



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
Office of the Governor

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Major General Bret D. Daugherty  
The Adjutant General  
Washington Military Department  
Building 1, MS: TA-20  
Camp Murray, WA 98430-5000

Dear General Daugherty:

It is my desire that the Washington National Guard prepare for the 2016 fire season by having personnel trained as firefighters for hand crews. These firefighters are a finite resource that have to be properly trained and certified by State and National standards. I want the Guard to coordinate with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to train enough personnel in order to maintain 10 Guard hand crews of 200 personnel. This enables the Guard to respond to the 2016 wildland fire season with the same level of professionalism and effectiveness as in years past.

Working with DNR, 140 Guard personnel will receive Level 1 and 2 Firefighter Training at Yakima Training Center from 16-22 May 2016 to train as hand crew members. An additional Level 2 Firefighter Training course will be held 14-18 June 2016 to train 75 personnel. Guard personnel must be in State Active Duty status to participate in firefighter training. This training provides the Washington National Guard the experience and institutional knowledge to fight wildland fires and the depth and flexibility to field 10 hand crews for this year's fire season. The cost of the training and any necessary equipment purchases must not exceed \$392,000.

Therefore, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the State of Washington, acting pursuant to RCW 38.08.040, order into active state service up to 250 members of the Washington Army National Guard, as may be necessary in the opinion of the Adjutant General of the Washington State Military Department, to perform such duties as the Adjutant General deems appropriate for the circumstances described above.

Very truly yours,



Jay Inslee  
Governor

