“There is no question the safety of aircrafts fighting wildfires should be a priority. However, when facing the possibility of a catastrophic wildfire, all resources should be made available. The ability to react quickly minimizes the threat to wildlife and private property, and reduces the financial costs. Clearly the evaluation process should be revisited when an aircraft that has passed inspection for use by the Sheriff’s Department and another federal agency cannot be cleared for use in a timely manner,” said Sen. Heller.