

Casper Interagency Dispatch Center

2025 Year End Report

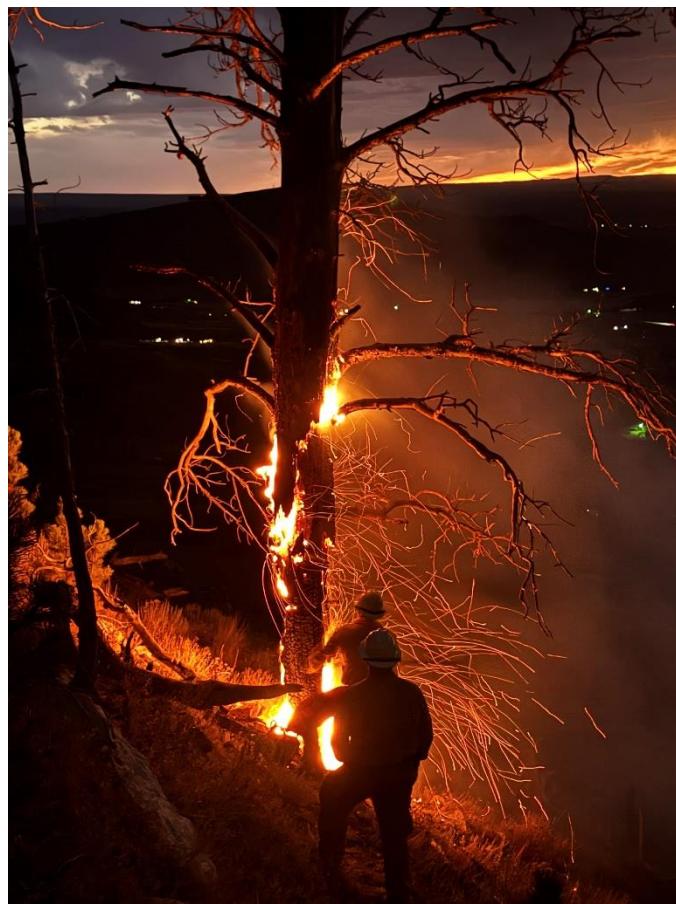


Photo: Goose Egg Fire by Jon Bisiar

Cooperating Agencies



High Plains District – HPD

High Desert District – HDD

Medicine Bow/Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grasslands – MRF

Fort Laramie National Historic Site – FLP

Wyoming State Forestry – WYS

Albany – ALX, Carbon – CAX, Campbell – CMX, Converse – COX, Fremont – FRX,

Goshen – GOX, Johnson – JOX, Laramie – LAX, Lincoln – LIX, Natrona – NAX,

Niobrara – NIX, Platte – PLX, Sheridan – SHX, Sublette – SUX, Sweetwater – SWX,

Uinta – UIX, Weston – WEX counties

https://gacc.nifc.gov/rmcc/dispatch_centers/r2cpc/

Summary:

Casper Dispatch experienced an average fire season having 321 fires for 14,771 acres. This was slightly above our 10-year average of 306 starts, and well below 92,625 acres. Our first fire occurred February 1st and our last fire occurred December 31st. The dispatch center supported 4 Type 3 incidents.

The High Plains District experienced an average fire season overall. Frequent moisture throughout the season led to increased fuel loading, but each time fuels began to dry out, additional precipitation would arrive. While there were occasional periods of critical fire weather, they were typically short-lived.

In contrast, the High Desert District saw above-average fire danger, with Energy Release Components (ERCs) frequently reaching maximums. Despite the elevated fire danger, new fire starts were limited, resulting in an overall average fire load for the district.

