



# Media Advisory

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***Photos to be made available.***

***Interviews with returning crew members available upon request.***

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## **AFC sends strike team to Texas wildfires**

LITTLE ROCK – A seven man, three dozer strike team was dispatched to Abilene, Texas, Friday, Feb. 22, to replace a crew that had been dispatched to Granberry, Texas on a two week detail Feb. 8, as a result of a request by Texas officials under the South Central Interstate Forest Fire Protection Compact. The strike team consists of Arkansas Forestry Commission (AFC) personnel from Saline, Clark, Miller, Union and Pike Counties.

The seven man, three dozer strike team returning from Texas was staged to provide assistance with initial attack on wildfires, and aided in controlling the 70 acre Plainview Fire near Gainesville, Texas. Personnel serving on the strike team included Clark County Forester John Cook, Dallas County Ranger II Dusty Walton, Hot Spring County Ranger II John Crenshaw, Garland County Ranger I Tommy Davis, Saline County Ranger II Jeff Johnston, Union County Ranger III Chris Ludwig, and Columbia County Ranger II Scott Morehead.