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BFFR sends engine, 4 firefighters to help fight fires in Northern California

Black Forest Fire Rescue has sent a fire engine and four firefighters to help fight wildfires burning in Northern California. The four — a full-timer and three part-timers — left Tuesday morning on the deployment.

The four, who may be deployed for two to three weeks, will receive valuable hands-on training and experience fighting wildfires that they otherwise could not get. They will acquire new firefighting skills, techniques and strategies that can be beneficial in fighting fires in Black Forest.

The federal government covers all costs associated with sending firefighters out of state, including salaries and travel, and also pays for those in Black Forest who cover the shifts of those deployed. While they are deployed, the district is fully covered for any emergencies.

At its April 15 meeting, the Black Forest Fire Rescue Protection District board voted unanimously to allow Chief Bryan Jack to place the department back on the list for possible future deployments.

Other fire departments in the area also have sent or are planning to send firefighters and apparatus to fight wildfires burning in several western states. During the Black Forest Fire of 2013, scores of fire departments from around Colorado and elsewhere came to help battle the fire.