

2016
**CODY INTERAGENCY DISPATCH CENTER
YEAR END REPORT**

Cooperating Agencies

Wind River/Bighorn Basin District

Shoshone National Forest

Bighorn National Forest

Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area

Wind River Agency

Wyoming State Forestry Division

Park, Hot Springs, Washakie, Fremont, Big Horn, Carbon,
Natrona, Sheridan, Johnson, Sweetwater Counties



Hunter Peak (WY-SHF)

The 2016 fire season was slightly above average for number of fires and acres burned in the Cody Interagency Dispatch Center zone. The area experienced an extremely dry winter and spring, followed by a hot, windy, and dry July into September. The year rounded out with a long seasonal fall extending the fire season and RX burning into early December. Snowy cold weather came in mid-December and continued to the end of the year.

The first wildfire of the season occurred February 14th with the final fire of the year occurring November 8th. The total number of dispatch zone fires was 233, of those 165 were human caused (majority being on the Wind River Indian Reservation) and 66 lightning. Total acres burned 38,336. The five year average for number of fires is 215 and 26,222 acres burned for all agencies within the Cody Interagency Dispatch Center area.

The dispatch center supported several extended attack fires, including three Type 1 incidents (Lava Mountain, Whit, & Hunter Peak), two Type 2 incidents (Twin Lakes & Hatchery), and six Type 3 incidents (ML, Salt Center, Shoshone Lake, Arden, Washakie Park, & Canyon).

- The Lava Mountain fire started July 11th on the Shoshone National Forest went from a Type 2 IMT (Connell) to Type 1 IMT (Martin) to a Type 3 IMT (Mandell) and eventually back to the local district.
- The human caused Hatchery fire started July 22nd and began on Washakie County burning onto BLM and Forest Service lands. The fire was suppressed with the support of Type 2 IMT Greer.
- The Whit fire began in Sage Grouse Priority Habitat Management Area on August 2nd with Todd Pechota Type 1 IMT ordered. After 7 days it transitioned to a Type 3 IMT.
- The lightning caused Twin Lakes fire started August 8th on the Wind River/Bighorn Basin District with Type 2 IMT Esperance assigned. This 1,579 acre fire burned primarily on BLM with 225 acres on county lands.
- The Hunter Peak fire started August 9th in thick beetle kill timber. Pechota's team and many of the Whit fire resources were reassigned.

The Cody Interagency Dispatch Center began mobilizing resources in early March in support of fires in the southern half of the Rocky Mountain Area. The dispatch center mobilized equipment, crews, aircraft, overhead and supplies totaling 8,976 resource orders processed in support of local incidents as well as incidents in Wyoming, Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, Arizona, Tennessee, North Carolina, Georgia, Kentucky, Nevada, South Dakota, North Dakota, Nebraska, Virginia, Oregon, California, Utah, Idaho, Washington, and Texas. Expanded Dispatch was in place for 81 days starting the end of June.

The Dispatch Center was not fully staffed. The Center Manager took a 120 day detail to the Rocky Mountain Coordination Center. While the Center Manager was gone, the two Assistant Center Manager's split the detail with each taking 60 days as the Acting Center Manager. From mid-May through mid-July, the 1st Acting Center Manager ran Cody Dispatch and then transitioned into another 60 day detail as the Acting Center Manager at Craig Interagency Dispatch Center in Colorado. The 2nd Acting Center Manager managed dispatch operations from mid-July until early October once the Center Manager returned. A second year permanent career seasonal dispatcher and a Forest Service firefighter were in place for the summer. The center staff was supplemented with several detailers throughout the summer. The BIA position has remained vacant for 4 years, but in mid-November the position was flown with interested applicants. A selection should be made by January.

662 Incident Actions were processed this past year which included wildfire appropriate management responses, prescribed fire support, public assists, all risk incidents, flight requests/following for: USFS Regional Bug Flight, USFWS Grizzly Bear Survey, Wild Horse flights, Radio Repeater Maintenance, and Sage Grouse programs.

In the second year of our partnership with Team Rubicon, Cody Dispatch worked with two other dispatch centers (Savannah River and Montrose) to support and mobilize Team Rubicon members across the United States in 2016. However, in 2017 all Team Rubicon members will be transferred back to Cody Dispatch for mobilization efforts. A proposed BLM dispatcher position will take the lead on Team Rubicon support efforts once hired.

On the horizon, the dispatch center will recruit and fill an Assistant Center Manager (the 1st Acting Center Manager has accepted the Center Manager position with Craig Dispatch) prior to the 2017 fire season. Also, the dispatch center organization chart has been approved to recruit and fill a GS 3/4/5 Forest Service developmental dispatch position and a GS 5/6/7 BLM (Team Rubicon) dispatcher position. The BLM position is still being sorted out in regards to available funding. The dispatch center staff continues to represent and support the dispatch community at the local, geographical, and national level with personnel involved in Forest Leadership Team, RMA Training Committee, RMA Dispatch Committee, National Coordination System Committee, lead and unit instruction for 100-500 level training in dispatch and aviation operations, and assisting dispatch centers across the board with leadership, policy guidance, and training.

