Air Tanker Situation in the U.S.

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Aerial Support to Firefighters in the United States of America

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The true measure of success in wildland firefighting is the effectiveness of the firefighters on the ground and their ability of effectively respond when a wildfire happens.
Arial support to firefighters has been, is, and will always be a key component of effective wildland fire management.
Aerial assets in the US supports both planned and unplanned wildland fire events.
Future of wildland firefighting remains in applying assets with the appropriate speed, agility, and focus.
More wildfires at increased rates that will affect large landscapes and missions of people.
Need to work with our partners to improve the conditions on the landscapes; help communities understand and redeem their responsibilities; be effective in our response.
97 – 98 percent success rate on initial attack
Current Fleet:
- P2V LATs
- DC10 VLATs
- MAFFs
- Scoopers
- SEATs
Large Airtanker Modernization Strategy—Next Generation
• Aerial assets will always be in support of our “boots on the ground”
• It’s our responsibility to ensure they have the right resources, in the right place, at the right time.
Merci!