

Nevada sends crews to fight Arizona wildfires

The Nevada Division of Forestry firefighters are helping fight the multiple devastating wildfires in Arizona.

“Since the fires started, we have sent 10 personnel to help fight the fires in eastern Arizona,” Nevada Forester and Fire Warden Pete Anderson said in a statement.

NDF has agreements with Western states to help in such situations. Nevada recoups costs for its services.

More than 311,000 acres have burned in Arizona and more than 3,000 people have been evacuated from their homes. Eleven structures have been lost.

“The National Weather Service forecasts that in Nevada we are moving from a wet spring into warmer, drier weather,” Anderson said. “Significant fire fuels have built up this spring and will become highly flammable as the vegetation dries out. It is important for Nevadans to be aware of the potential for wildfire when enjoying outdoor activities.”

Southern Nevada implemented fire restrictions May 14. Western Nevada is expected to implement fire restrictions in the coming weeks.