

Strong, Local Support Shown to Wildfire Victims



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(KMZA)--A strong showing of local support for the victims of Kansas wildfires.

That follows a call to action issued by Seneca-area farmer Andy Evans.

Earlier this month, the owner of Nemaha County's Rocking E Cattle Company put out the request that all varieties of supplies needed by ag-producers who lost property in the fires be donated.

A convoy of vehicles was loaded with the donated items and then delivered Saturday to the fire ravaged areas in southwest Kansas. "We ended up with 18 semi loads of hay, three big gooseneck loads of hedge posts, a couple half-semi loads of hedgeposts, a van trailer load of fencing supplies, feed, small square bales, perishable foods, washing detergent, some clothes," Evans tells MSC News. "It was a long day but we made it through. We had a couple little hiccups along the way, but when you have fifteen trucks and three goosenecks going, you should expect to have a little trouble somewhere along the way."

Despite the minor setbacks, Evans says the effort was well worth the work, based upon the warm reception shown by those receiving the donated goods. "It was very much appreciated when we got down there, because you could just tell by when you pulled into town the amount of support that people were giving everyone, for everything they were doing. It was very humbling" Evans says. "I just want to say thank you to everybody that helped make this week possible, and

make it possible for Saturday. It definitely was well worth it and I think everyone came together and did a great job.”

21 Kansas counties were affected by the wildfires, which led to an extensive loss of property and seven lives.

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