



FF-104 – “CAL FIRE”



The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) is the agency responsible for wildfires in the State forests. It is the largest fire department in the Western United States. CAL FIRE, under its Aviation Management Program, owns and operates its own fleet of air tankers, tactical aircraft and helicopters, operating from 13 Air Attack and 10 Helitack bases Statewide.



P-3 Orion



Grumman S-2T Tanker

Suggested Aircraft:

Grumman S-2 Tanker, Lockheed P-3 Orion, Douglas DC-10

Flight Schedule:

1. "Elsinore Flats". Fly route from Air Attack Base Hemet-Ryan (KHMT) – Lake Mathews (52CA) - McConville Air Strip (CA42) – Skylark Field (CA89). Perform TWO low-level, simulated drops of fire retardant materials between CA42 and CA89 (Santa Ana Mountains and Lake Elsinore). Return to Hemet-Ryan (KHMT) – 57+nm.
[FS2004 Flight Plan](#) [FSX Flight Plan](#)
2. "Bully Fire". Fly route from Air Attack Base, Redding (KRDD) – Hayfork (FS9-Q72/FSX -F62) - Hyampom (FS9 - Q75/FSX - H47). Perform TWO simulated fire retardant drops on high ground west of Hyampom. Return to Redding (KRDD). Caution. High ground rises to 4000+ft ASL - 109+nm.
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3. "Monticello Fire". Fly route from Air Attack base Chico (KCIC) – Lake Berryessa (FS9 - Q86/FSX - E20) - Blake Sky Park (CA57). Perform TWO simulated low-level fire retardant drops over ridge, southeast of Lake Berryessa. Return to Chico – 168+nm.
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4. "Ramona Hills Fire". Fly from Air Attack base, Hemet-Ryan (KHMT) – Ramona (KRNM) - Hemet-Ryan (KHMT). Perform TWO simulated low-level fire retardant drops over forested ridge, east of Ramona – 84+nm.
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NOTAMS:

Drop fire retardant materials from lowest possible altitude, consistent with terrain and safety.

Total flight distance 418+nm.

Flight distances shown are direct waypoint – waypoint. Fire retardant drops will add to these.

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