

# 747 SuperTanker fights fire in U.S. for first time

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Global SuperTanker Service's Boeing 747-400 marked its first use in the United States after it was activated to fight a California wildfire.

The company says CalFire exercised a call-when-needed contract Wednesday to fight a fire in Butte County about 10 miles east of Lake Oroville.

At the time, the SuperTanker was at McClellan Air Force Base near Sacramento. The aircraft is based in Colorado Springs, Colo..

The company says it made two individual drops of 8,500 gallons of fire retardant that evening.

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