

East Fork Fire Protection District

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East Fork Fire Protection District Opens New Home for Genoa Peak Fuels Crew



Minden – The East Fork Fire Protection District opened Fire Station 15 on Jack’s Valley Road with an official ribbon cutting on August 30, 2023, relocating its Fuel Management Crew to a new home. The district is one of several fire district and agencies statewide that has partnered with NV Energy to provide fuels management services in and around NV Energy infrastructure. The utility company contracts with fire agencies for these services. Services also include fighting wildland fires that threaten NV Energy assets.

The East Fork Station was originally constructed in the early 1970’s and housed the Nevada Division of Forestry and the Jack’s Valley Volunteer Fire Department. Volunteers in the Jack’s Valley area served that part of the district and the former Sierra Forest Fire Protection District for many years, including even provide ambulance service from that location.

The fire district most recently and for the past ten years, leased the facility to the USFS. The USFS has now moved its operations to the fire station in Ruhensroth under a similar lease with East Fork.

Station 15 saw some minor remodeling on the inside to include shower facilities, a day room and kitchen, and a small office area for the crew supervisors. The crew currently consists for 10 full time equivalent personnel and up to 8 season positions.



District Fire Chief Tod Carlini stated that this is perhaps the best public/private partnership that he has been able to participate in. Funding for the project was jointly funded by the fire district and NV Energy.

Central Sierra Construction was the contractor on the project.

The district will house two Type V Engines and the Chipper Truck at this location. During the fire season the station is staffed with personnel 7 days a week. During the Tamarack and Caldor Fires, the crews funded by NV Energy became “force multipliers” during the event, both in terms of actual fire suppression and in emergency fuels mitigate work in and around NV Energy assets. The station will also serve as a PSOM location for NV Energy during planned and unplanned outages. While this a very rare occurrence, having a location in this part of the district, serving the residents of Alpine View, Clear Creek, and Indian Hill to some extent, adds additional capacity during emergency situations.