2016 Fire Statistic Overview

- 233 - Wildfires
- 38,336 - Acres Burned
- 662 - Incident Actions
- 8,976 - Resource Orders Processed
- 81 - Days Expanded Dispatch was Staffed
- 66 - Detailed Dispatchers
- 62 - Nights Staffed (24 hour service)



Lava Mountain (WY-SHF)

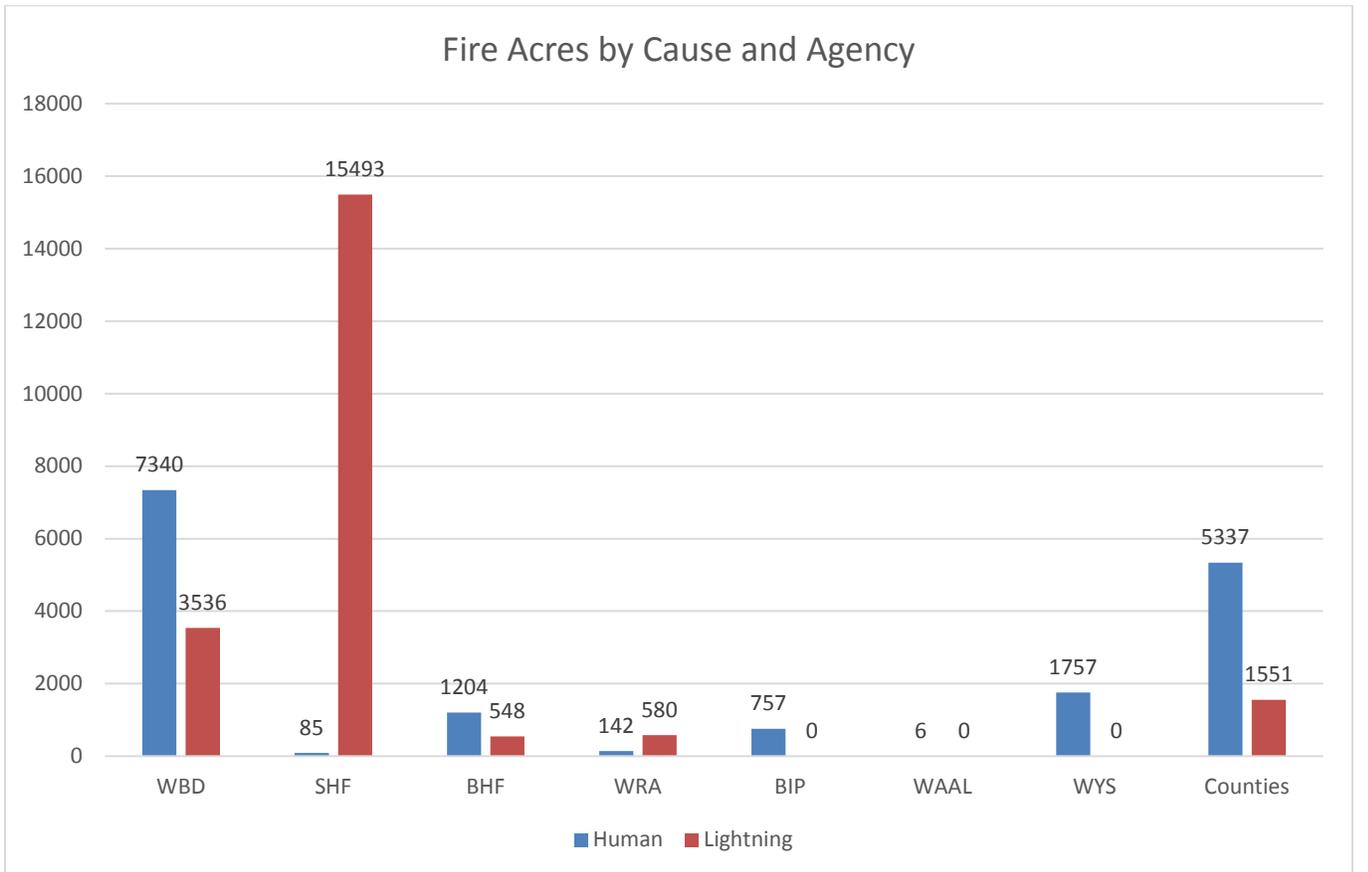
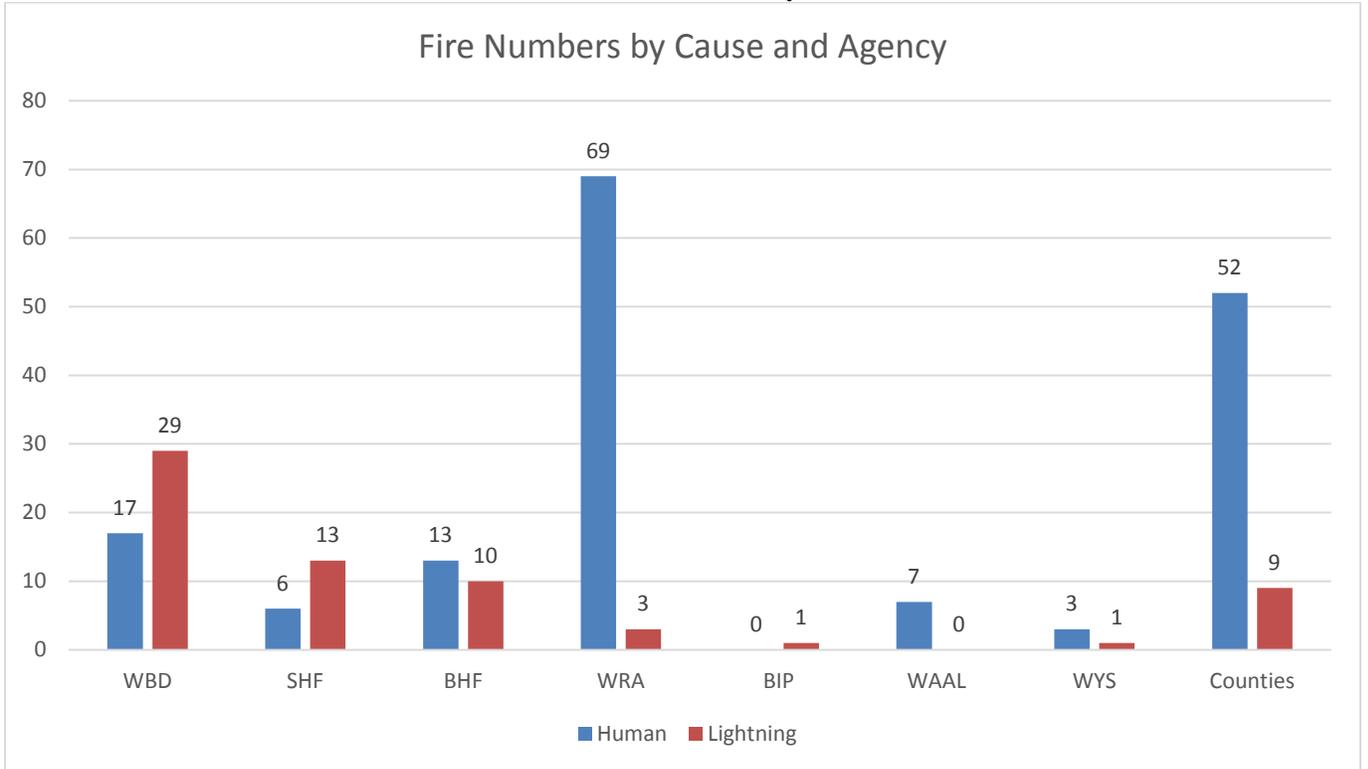
CDC Wildfire Breakdown

