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CDF's 19th Annual "Ishi" Exercise Cancelled

Sacramento – The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection's (CDF) annual preparedness exercise for inmate firefighters has been cancelled due to unseasonable major fire activity in Southern California. Forty-nine of the 66 California Department of Corrections inmate fire crews stationed in Northern California were scheduled to attend the week long exercise but have been committed to the fires in Southern California.

"Instead of being drilled in a simulation, these inmate firefighters are experiencing the real thing," stated CDF Deputy Director of Fire Protection Jim Wright. "The crews are constantly training and always in a state of readiness for fighting floods, wildfires or any other emergency mother nature throws our way. They are the infantry of the fire service."

A similar exercise with CDF engine companies and California Youth Authority (CYA) fire crews is still scheduled for May 12th – 15th between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. each day. The "Annual Spring Exercise" will take place in Marble Valley which is located south of Bass Lake Road and Hwy 50 in the town of El Dorado Hills. The CYA crews and CDF firefighters will demonstrate their readiness at several event stations that will showcase their firefighting and life saving skills.

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