



## Media Advisory

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### **National Association of State Foresters (NASF) Wildland Fire Committee to Visit NewView Oklahoma**

**WHAT:** The Oklahoma Forestry Services is hosting the National Association of State Foresters' (NASF) Wildland Fire Committee meeting in Oklahoma City on Thursday, May 26, 2016, which includes a visit to NewView Oklahoma headquarters at 501 N. Douglas Ave. to recognize the crew of blind and vision impaired individuals who manufacture fire hoses.

**WHY:** NewView Oklahoma is the sole provider of fire hoses for the United States Forest Service. Fire hoses manufactured in Oklahoma City by individuals who are blind and vision impaired are used by state foresters to fight wild fires all over the United States. The NASF Committee would like to show their appreciation to the people who make the fire hoses and learn more about the fire hose operation at NewView Oklahoma.

**WHEN:** Thursday, May 26, 2016  
1:45 – 2:30pm – Brief overview NewView and tour of the fire hose operation of  
2:30 – 3:00pm - Appreciation event; NASF will have a representative speak and present awards

**WHERE:** NewView Oklahoma, 501 N. Douglas Ave, OKC 73106

**WHO:** There are 13 committee members from around the nation attending, as well as staff members from the Oklahoma Forestry Services. Thirty-six employees from NewView will be recognized for their work related to the production of Forest Service hoses.

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The **National Association of State Foresters (NASF)** is comprised of the directors of each state's forestry service. State foresters manage and protect state and private forests, which encompass two-thirds of the nation's forests. The NASF Wildland Fire Committee exists to address wildland fire issues of national concern to state and territorial governments. As part of the National Mobilization Action Committee (NMAC), the Wildland Fire Committee is part of the National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC), responsible for coordinating all state wildland fire resources during periods of national fire response. Oklahoma Forestry Services Director, George Geissler, is the current committee chair.

**NewView Oklahoma** is a private, not-for-profit organization founded in 1949 with a mission to empower people who are blind and visually impaired to achieve their maximum level of independence through employment, low vision rehabilitation, and community outreach. NewView Oklahoma is the leading employer of the blind and visually impaired individuals in Oklahoma and offers the only comprehensive Low Vision Clinics in the state. Visit them online at [www.newviewoklahoma.org](http://www.newviewoklahoma.org). Follow them on [Facebook](#) and on [Twitter](#).