	Human Fires	Human Acres	Lightning Fires	Lightning Acres
WBD Wind River/Bighorn Basin District	17	7340	29	3536
SHF Shoshone National Forest	6	85	13	15493
BHF Bighorn National Forest	13	1204	10	548
WRA Wind River Agency	69	142	3	580
BIP Bighorn Canyon National Rec. Area	0	757	1	0
WAAL Bureau of Reclamation	7	6	0	0
WYS Wyoming State Forestry	3	1757	1	0
Counties in the CDC Zone	52	5337	9	1551

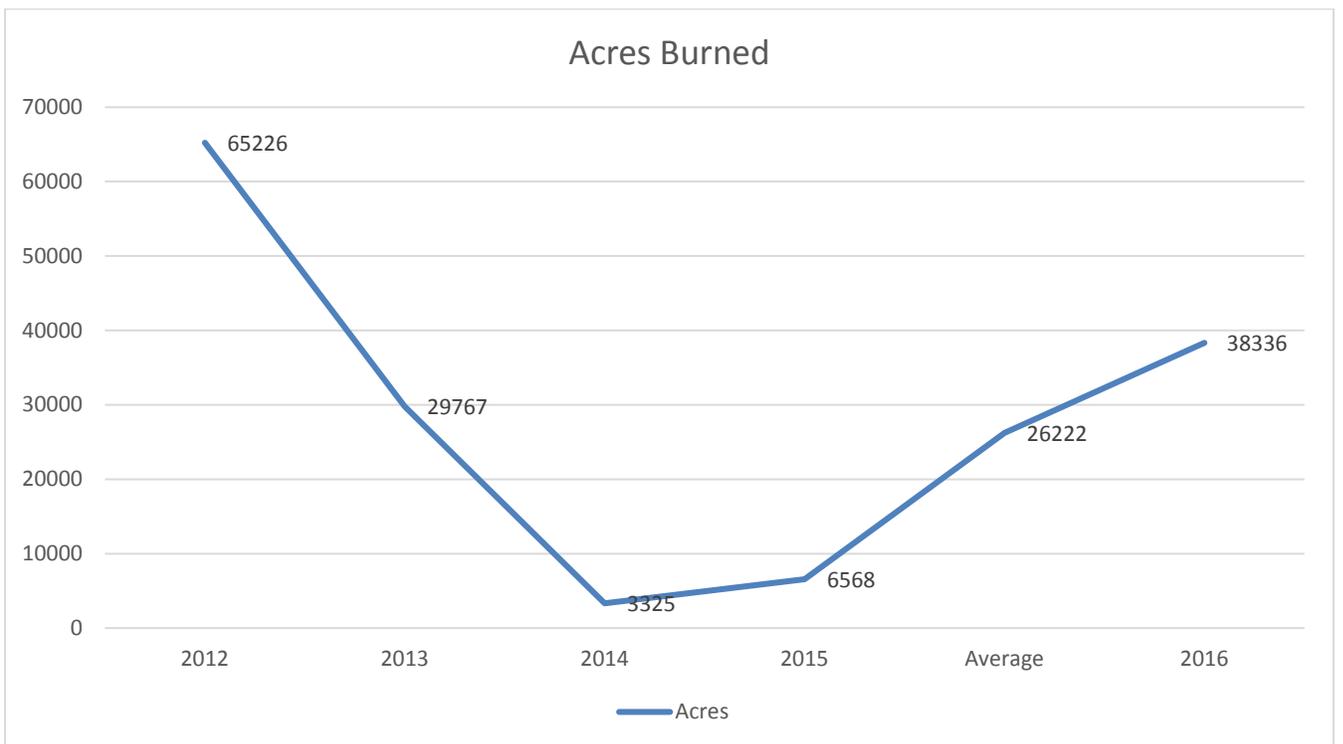
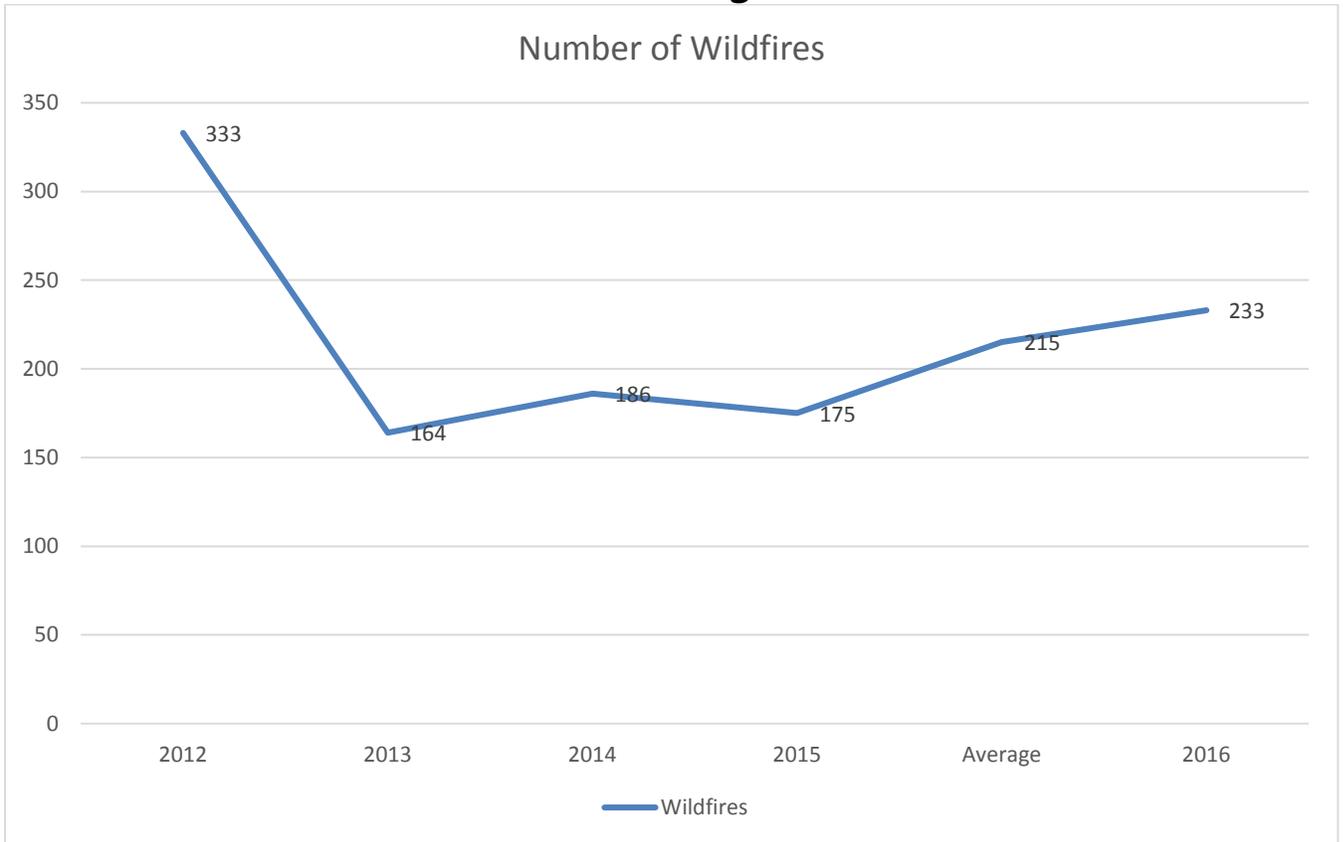


Hatchery (WY-BHF)

