

Vendor Instructions for Equipment Inspection - 2010

- 1. Pre-season inspections will be conducted on all water tenders and engines for this first year of the new 3 year agreement period. These inspections are a review of the self-certification and to assure that attributes (gallons hauled, spray bar configuration, etc.) entered into VIPR are correct.**
2. Inspection sites have been setup at 18 locations statewide. Below is a list of the inspection sites with addresses and the dates of operation.
- 3. Vendors must call a central phone number to schedule an appointment at an inspection site. The phone number is 760-379-5646 and vendors can start calling this number on Monday February 8, 2010. Hours of operation to call for inspection will be 0800-1630 7 days a week.**
- 4. The first date actual inspections will occur is Monday March 8 2010, and the last date for inspections is April 9, 2010.** When calling for an appointment please specify the name of the inspection site, the date desired and schedule a separate appointment for each piece of equipment. You will be asked for Company Name and VIN number for each piece of equipment, please have this information available when you call.
- 5. The VIPR program will create inspection forms with vendor and vehicle identification information for each vehicle entered into the VIPR program. Vendors must print out 2 copies of these forms for each vehicle and bring them to the inspection.**
- 6. No engine or water tender shall exceed the manufacturer's GVWR or Gross Axle Weight Rating (GAWR) per axle when the vehicle is fully loaded and equipped. The vehicle GVWR plate should be on the driver's side doorpost, driver's door, or in the glove compartment. If missing or illegible, the Contractor shall provide a GVWR certificate (line sheet) from manufacturer stating front, rear and total GVWR at the pre-season and incident inspections. Only a written verifiable GVWR from the manufacturer or final stage manufacturer will be accepted. Vehicles without GVWR and GAWR ratings will be rejected at the inspection and will have to reschedule another regular inspection appointment once the required certification is acquired.**
- 7. Each vehicle will arrive at the inspection empty. The vehicles will be filled at the inspection and weighed at inspection to validate that the vehicle meets the manufacturer's GVWR and GAWR when fully loaded and equipped for fire duty. A 2% variance will be allowed (as does CHP) for portable scales. This applies only to validation of total GVWR and GAWR only.**
- 8. Validation of gallons hauled is based on the difference between empty and full weight divided by 8.33. Actual scale readings with no variance will be used to validate gallons hauled.**
9. Inspections will be done in accordance with the inspection forms in Exhibit M of the Solicitation.
- 10. NOTE: Awards for Engines will only be made to the 9 Northern California dispatch centers listed at:**

<http://www.fs.fed.us/business/incident/dispatchlookup.php#no>

Reinspection Procedures

1. All corrections or reinspections must be completed by April 30, 2010.
2. Trucks which fail to meet GAWR and GVWR based on tank capacity or fail the pump test must be reinspected at one of the regularly scheduled inspection sites or schedule an appointment at one of the three reinspection sites on the dates (dates to be announced later) listed below to be reweighed or retested. A copy of the original inspection must be brought to the reinspection for sign off.

Redding – TBA
Porterville - TBA
Arcadia - TBA

3. Mechanical and baffling failures must be reinspected by one of the Forest Service Fleet Maintenance Inspectors at any Forest Service Shop. Appointments for these mechanical reinspections must be made by contacting Dave Marion, Fire Contract Operations Assistant at 530-414-5013. A copy of the original inspection must be brought to the reinspection for sign off.
4. Missing inventory and minor equipment items (i.e. inoperative lights, wipers, etc.) may be corrected by one of the following methods: Identify the company and VIN on the invoice.

-Fax an invoice for the missing item to 916-640-1090 Attn: Steven Teves

-Mail invoice to USFS, 3237 Peacekeeper Way, McClellan, CA 95652, Attn: Steven Teves

-Take the missing item to any Forest Service or CalFire station and have the inventory or inspection item signed off on a copy of the inspection form and return to the above address or fax.

**USFS/REGION 5 - 2010 WATER HANDLING EQUIPMENT
CONTRACT INSPECTION LOCATIONS and DATES**

LOCATION	DATES	USFS INSPECTORS
Arcadia – USFS ANF SO / Equipment Shop 701 North Santa Anita	<u>March 12 → March 13</u> <u>0900 1200</u>	Contact: Lead Inspector, Bill Martin
Bakersfield Kern County Fire 5642 Victor Street	<u>March 8 → March 11</u> <u>1200 1300</u>	Contact: Lead Inspector, Larry Stein
Fresno – USFS Air Attack Base 2307 North Clovis Ave.	<u>March 12 → March 13</u> <u>0900 1300</u>	Contact: Lead Inspector, Larry Stein
Paso Robles – CalFire Los Robles Camp 4735 Airport Road	<u>March 15 → March 17</u> <u>1200 1300</u>	Contact: Lead Inspector, Larry Stein
San Bernardino – USFS 34701 Mill Creek Road Mentone, CA	<u>March 8 → March 11</u> <u>1200 1300</u>	Contact: Lead Inspector, Bill Martin
San Diego – CalFire 2249 Jamacha Road El Cajon	<u>March 14 → March 16</u> <u>1000 1100</u>	Contact: Lead Inspector, Bill Martin
Santa Barbara – USFS Los Prietos Ranger Station 3505 Paradise Road	<u>March 18 → March 20</u> <u>0900 1100</u>	Contact: Lead Inspector, Larry Stein
Sonora – USFS Equipment Shop 19777 Greenley road	<u>March 23 → March 25</u> <u>1200 1400</u>	Contact: Lead Inspector, Larry Stein
Alturas – USFS Equipment Shop 706 W. 12 th Street	<u>April 1 → April 3</u> <u>1000 1100</u>	Contact: Lead Inspector, Randy Moore
Eureka – USFS Equipment Shop 1330 Bayshore Road	<u>April 1 → April 3</u> <u>1000 1100</u>	Contact: Lead Inspector, Ronald Turner
Grass Valley – USFS Equipment Shop 12019 Charles Drive	<u>April 5 → April 8</u> <u>1200 1100</u>	Contact: Lead Inspector, Larry Stein
Placerville – USFS Equipment Shop 2350 Carson Road	<u>March 22 → March 26</u> <u>1200 1200</u>	Contact: Lead Inspector, Bill Martin

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Quincy – USFS Equipment Shop 159 Lawrence Street	<u>April 1 → April 2</u> <u>1200 1300</u>	Contact: Lead Inspector, George Lesko
Redding – USFS Equipment Shop 6101 Airport Road	<u>March 15 → March 19</u> <u>1200 1300</u>	Contact: Lead Inspector, Robert McGowan
Susanville – USFS Equipment Shop 2550 Riverside Drive	<u>March 29 → March 31</u> <u>1200 1100</u>	Contact: Lead Inspector Joe Mock
Willows – USFS Equipment Shop 825 North Humboldt	<u>March 29 → March 31</u> <u>1200 1300</u>	Contact: Lead Inspector, Hank Foushay
Willits CalFire – Howard Forest 17501 North Hwy 101	<u>March 29 → March 31</u> <u>1200 1200</u>	Contact: Lead Inspector, Ronald Turner
Yreka – USFS Equipment Shop 1030 South Main Street	<u>March 22 → March 26</u> <u>1200 1200</u>	Contact: Lead Inspector, Mark Slay