



Durkee Fire Incident Command Post
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To the communities near the Durkee Fire in Oregon:

On behalf of the Southern Area Complex Incident Management Gold Team and the hundreds of firefighters and support staff from all across the country who have helped with the Durkee Fire, we simply want to say THANK YOU! Thank you for your hospitality and for being so friendly, generous, thoughtful and caring. You welcomed us into your communities, restaurants and businesses. For that, we are grateful.

Our priorities while working on the Durkee Fire have been to ensure the wellbeing of our firefighters, protect the safety and welfare of the public, minimize fire impacts to private land, and to maintain and enhance the relationships with the surrounding community.

We accomplished these priorities because of the outstanding support and dedication of your local government agencies and emergency medical services partners. Of course, the Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Forest Service, the Baker County Sheriff's Office, the Oregon Department of Forestry and many, many others provided us unwavering support.

I feel confident that the incoming Type 4 Team will continue with these priorities. And, that each of you will provide them the same hospitality and support you have given us.

It has been our privilege to work together and in cooperation with you during the last two weeks.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Davis".

Michael Davis
Incident Commander
Southern Area Complex Incident Management Gold Team