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The Buffalo Wildland Fire Module is based at Buffalo National River of the Midwest Region, and was first established in 1998. Our duty station is near Jasper, Arkansas in the northwest part of the state. Our park is within the Ozark Mountains of north Arkansas. The park is home to mixed hardwood and pine forest, rural farmland, white tail deer, elk, turkey, and a scenic river corridor comprised of striking limestone bluffs and moderately steep mountains.

Mission

The module is comprised of seven full time members when fully staffed. The module's core season runs from January through September. We travel throughout the Midwest Region of the National Park Service as well as the rest of the nation, providing fire management support in the areas of prescribed fire, suppression, mechanical fuels reduction, fire effects monitoring, and other wildland fire activities as needed.

Availability

The prescribed fire season begins in Arkansas in mid-January, when the module provides work for Arkansas parks, Missouri parks, and other agencies in the Ozarks. As the season transitions to warmer temperatures sometime in mid-April, the module is available to move into the northern part of the Midwest Region to conduct prescribed fires or to suppress wildfires. After the start of summer, the module is available to provide support to wildfires at the national level.

Capability

The module is capable of providing burn bosses and firing bosses for prescribed fires, and can independently oversee the planning and implementation of burns. The module can independently operate in the field during wildfires, and can provide initial attack, fire monitoring, GIS and mapping support, structure protection, risk assessments, and hazard fuels reduction. The module can also provide overhead at the task force level and beyond.

Please call 870-446-2747 for more information.

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