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Subject: Hill Airtanker Base Fueling

Area of Concern: Limited Fueling Capacity

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Discussion: Hill Airtanker Base (ATB) does not currently have a contractor providing fuel services. The Forest Service, Region 4 (Ogden, UT) is continuing to work with contracting on a solution. In the meantime, the DOD (US Air Force) is the only fuel provider at Hill ATB.

Things to know before you go:

- The DOD USAF will only accept AirCards for fuel payments. This may impact Single Engine Airtankers (SEATs). If so, it is recommended that fuel be obtained at an alternate airport the company should consider bringing a fuel truck to Hill ATB.
- Pilots intending to fuel at Hill ATB must give a 1-hour notice to the airtanker base.
- The aircrew will be responsible for hooking up and dispensing fuel into the aircraft. The ATB ramp crew can assist the aircrew in dragging and assisting as necessary.
- The USAF does not staff the fuel farm on weekends and relies on an on-call fueler. Delays could be expected.
- Plan ahead – check with Hill ATB before takeoff to ensure fuel is available.
- Alternate fueling options include Pocatello Airport (PIH), Magic Valley/Twin Falls (TWF), Cedar City (CDC), or Ogden (OGD).

For additional questions regarding fuel limitations at Hill ATB, contact Lee Rackham at (801) 725-6985 or ralph.rackham@usda.gov.

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