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To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Lincoln County Volunteer Fire Departments, I am writing to express our sincere gratitude and to report the successful impact of the Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) Grant funding. This vital support allowed us to acquire critical radio communication equipment and updated personal protective equipment (PPE) as well as critical apparatus equipment significantly enhancing our emergency response capability and firefighter safety.

Lincoln County is a predominantly rural area, and our fire departments rely heavily on volunteer personnel who selflessly serve their communities with limited resources. The VFA grant made it possible for us to purchase modern radio systems that ensure consistent and reliable communication between units during wildland incidents, something that was previously hampered by outdated or incompatible equipment.

In addition to communications upgrades, the grant enabled us to provide essential PPE such as wildland fire-resistant gear, helmets, and gloves, to our volunteers. Many of our responders had been working with aging or incomplete protective gear, posing serious risks during operations. With the new equipment, our firefighters can now respond more safely and effectively to emergencies, whether they occur in our remote forested areas or in more developed parts of the county. Furthermore, we were able to acquire updated apparatus equipment such as Hoses, appliances and fitting to benefit wildland fire suppression operations.

Thanks to the VFA program, Lincoln County is better prepared to protect lives, property, and natural resources. We are proud of what we have accomplished with your support and deeply appreciative of the continued investment in rural and volunteer-based emergency services.

See additional attachments to see our VFA acquired equipment in action.

With sincere thanks,

LCOES Director Arron Griewahn

LCOES Emergency Coordinator Brian Samson

LCOES Wildland Coordinator Joseph Luna



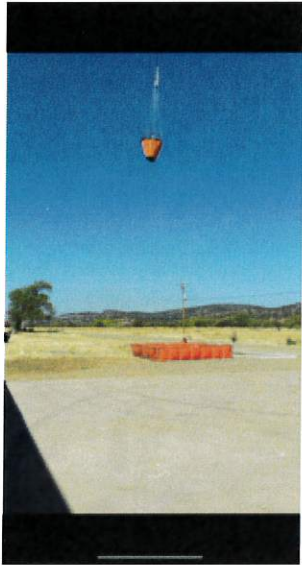
Flume Canyon incident May, 26 2025

Bonito VFD and LCOES with USFS and Ruidoso Fire department were able to lay a hose line with new Hose acquired by VFD funds and wear new PPE and use new Hand tools. This fire was brought under control very quickly with all resources utilizing great communication and updated equipment



Camp Fire May, 25 2025

LCOES Director, Lincoln VFD Chief and LCOES wildland coordinator were able to use VFA acquired Bk Radios to effectively coordinate air operations, effectively protecting historical, commercial and residential property.



Camp fire May 35, 2025 Lincoln VFD was able to use VFA acquired Hose and appliances to set up a very well placed and well utilized dip site for helicopter operations on initial attack.



Cave creek Fire March 24, 2025 units from Bonito VFD LCOES, Lincoln VFD. Were able to suppress this incident quickly and effectively utilizing VFA acquired Equipment such as appliances, hoses, and PPE as well as communication equipment (BK Radios)



South Fork Fire June 2024

LCOES Wildland coordinator was able to use VFA acquired BK radios to effectively coordinate type 1 helicopter operations in the Alto group.



Allison Canyon Fire June 17, 2023

LCOES, Glencoe VFD, Hondo VFD, Lincoln VFD were able to secure the left flank of the Fire after mobilizing as a MOD Hand crew. Utilizing VFA acquired Hand Tools and PPE.