

# Contractor Wildland Firefighting



## Guidance Document



BNSF Railway has been actively creating Wildland Fire Response plans and developing procedures for safely responding to Fires which threaten our infrastructure and right-of-way (ROW). We operate in 28 Western states and many of these have historically had large wildfires which have the potential to impact our infrastructure.

As a BNSF contractor, you are well aware of our high standards of safety and adherence to ensuring that everyone returns home safely. Contractor personnel that have recently attended a BNSF S130/S190 Wildland Fire course are well versed in what is necessary to work safely around these environments. Due to the unique safety requirements with some of this work, BNSF has put together this reference document to help ensure that if mobilized for a fire, personnel respond with the appropriate PPE.



### TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

- ICS-100 Introduction to the Incident Command System
- ICS-200 Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response
- ICS-700 An Introduction to the National Incident Management System (NIMS)
- S-130 Firefighter Training
- S-190 Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior
- Fire Shelter Deployment
- Fall Protection Training



### WILDLAND FIRE RESPONSE RECOMMENDED PPE (contractor responsibility)

- Leather gloves
- Fire Hardhat (thermoplastic shell) with Nomex shroud
- Nomex shirt and pants
- Safety Glasses (or goggles)
- Hard toe boots (Kevlar is preferable over steel toe)
- Earplugs
- Respiratory Protection
- Fall Protection Equipment
- Line pack (to carry fire shelter/drinking water/headlamp/food/sunscreen/insect repellent/personal items)\*
- Fire Shelter\*

\*Please work with the BNSF Manager/Director in your region to develop a plan for the number of needed Fire Shelters and Line Packs for your company, and invoicing requirements. All other PPE will be the responsibility of the contractor to provide for your employees.



Unless otherwise requested, BNSF will provide tools and resources for responding to and protecting infrastructure (i.e Structure Trailers/Fire cars etc.). A copy of the BNSF Wildland Fire Plan for your area is provided as reference. If you have any questions, please reach out to the BNSF Manager/Director in your region ([Hazmat Region Map](#)).