Fire Statistics by Unit

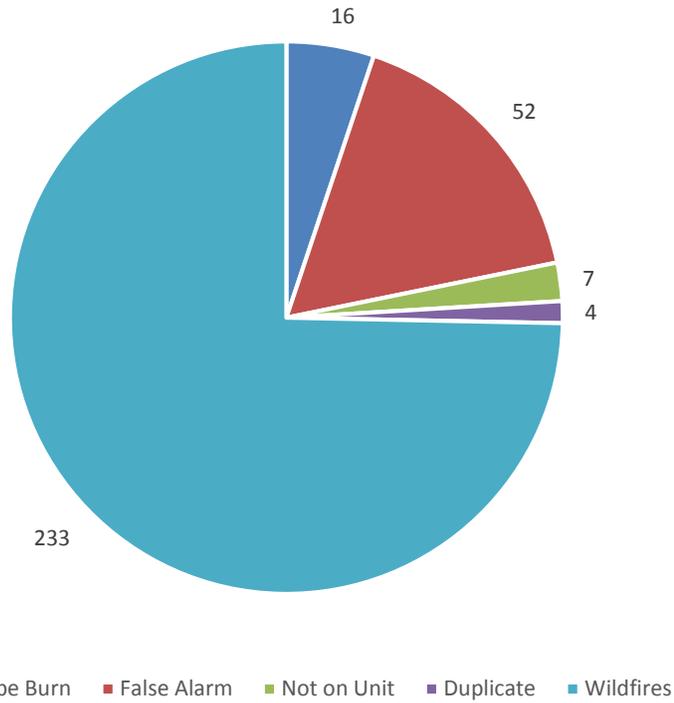


5 Year Averages



Smoke Check Summary

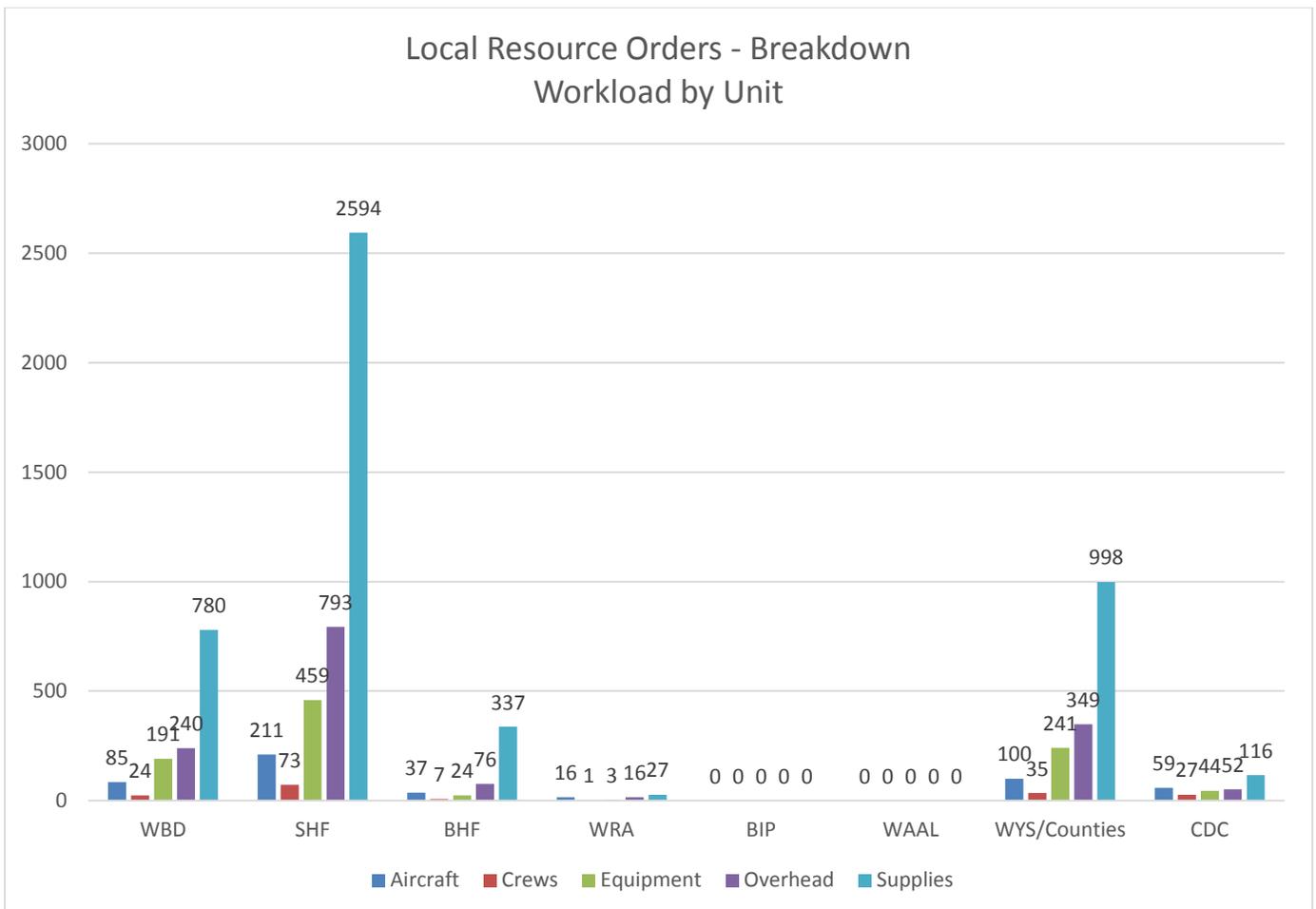
