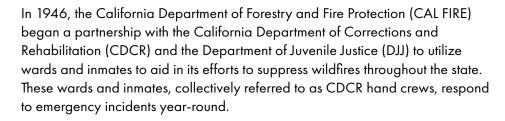
## CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION HAND CREWS

## CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY & FIRE PROTECTION

HAND CREW PROGRAM



The CDCR hand crew's primary responsibility while assigned to a wildfire is constructing firelines with chainsaws and hand tools. This is done by removing vegetation to bare mineral soil or burning vegetation with a drip torch ahead of the oncoming fire. CDCR hand crews are also used to defend structures during a fire.

CDCR hand crews are also available to assist in efforts to contain and mitigate any of California's major disasters, including floods, earthquakes, heavy snow, and search and rescue operations.

When not assigned to a wildfire or emergency incident, the primary mission of the CDCR hand crews is fuel reduction and vegetation management project work. CDCR hand crews also conduct labor-intensive public land work, including maintaining levies for flood prevention; maintaining local, state and federal park infrastructure; clearing debris from streams; removing roadside litter; constructing hiking trails; and providing many other important community services.



## **CDCR HAND CREW DETAILS**

 Staffing: 1 CAL FIRE Captain, 12-17 inmate/ward firefighters.





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