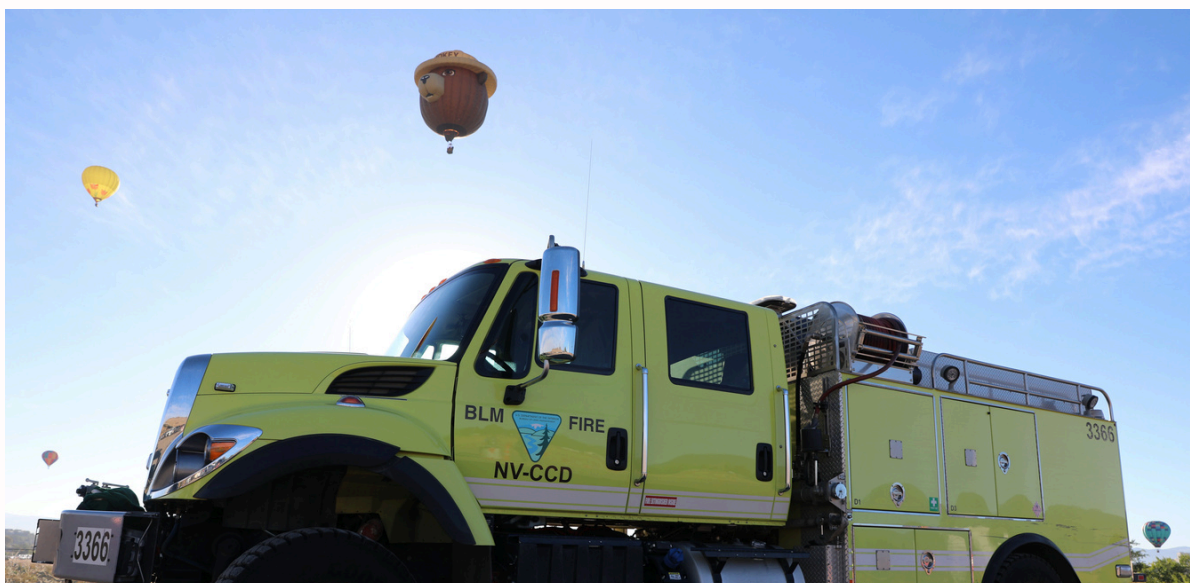
PLANNING

In 2025, BLM Nevada's Fire Planning program provided six Wildland Fire Decision Support System (WFDSS) training sessions across all districts, reaching over 75 in-person participants and expanding online engagement through the statewide WFDSS training platform. The team successfully transitioned to the Next Generation WFDSS and Spatial Fire Planning Services, ensuring seamless integration of advanced planning tools to support incident decision-making.

Throughout the fire season, staff monitored **14 active WFDSS decisions**, providing consistent guidance and oversight to field offices and incident management teams.

The program also advanced Nevada's fire intelligence capabilities by expanding the UNR Wildland Fire Camera Network, with new camera installations at Penn Mountain and Maggie Repeater currently in progress. Field testing of a mobile trailer-mounted camera during the Cottonwood Peak Fire (NVEKD) demonstrated improved situational awareness and real-time monitoring potential.

In addition, the program secured a **\$903,000** FY25 funding modification to continue enhancing artificial intelligence tools for early fire detection and reporting—further strengthening proactive fire management across Nevada.



SETTING THE STANDARD FOR FIRE PREVENTION ENGAGEMENT ACROSS THE WEST

PREVENTION

BLM Nevada conducted **265 fire prevention events statewide**, engaging communities through outreach, education, and interagency collaboration. A key highlight was the launch of the new Interagency Nevada Fire Info Instagram on July 11, 2025, which quickly became a successful statewide engagement tool. With 34 posts, the top-performing video, "We asked wildland firefighters what they missed while out during fire season," reached **12,500 views, 305 likes, and 19 shares, engaging 3,324 accounts**. The second most-viewed post, covering the Flat Fire on August 12, earned 10,700 views, 86 likes, and reached 8,184 accounts, demonstrating strong public interest in fire prevention storytelling and firefighter voices.

The statewide Fire Prevention Campaign ran from May through September 2025, generating **8,528,054 total impressions across multiple platforms**. Media placements included Connected TV (**2,066,086 impressions**); Streaming Audio (**2,557,199 impressions**); Gas Pump Videos (**2,039,847 impressions**); and Instagram advertising (**1,816,499 impressions**) directing traffic to Nevada Fire Info. The effort also included six outdoor billboards and participation in the national BLM x Maverik Spark Safety campaign, which alone achieved over **57 million views nationwide**, amplifying consistent wildfire prevention messaging across **15 states**.

