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Storey County Fire Department

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U.S. Forest Service
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Dear Honorable Commission Members,

On behalf of the Sierra Front Wildfire Cooperators, we would like to voice our request to maintain the current fleet of C-130 Nevada Air National Guard resources in Reno, Nevada. The Sierra Front Wildfire Cooperators was formed after Northwestern Nevada and Eastern California suffered great loss from wildfires in the early 1980's. Our goal is to coordinate efforts to prevent and manage wildfires in the Northern Nevada and California areas. We have been very successful in our task over the last twenty years.

The number one reason we believe we are successful is because of the cooperation during a wildfire event. We are sure you are aware that we do not staff, or possess, enough resources to completely manage a major incident without help from cooperating agencies. We believe that the C-130's in Reno are a key resource for our local wildfire emergencies. We have had great success working with your staff directly to help suppress wildfires with the use of some of your technology in forward looking infrared systems and potential future wildfire suppression support systems.

Your current staff is always ready, willing and able to support us as part of the fire community. Please consider this an essential part of our local firefighting effort. We realize that you are faced with a serious situation, however, please remember our request to maintain the resources of your aircraft in Reno for the safety of the surrounding communities. We would be pleased to answer any of your questions on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Rod Collins
Chairperson