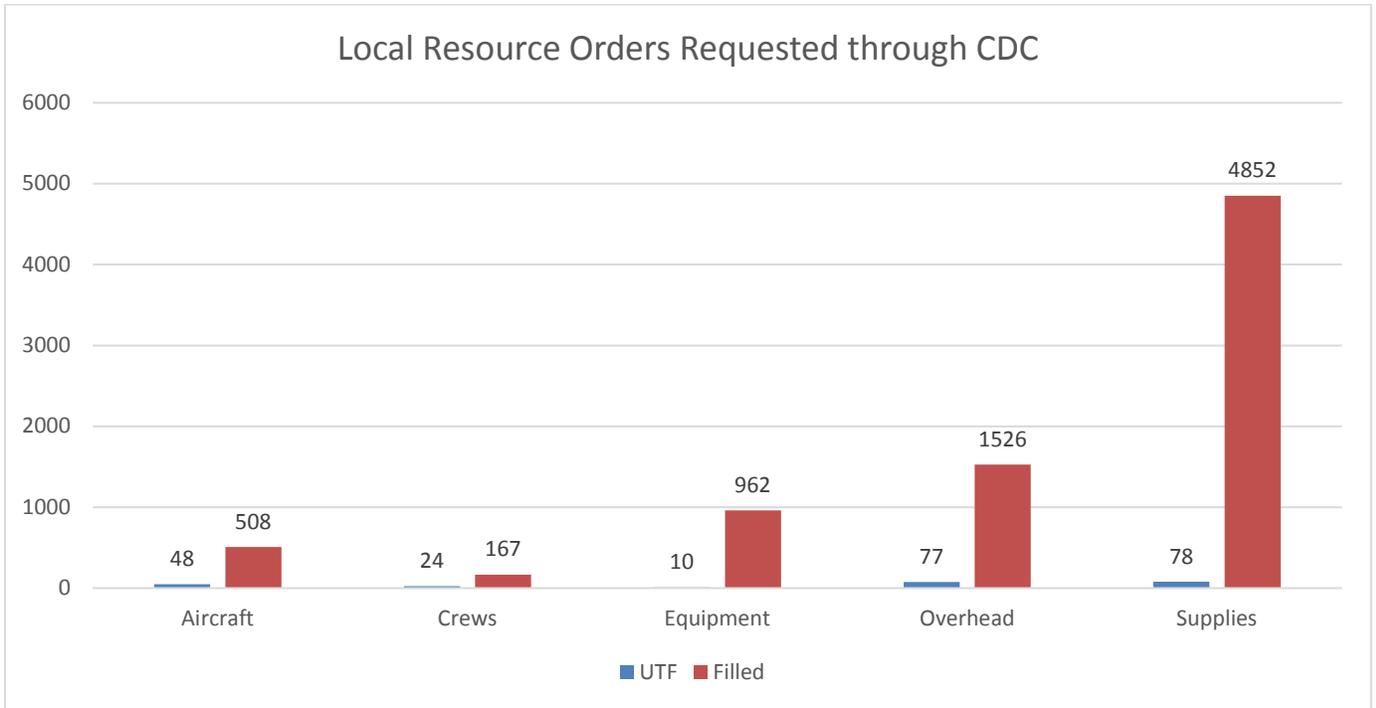
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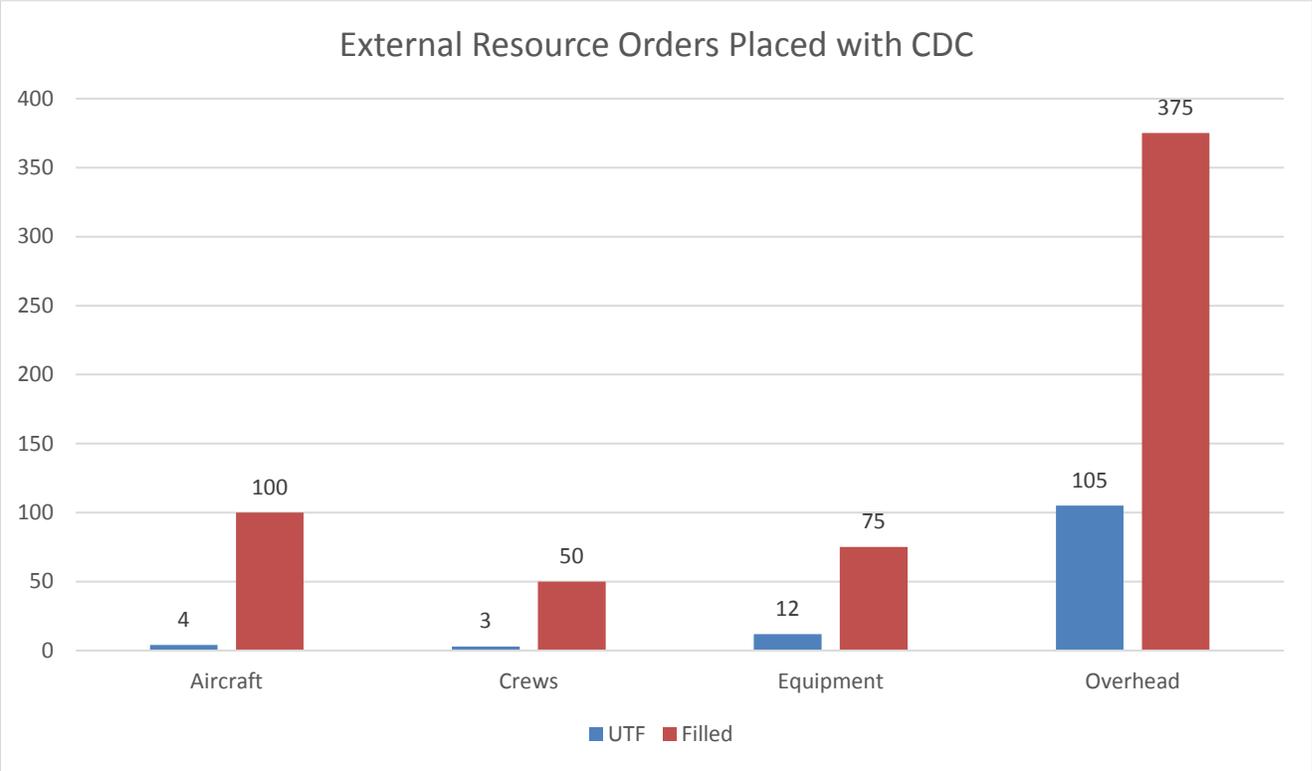