For more info visit: nevadafireinfo.org/prevention

On **May 23, 2025**, BLM Fire personnel Scott Biddle, Matthew Dent, Jonathan Eidson and Elko County Fire personnel demonstrated valor during a life-threatening incident at Miller Pit Pond in Battle Mountain, NV. Responding to a distressed swimmer with a dislocated shoulder, the team quickly adapted to the 30-foot cliff obstacle, with Dent entering the water to secure the victim while Biddle established command and called 911, and Eidson coordinated notifications. Using improvised flotation aids, they successfully stabilized and rescued the individual. Their actions directly prevented a drowning and exemplify the highest standards of courage and service.

On **June 15, 2025**, while departing Station 24 near Paradise Valley, NV, BLM Engine 2422 encountered a motorcycle crash on Highway 290. Captain Martin Ward and his crew immediately secured the scene, verified there was no fire threat, and initiated lifesaving measures on the injured rider. Under Captain Ward's direction, the crew provided CPR, deployed the engine's AED, and coordinated emergency response with CNIDC, Paradise Valley VFD, and HGH EMS. Despite the patient's passing, the crew's actions demonstrated exceptional professionalism, composure, and commitment performing beyond expectations and embodying the lifesaving mission of the BLM OSMP Responder Program.

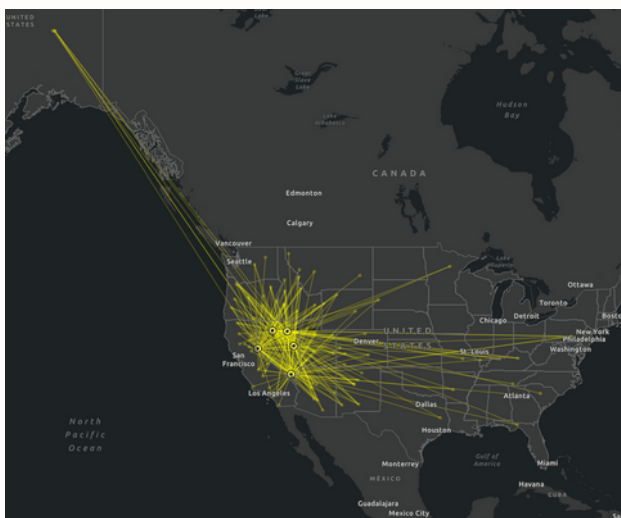
PROWESS

DEFINITION: *1. DISTINGUISHED BRAVERY* **.noun.**
2. EXTRAORDINARY ABILITY

On **June 17, 2025**, while conducting wildfire suppression near High Rock Lake, the Elko Helitack crew of Helicopter 54E encountered a stranded man and two children who had been without water for four days. Recognizing the urgent danger, the crew provided immediate food, water, and medical care, then coordinated a helicopter evacuation despite limited communication and ongoing fire operations. Under the leadership of Crew Supervisor Jeremy Grumbois, EMT Edward Osiychuk, and firefighters Daniel Pecorino and Garrett Beal, the civilians were safely transported to Winnemucca Hospital and transferred to EMS. Their quick thinking, professionalism, and ability to manage both a wildfire and a life-threatening medical emergency exemplify valor and service.

On **July 4, 2025**, BLM Carson City District Engines 3366 and 3335 encountered a single-vehicle rollover with multiple injured patients, including juveniles, while on fire patrol along State Route 445. Crewmembers immediately initiated lifesaving medical care, demonstrating professionalism, composure, and sound decision-making under difficult and rapidly changing conditions. Their swift actions ensured juvenile patients received critical care within minutes, well before the arrival of other responders located over 20 minutes away. These efforts exemplify the value of the BLM OSMP responder program and reflect the highest standards of service, compassion, and commitment to public safety.





BUILDING NEVADA'S FIRE WORKFORCE FOR THE FUTURE

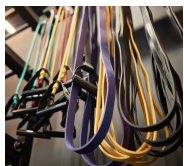
RAPTR

The RAPTR Program, which focuses on Recruitment, Application, Pre-employment, Training, and Retention, continues to strengthen BLM Nevada's wildland fire workforce by improving recruitment, onboarding, and long-term support across all districts. Through statewide outreach events and new advertising initiatives, RAPTR engaged thousands of potential applicants, many from within Nevada communities. The program connects talented candidates to fire careers, equips new firefighters with targeted training, and enhances retention through wellness, housing, and incentive programs.

In 2025, BLM Nevada's recruitment and outreach efforts reached new levels of engagement. Recruiters connected with **181 candidates** and attended **24 events** statewide, resulting in **3,146 new contacts**. To further extend awareness beyond in-person efforts, a targeted AudioGo campaign was launched, generating **95,166 listens** from **49,932 unique listeners** and **198 clicks** to Nevada Fire Information. These combined efforts strengthened the pipeline of future firefighters and support personnel while broadening awareness of career opportunities within BLM Nevada Fire & Aviation.

