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Flagler County firefighter returns from U.S. Forest Service deployment in the Sequoia National Forest

November 18, 2020 – Flagler County Fire Rescue Firefighter Ronald Titus is no newcomer to deploying out west to fight wildfires, but this was an assignment of “firsts” – first time assigned to a federal team, first time working as crew boss, and first time to the Sequoia National Forest.

“This was a special deployment for me,” said Titus, a nine-year veteran with Fire Rescue who has deployed seven times. “It’s nice to put my training into practice, and help fellow firefighters across the country.”

Titus was deployed from October 20 to November 5 to work the “Castle Fire” in the Sequoia National Forest as crew boss for the “Black Eagles #3.”

By the time Titus demobilized, the Castle Fire had grown to 171,023 acres.

“It was something working in the areas of Redwood, Ponderosa, Sequoia Crest, and Pier Point,” Titus said. “I like being able to bring the knowledge and experience I gain back to Flagler County.”

Titus was praised by Interim Fire Chief Joe King.

“Ronald Titus is very motivated and enthusiastic,” King said. “He enjoys his work here, but he also likes being part of these specialized work crews.”

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