Fight Wildfire Infographic



From Brazil to Australia, and from California to Indonesia, massive wildfires have torn through vast areas of forest this year. So how do you fight them?

How do you fight a WILDFIRE?

air



Air tankers drop water or phosphate fertilizer to slow the fire's spread



Smoke jumpers parachute into remote locations and are expected to hold their own for up to three days before support arrives



Helitack crews play a similar role to smoke jumpers but are trained to deploy from helicopters instead

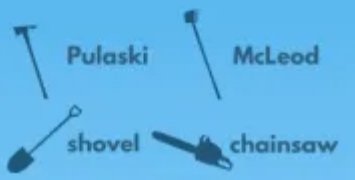


Helicopters drop water to cool a fire, or phosphate fertilizer to slow its spread

land



Hot Shot crews hike or are bussed in to dig trenches and chop down trees





bulldozer



Reinforcements are called in when regular hot shot crews get stretched thin



The Goal: create a fireline free of flammable material, wide enough to prevent the fire from spreading