THREE WAYS TO LEVEL UP YOUR S&C GAME

➔ Train for the Work You Do



Whether you're on the line or in a support role, focus on functional movements; lift, carry, hike, and move with purpose.

Build total-body strength with multi-joint movements and cardiovascular endurance that will allow you to work all day and actually enjoy it.

➔ Fitness isn't just physical



Whether you live in the mountains all summer or you get out for a daily walk the tie between physical fitness and mental wellbeing is undeniable.

Prioritize movement and physical activities you enjoy and that will get you moving. The more you move and prioritize your physical health the more benefits you could see with your mental health.

➔ Recover and Rebuild



Mobility, sleep, nutrition and hydration are as important as reps and miles.

Use the off-season to address tight spots, strengthen your core, and restore balance. Take your rest days as serious as your training days to ensure you recover and can maximize every training session.



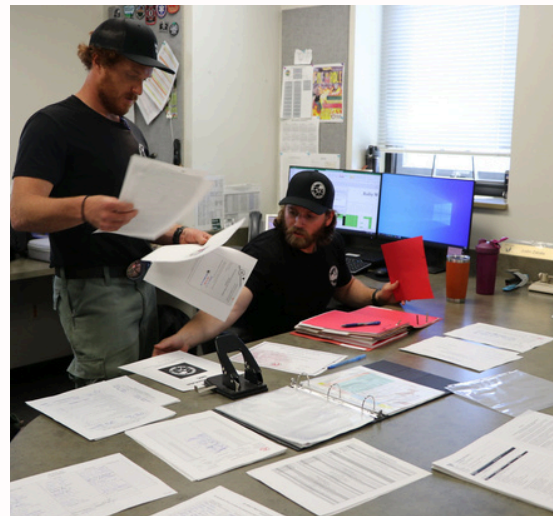
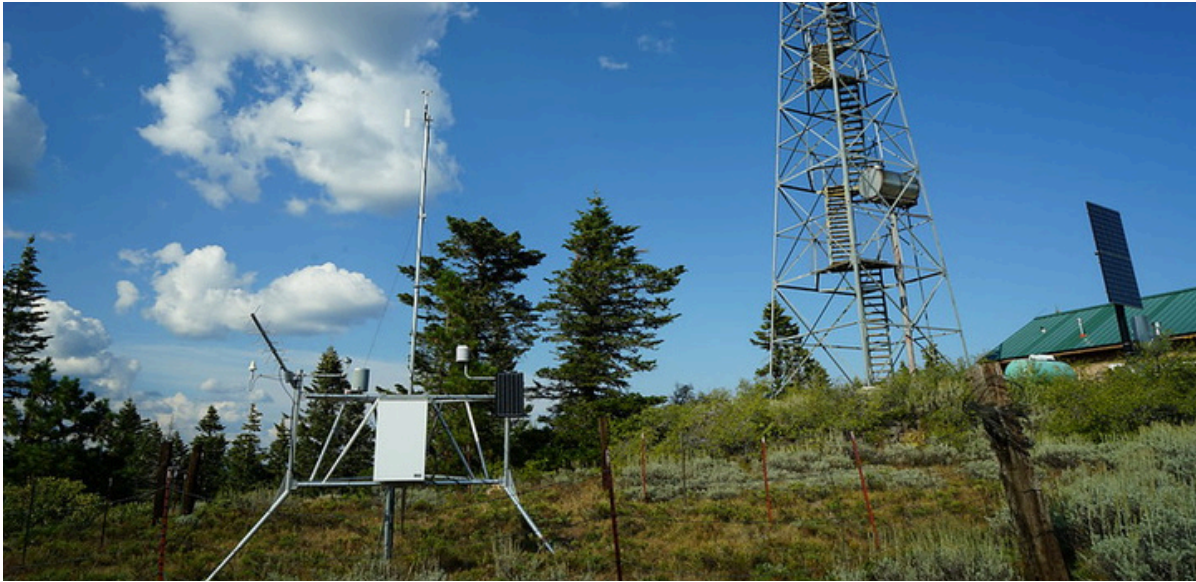
STEP UP YOUR STRENGTH & CONDITIONING



Being a wildland firefighter means being an athlete and training like one. The work demands more than grit, it requires cardiovascular fitness, muscular endurance, and strength built for long seasons and unpredictable terrain. Each fire presents a new challenge, and every firefighter must be ready to perform at a high level, recover quickly, and sustain that performance throughout the season.

