

Friends and Family of the Granite Mountain Hotshots,

First off, I would like to extend my most sincere condolences. My mind has been in Arizona this entire month. I never had the pleasure of meeting all of the Granite Mountain Hotshots, but being a former Hotshot I have a ton of respect for all that these men did. Scott Norris and I were rookies together in 2009 on the Payson Hotshots. My small connection to him made me want to get the ball rolling on a project in Beckley, WV. It is a small gesture, but I wanted to give something back in memory of all of these great men. The amount respect I have for all of these hotshots is tremendous and so is the hurt in my heart for all of the families and friends who have been affected by this tragedy. Please feel free to do as you please with this flag.

The support everyone has shown for the Hotshots here at work and throughout the Beckley area has been tremendous. If there is anything that I can do, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Buddy Baca', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Buddy Baca