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Alaska National Guard

Alaska Air National Guard firefighters help fight Moose Creek Fire

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska — Six Alaska Air National Guard firefighters from the 176th Civil Engineer Squadron are helping fight the Moose Creek Fire.

The Alaska National Guard received the Division of Forestry's official request for support from the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center through the State Emergency Operations Command Center on Oct 17 around 9 a.m. They provided the requested "Red Card" certified wildland firefighters within four hours.

The Alaska Division of Forestry says high winds and limited resources pose a significant challenge to the firefighters contending with the 300-acre blaze that has come within about 75 feet of the highway.

Air National Guardsmen reported to the Division of Forestry in Palmer around noon with their personal protective equipment and firefighting gear, and will support the firefighting effort through Wednesday.

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