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American AgCredit and CoBank Contribute \$50,000 to California Wildfire Relief *~ Matching employee donations adds \$10,000*

SANTA ROSA, CA | Agricultural lenders American AgCredit and CoBank are joining forces to assist the American Red Cross with its ongoing wildfire relief efforts throughout California. Each organization has committed \$25,000 to help the Red Cross provide shelter, food and relief supplies for the thousands of people displaced by the fires. As evacuees begin returning to their homes, the donation will go toward Red Cross assistance, helping individuals and families to plan important next steps and to access the resources they will need to rebuild their lives.

“The fires in California have caused considerable damage throughout the state,” said American AgCredit Chief Marketing Officer Terry Lindley. “Homes and entire livelihoods have been lost to these massive fires. As a California-based lender, American AgCredit is proud to do its part to assist in the recovery.”

“The people of California have faced a great deal of adversity this year,” said Leili Ghazi, president of CoBank’s Western Region. “Unprecedented drought conditions have hit everyone hard and so many have now been impacted by these devastating fires. We hope that our contributions to the Red Cross will help to alleviate a small part of their suffering.”

In addition to its \$25,000 donation, American AgCredit has also committed to matching up to \$5,000 in donations from its employees, adding \$10,000 to the total donation. “Our staff members are part of these communities,” said Lindley. “Many have already made their own financial contributions to this important effort and we are delighted to be able to match those donations dollar-for-dollar.”

About American AgCredit

Founded in 1916, American AgCredit is part of the nationwide Farm Credit System, and is the nation’s 7th largest Farm Credit cooperative. American AgCredit specializes in providing financial services to agricultural and rural customers throughout California, Nevada, Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado, and New Mexico – as well as to capital markets customers throughout the country.

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Financial services provided by American AgCredit include production and mortgage financing, equipment and vehicle leasing, crop and life insurance, lines of credit, and the Young, Beginning and Small Farmer Program. In addition, the Association provides interest-free loans for qualifying 4-H and FFA AgYouth programs, as well as college scholarships to young people interested in agriculture.

About CoBank

CoBank is a \$107 billion cooperative bank serving vital industries across rural America. The bank provides loans, leases, export financing and other financial services to agribusinesses and rural power, water and communications providers in all 50 states. The bank also provides wholesale loans and other financial services to affiliated Farm Credit associations serving more than 75,000 farmers, ranchers and other rural borrowers in 23 states around the country.

CoBank is a member of the Farm Credit System, a nationwide network of banks and retail lending associations chartered to support the borrowing needs of U.S. agriculture and the nation's rural economy.

Headquartered outside Denver, Colorado, CoBank serves customers from regional banking centers across the U.S. and also maintains an international representative office in Singapore.

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