To meet those demands, BLM Nevada Fire & Aviation has launched a statewide Strength and Conditioning Program focused on improving the readiness and resilience of our firefighting workforce. Through in-person and remote training, this initiative connects firefighters, leadership, and fitness professionals under a shared goal: building a culture of performance and wellness. By January 2026, the program aims to have 6-8 certified Tactical Strength & Conditioning Facilitators (TSAC-F) across the state, each trained to design safe, effective, and mission-specific training programs for both primary firefighters and fire support personnel.

In the months ahead, the group will share simple, actionable ways for firefighters to level up their physical readiness, both in and out of season. Through targeted conditioning, smarter recovery, and better movement quality, the goal is to make every firefighter more durable, capable, and confident in their body's ability to perform.



KEEPING NEVADA CONNECTED,
PREPARED, AND READY

FIRE SUPPORT

Fighting fire on the Nevada landscape takes a lot of hands and a deep well of talent. The rugged terrain, unpredictable weather, and vast distances make every fire a unique challenge that demands teamwork, precision, and a strong network of coordination behind every on-the-ground effort. **Dispatchers** and **radio technicians** maintain communication, ensuring every firefighter stays safe and connected. They monitor radio traffic and relay critical updates that keep operations running smoothly. Without their vigilance and skill, the complex network of firefighting crews, aircraft, and ground resources couldn't function effectively in such dynamic conditions.

Beyond communication, a wide range of disciplines make wildfire response possible. **Information officers**, **meteorologists**, **GIS specialists**, and **training officers** forecast conditions, track resources, and keep crews prepared. Many of the people who support these efforts, such as **resource advisors** and **administrative staff**, come from both inside and outside fire programs, stepping up each season to help where they're needed most. Incident Management Teams (IMTs), like Nevada's Type 3 IMTs, are interagency groups made up of individuals from across disciplines, working together to coordinate large-scale operations and support firefighters on the line.



STRENGTHENING INVESTIGATIONS THROUGH COLLABORATION,
TRAINING, AND COMMUNICATION STATEWIDE.

TRESPASS

Nevada BLM's Fire Trespass Program supported the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District through collaborative investigations and targeted training efforts. Investigators provided scene and origin preservation guidance during both pre-season preparation and active incidents, ensuring evidence integrity and consistency across jurisdictions. Multiple task books were opened and successfully completed throughout the season, demonstrating a continued commitment to professional development. Statewide training efforts, including participation in SWAIT and FI-210, further enhanced investigative readiness and expertise. Improved communication between incident command, dispatch, and trespass coordinators led to faster response times and more accurate data collection.

Assistance was also provided to local fire protection districts, reinforcing shared goals of safety and efficiency. Cross-district collaboration strengthened investigative coverage in remote and high-demand areas, creating a more unified approach to wildfire investigations statewide.

In 2025, the BLM Nevada Trespass Program conducted **70 investigations**, resulting in seven administrative cases and three referrals for civil or criminal action. These efforts led to a total cost recovery of **\$29,897.03**, reinforcing accountability and supporting the agency's commitment to responsible fire management across the state.

KEVIN HULL AWARD

BLM Nevada proudly recognizes Adam Gray, Supervisory Engine Captain for the Winnemucca District, as the recipient of the 2025 Kevin Hull Fire Leadership Award, an honor that celebrates exceptional leadership, mentorship, and service within Nevada's wildland fire program.

Kevin Hull devoted his entire career to Nevada and served as the State Fire Management Officer for BLM Nevada from 1998 to 2005. Upon his retirement, he challenged state and fire leadership to continue recognizing outstanding leaders who embody the integrity, professionalism, and commitment that define BLM Nevada Fire. The annual award that bears his name honors those who rise to that challenge.

Over the past several seasons, Adam Gray has become one of the most dependable, innovative, and respected leaders in the program. Known for his ability to build cohesive teams, resolve conflict, and mentor emerging firefighters, he exemplifies the best of Nevada BLM Fire leadership. Adam's thoughtful and inclusive approach fosters engagement, trust, and growth, helping those around him become stronger, more capable leaders.

Adam leads the district's Fire Physical Training Program, coordinates seasonal hiring and refreshers, and serves as a founding member of the Nevada Strength and Conditioning Group, setting a new standard for firefighter health and readiness. A certified EMT and instructor, he also manages First Aid and CPR training for the Winnemucca District and represents the district on the Nevada OMSP Group. Beyond his local impact, Adam contributes nationally as a Subject Matter Expert with NWCG, helping develop new position task books for Firefighter Type 1 and Incident Commander Type 5.

Adam Gray's leadership, mentorship, and dedication to the wellbeing of others reflect the true spirit of the Kevin Hull Fire Leadership Award. His contributions strengthen not only the Winnemucca District but the entire Nevada BLM Fire Program carrying forward the legacy of excellence Kevin Hull envisioned.

ADAM GRAY





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