Large Fire Summary

Incident Name	Start Date	Cause	Final Acreage	State & Unit	Incident Commander & Complexity
ML	4/21/16	H	863	WY-BHX	Matthiesen - T3
Salt Center	6/10/16	L	225	WY-WBD	Matthiesen - T3 Rasmuson - T3
Lava Mountain	7/11/16	L	14,651	WY-SHF	Martin - T1 Connell - T2 Mandell - T3
Shoshone Lake	7/19/16	H	38	WY-SHF	Keating - T3
Arden	7/19/16	L	544	WY-BHF	Estey - T3 Zimmerman - T3
Hatchery	7/22/16	H	2,799	WY-WAX	Greer - T2
Whit	8/2/16	H	12,387	WY-PAX	Pechota - T1 Mandell - T3 Cox - T3
Twin Lakes	8/8/16	L	1,579	WY-WBD	Esperance - T2 Weeks - T3 McClanahan - T3
Hunter Peak	8/9/16	L	3,595	WY-SHF	Pechota - T1 Romero - T3 Rasmuson - T3
Washakie Park	8/11/16	L	502	WY-WRA	Anacker - T3
Canyon	9/1/16	L	.8	WY-SHF	Atkins - T3

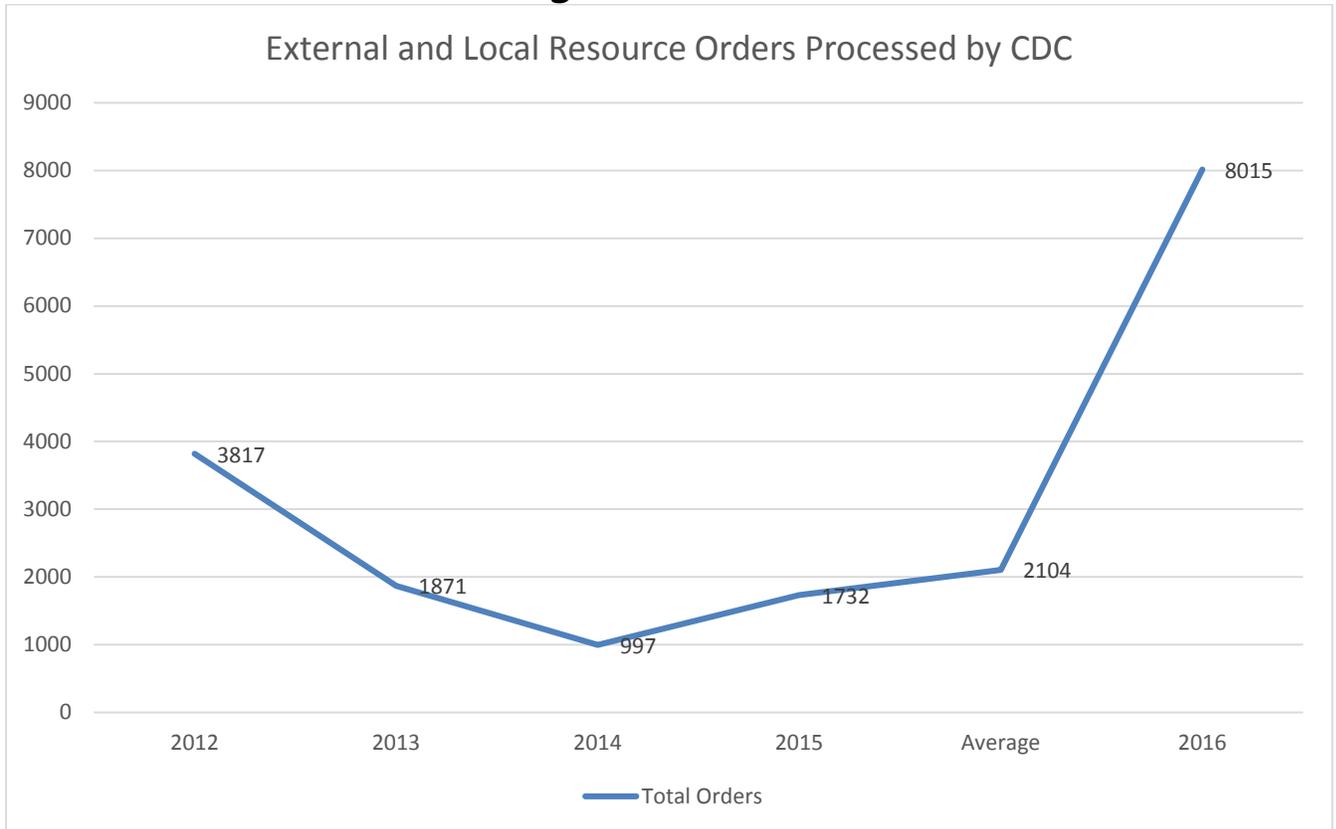
Resource Order Statistics





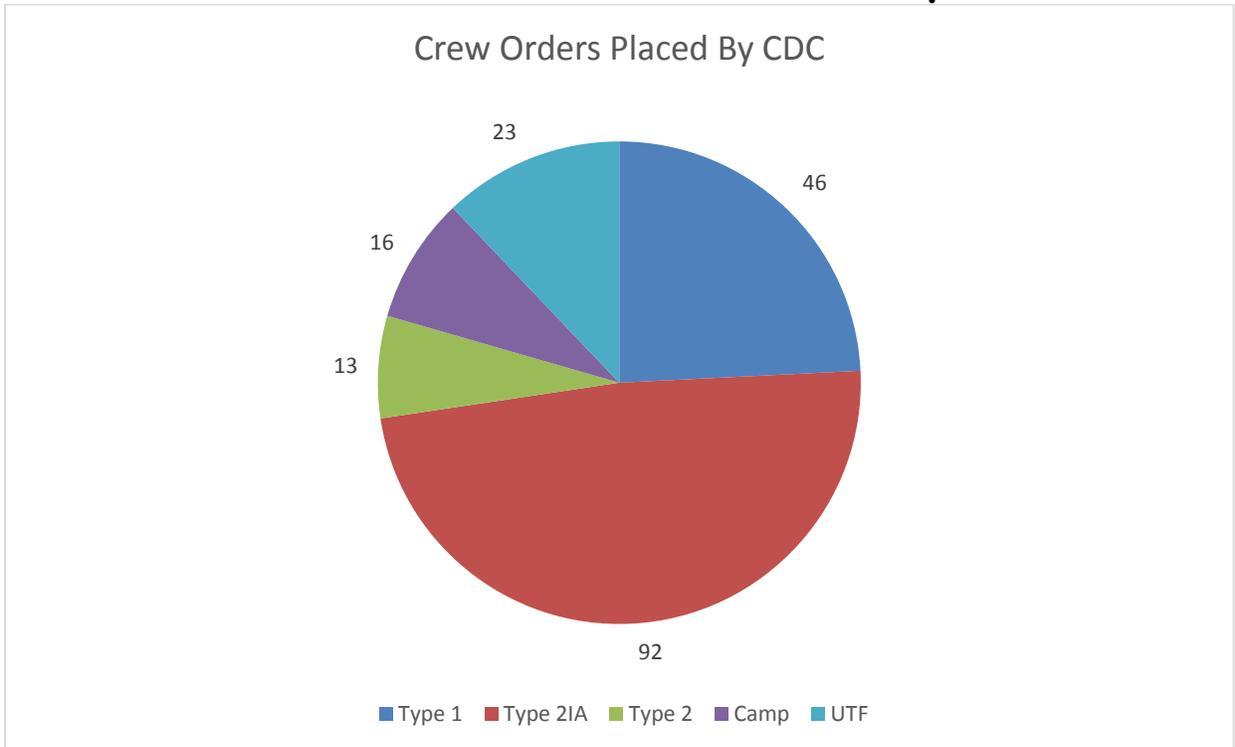
Wolf Creek (WY-BHF)

