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## National Park of American Samoa News Release

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### National Park Crew Heads to California to Fight Wildland Fires

PAGO PAGO, American Samoa—A 16-person National Park of American Samoa crew will travel to Northern California today to fight wildland fires for 30-days.

Once in California, the national park's fire crew will travel by bus from Sacramento to Redding where they will join a hotshot crew. Hotshot crews are an elite group among wildland firefighters, due to their extensive training, high physical fitness standards, and ability to undertake difficult, dangerous, and stressful assignments.

The National Park of American Samoa trains staff and local villagers in the skills required to fight with fires within its boundaries and as needed to other wildland fires within the United States. The 16-person national park fire crew represents a talented mix of employees from the national park, the American Samoa Government, and local businesses from both Tutuila and Manu'a.

Currently there are almost 300 fires burning in California.

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The National Park of American Samoa was established in 1988 to preserve the coral reefs, tropical rainforest, the Samoan culture, the habitat of the fruit bats, and to provide educational opportunities for visitors and residents. National park lands and waters are leased from villages and the American Samoa government through a long-term agreement with the National Park Service.

For more information about visiting the National Park of American Samoa, call 633-7082, email [NPSA\\_Info@nps.gov](mailto:NPSA_Info@nps.gov), or go to [www.nps.gov/npsa](http://www.nps.gov/npsa). Also, visit the national park's Facebook and Twitter pages.

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