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MEDIA ADVISORY

You Are Invited to a Media Day at Camp Williams

*Camp Williams—*On Friday, May 13, 2016, members of the media are invited to Camp Williams for a pre-season peek into field training for Utah wildland engine operators. Fire officials and instructors from the Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, Unified Fire Authority, Volunteer and Rural Fire Departments will also be available for interviews during “Field Engine Skills Day,” the final day of field training for students attending the 2016 BLM-Utah Engine Operator Workshop (ENOP).

What: Members of the media are invited out for interviews and opportunities to capture b-roll footage of engine operations during field exercises at the BLM-Utah Engine Operator Workshop. The workshop is an intensive week-long course designed to enhance the knowledge, skills and abilities of firefighters currently working in Engine Operator positions within the Great Basin area. Established in 2002, the intent of the workshop is to teach the safe and effective use of engines in the wildland fire environment, and to provide an opportunity for hands-on training.

When: Friday, May 13, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.

Where: Camp Williams, 17800 S. Camp Williams Road, Bluffdale, Utah.

Why: "Wildland engine modules make up the backbone of initial attack fire suppression resources across the nation. This training helps to ensure the effective use of engines for managing fires safely and efficiently during both initial and extended attack." said ENOP Incident Commander, Eric Haberstick. "Successful interagency partnerships such as these are prevalent in the firefighting community because wildfire knows no boundaries. Working together enables land management agency to better leverage resources and respond efficiently to emergency situations," said Haberstick.

This year, the workshop will run May 09-13, 2016, and is located at Camp Williams in Salt Lake City through a partnership with the Utah National Guard. Friday's field exercises will include: complex mobile attack and hose lay, foam equipment, and tire change/rock in duals. For a preview video of field exercises at the workshop visit:

<http://1.usa.gov/1m7wunk>.

Media: Media representatives are invited to attend “Field Engine Skills Day” at Camp Williams

Please RSVP ASAP. After we receive your RSVP we will send out the meeting location.