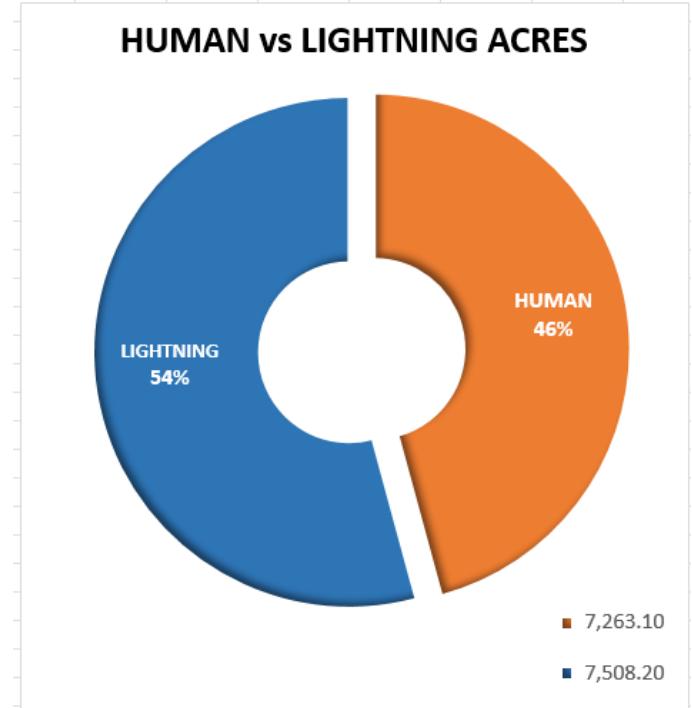
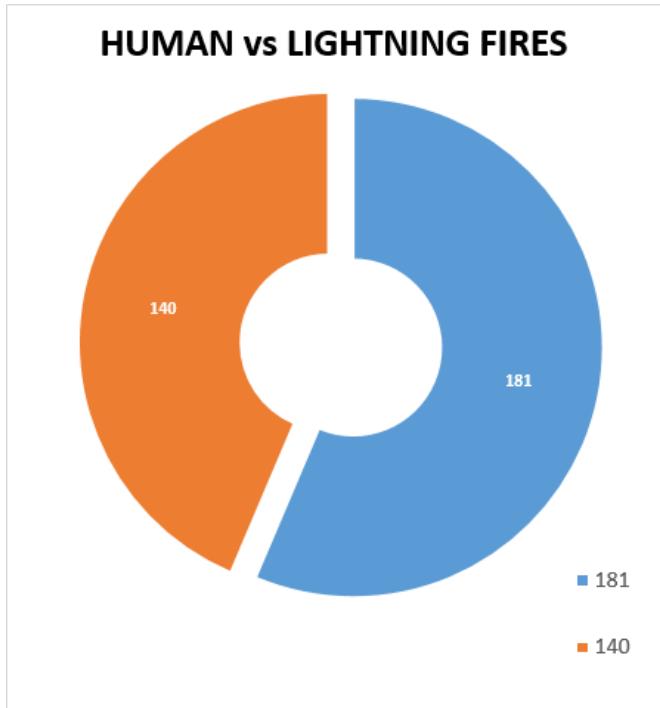
The Medicine Bow National Forest and Thunder Basin National Grasslands saw an average winter, with a dry spring and summer which brought about severe to extreme drought conditions. This led to record lows in the 1,000-hour fuel moistures and record ERC's. Couple storms in the summer did slow down fire activity.