5 Year Average: Resource Orders



One Mile (WY-SHF)

Crew Resource Order Summary



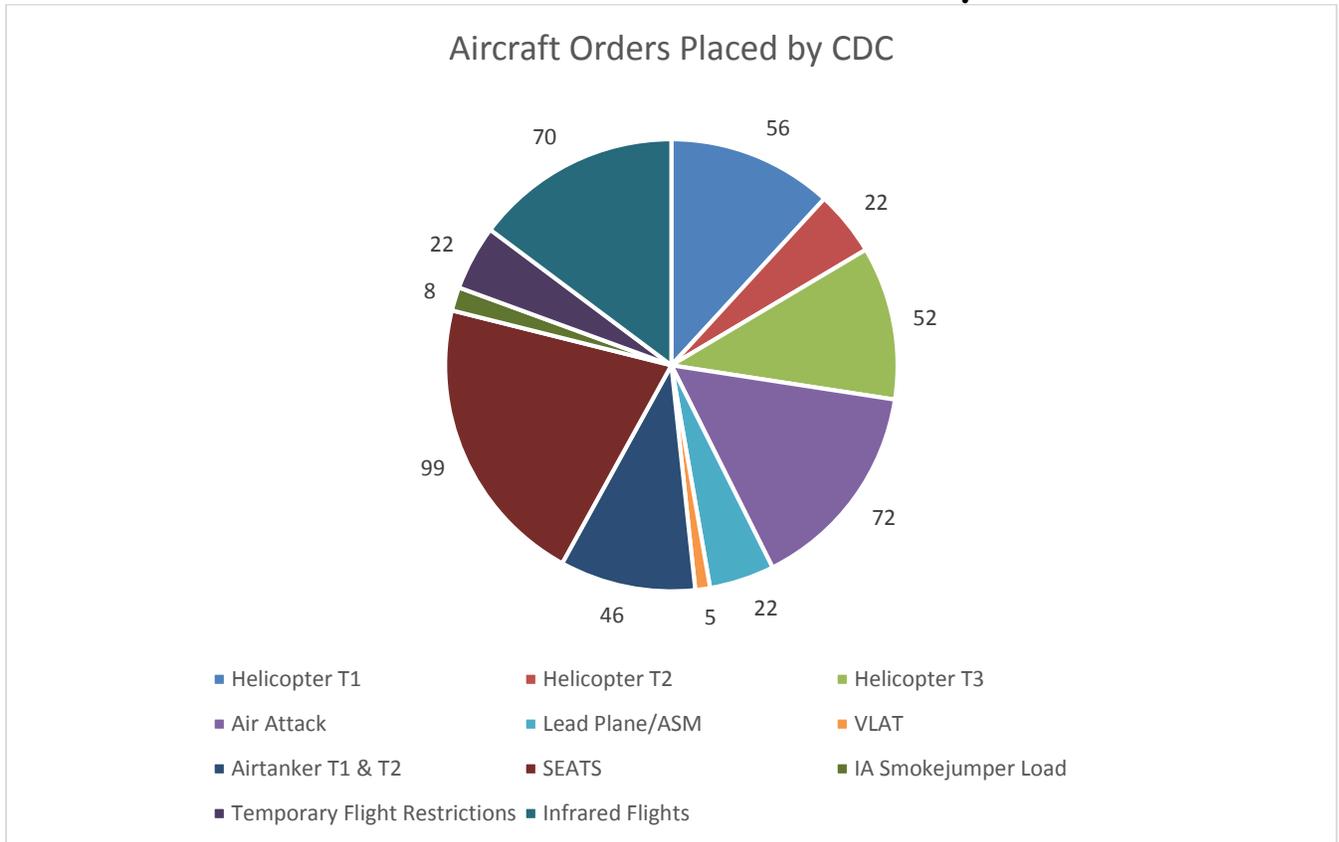
Bighorn Basin T2IA
Crew #2



Devils Canyon T2IA



Aviation Resource Order Summary



In conclusion, the 2016 fire season was very busy and taxing for the Cody Interagency Dispatch Center staff. With the increased workload and minimal local staff, the dispatch center thrived due to its support and leadership from the agency Line Officers, Fire Management Officers, Cooperators and Center Manager. The solid interagency partnerships, healthy relationships and deciding what is best for the zone has created a positive work environment thus making Cody Interagency Dispatch Center a sought out place to work.