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Glenwood Firefighting Hand Crews Are Fully Staffed and Ready for Peak Fire Activity

CAL FIRE's Glenwood firefighting hand crews are fully staffed, trained and **ready to respond to incidents across the Santa Cruz Mountains and beyond**. Based at the new Glenwood Fire Center in La Honda, these two crews consist of more than 100 personnel and are staffed seven days a week. These firefighters are part of CAL FIRE's Initial Attack resources, which include fire engines, bulldozers and aircraft. The mission of Initial Attack is to **contain 95% of California's wildfires at 10 acres or less**.

Glenwood Fire Center Assistant Chief Brent Norwine said, "We are proud to be located in San Mateo County, providing a service to the people of this community and across California. We've been preparing with intensive training since late March and look forward to meeting the challenges ahead with hard work and professionalism."

What is a firefighting hand crew?

A firefighting hand crew is a team of specially trained firefighters who use hand tools and equipment to construct fire lines, remove vegetation and stop the spread of wildfires in areas inaccessible to engines and heavy equipment.

The fire triangle is a basic concept in fire science that explains the three elements required for a fire to burn: heat, fuel and oxygen. While fire engines use water to remove heat, hand crews primarily remove fuel by cutting and clearing vegetation around a fire.

The Glenwood Fire Center was strategically placed in western San Mateo County, in the Santa Cruz Mountains, to support initial attack fires and to provide additional resources during extended attack fires and major incidents. **Photos of the Glenwood firefighting hand crews are available on Page 2.**



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