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BFFR swaps out two firefighters sent to Northern California

Black Forest Fire Rescue has sent two firefighters to replace two of the four firefighters sent two weeks ago to help fight wildfires burning in Northern California. Two of the four returned Friday as their replacements left.

The four traveled by air each way to make the swap. Federal law limits firefighters to 14 consecutive days on the fire lines before they must be given time off. The two who remain on scene, as well as the engine they took to the fires, were pulled back from the fire lines for a break before resuming their assignment. They were originally deployed on Aug. 11.

The federal government covers all costs associated with sending firefighters out of state, including salaries, ground travel and air fare. It 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.

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, and some already have swapped crews. The deployed firefighters will receive valuable hands-on training and experience fighting wildfires that they otherwise could not get.