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Wragg Fire Fighting Efforts Supported by Yolo County Airport

(Woodland, CA) – For the second year in a row, Yolo County is grateful for the hundreds of men and women in the fire service that successfully battled the 6,900 acre Wragg fire in western Yolo County and eastern Napa County this past week. Their efforts were supported by many, including Yolo County’s Sheriff’s Department, Office of Emergency Services and Airport.

The Yolo County Airport was utilized for deployment of helicopter fire suppression with helicopters and support vehicles from various agencies and states making their way from the Yolo County Airport towards the city of Winters and beyond, into the rugged mountain areas surrounding the Monticello Dam.

The helicopters and crews used the airport to perform pre-flight checks, refuel and transport tethered buckets to Lake Berryessa where they would collect water to douse the flames. A specially converted military-style Bell Cobra was used to transmit video of the fires to a ground controller who then directed helicopter support to target areas of the fires.

These helicopter fire suppression efforts began on Wednesday, July 22 and left without a trace by Friday, July 24.

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Attachments: pictures of helicopter fire suppression efforts at the Yolo County Airport