

FEDERAL MILITARY FORCES

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Cooperative fire protection agreements made between CAL FIRE units and local federal military installations can provide immediate local access to federal military personnel, equipment, and facilities. Such agreements are encouraged, and the unit emergency resource directory should list locally available federal military forces.

There is no provision for reimbursing the federal government for use of federal military forces.

PROCEDURES FOR USE OF FEDERAL MILITARY FORCES

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Other than through local cooperative agreements, federal military forces are only available through the National Interagency Coordination Center (NICC) in Boise. NICC will request federal military assistance only when the needed resources are not otherwise available in the nation. Incident Commanders and Region Operations staff **NEED NOT** specifically request federal military resources (other than MAFFS). The resource requests will be passed to North or South Ops and on to NICC, and NICC will fill the request with the most appropriate resources. In times of severe nationwide drawdown, NICC will forward the request to the Department of Defense. Military resources will be utilized in accordance with the NICC "Military Use Handbook", NFES Publication 2175.

BRIEFING

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Proper briefing of military personnel is important. Before deploying personnel and equipment, a few minutes should be devoted to the following:

- Explain objectives and methods of operation (e.g., ICS).
- Indicate assigned areas on an appropriate map.
- Emphasize safety.

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