



# **CAL FIRE/Butte County Fire**

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### **CAL FIRE Renews Air Attack Base Lease With City of Chico**

**Butte County** - CAL FIRE and the City of Chico has renewed their lease agreement to operate the CAL FIRE Air Attack Base at the Chico Airport.

The CAL FIRE Air Attack Base has been operating at its present location at the Chico Airport for the past 47 years. With this new agreement, it will continue operations for another 25 years.

Built in 1968, the Chico Air Attack Base is centrally located in Northern California and is home to one air attack plane and one air tanker during fire season. In addition to the regularly staffed aircraft, the airport's long runway and ample aircraft parking space allows all types of large air tankers to operate out of the airport in support of wildland fires throughout the state.

"The Butte Unit is very fortunate to have this facility, equipment and personnel available at a moment's notice" stated Chief Greg McFadden. "It is another valuable piece to the many parts of successful firefighting."

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Air Attack 210  
OV-10 Bronco

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