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NOLA on Whidbey ~ New Orleans Sno-Balls

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Dear Prescott Fire Department:

My name is Che' Gilliland and I am a Kindergarten teacher in Washington State. I have a small sno-ball business I usually run at Farmer's Markets and small events around Whidbey Island in Washington State during the summer. [REDACTED] of each sno-ball I sell is donated to a variety of causes around SE Louisiana and New Orleans, although I occasionally include other environmental or social justice causes locally or for disaster relief as the need arises.

I was so sorry about the Granite Mountain Hotshots and what happened at Yarnell Hill. My heart was broken and I felt that I had to do something to raise awareness and help the families. I have been doing fundraisers part of this summer dedicated to helping the families and the Prescott Fire Dept., as well as Animal Disaster Services.

I cannot begin to relay the heartache felt by our Island community for all of you. I met people from Arizona, from Yarnell Hill, and from all over the country this summer and wish I could relay some of the stories people shared with me. A boy about 9 had just earned his first [REDACTED] and got a sno-ball and wanted to donate his remaining [REDACTED] to help animals caught in the fire and to help the fire department. That spirit, that heart of all of us, is with you.

In appreciation of all you do and in memory of the 19 souls, thank you for all your efforts.

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