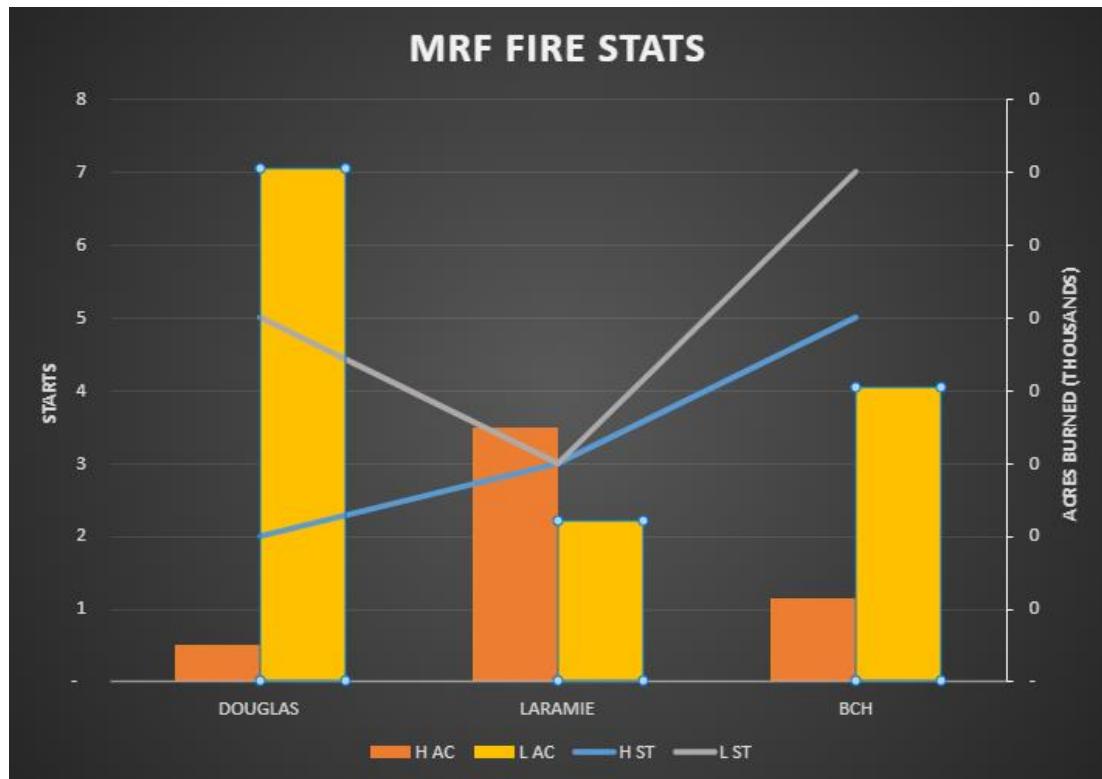
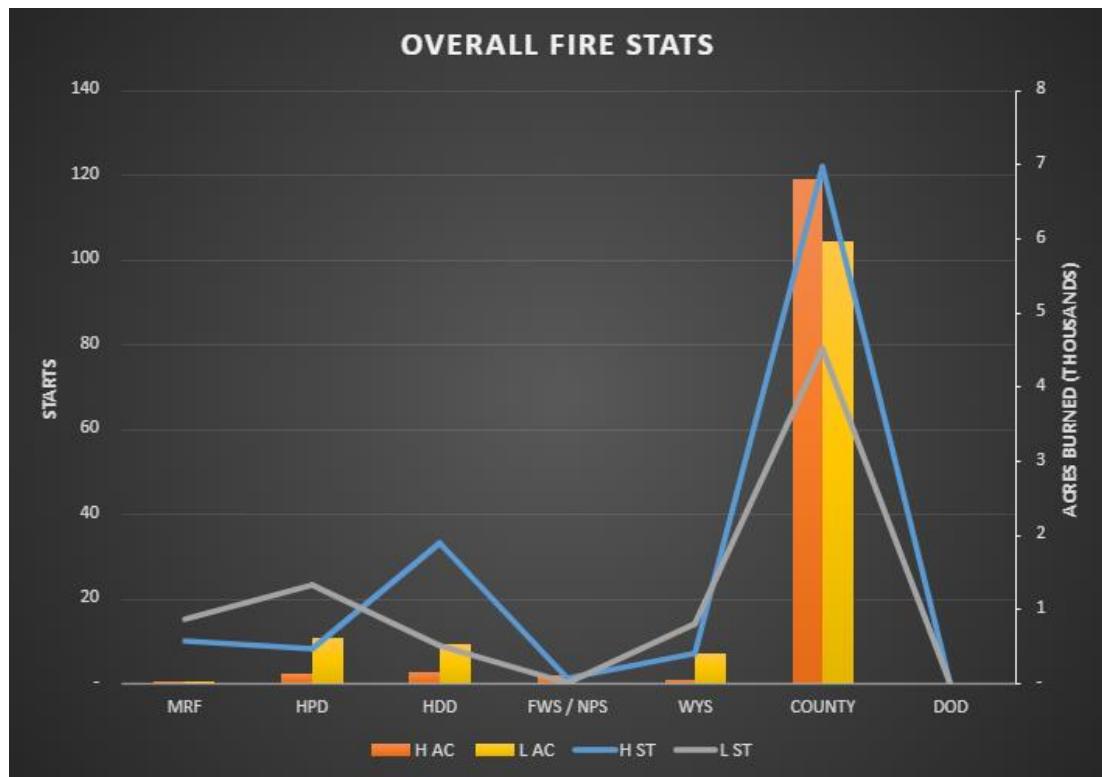
Casper Dispatch mobilized firefighting resources to support out-of-area incidents starting in January and continued to do that into December. In February, the dispatch zone was regularly sending firefighters to the Southern Area for prescribed burning. By April and May we sent firefighting resources to the Southwest, southern Rocky Mountain areas. In June and into the rest of summer we started mobilizing resources within the Rocky Mountain area, while still sending suppression and support resources to wildfires throughout the nation.

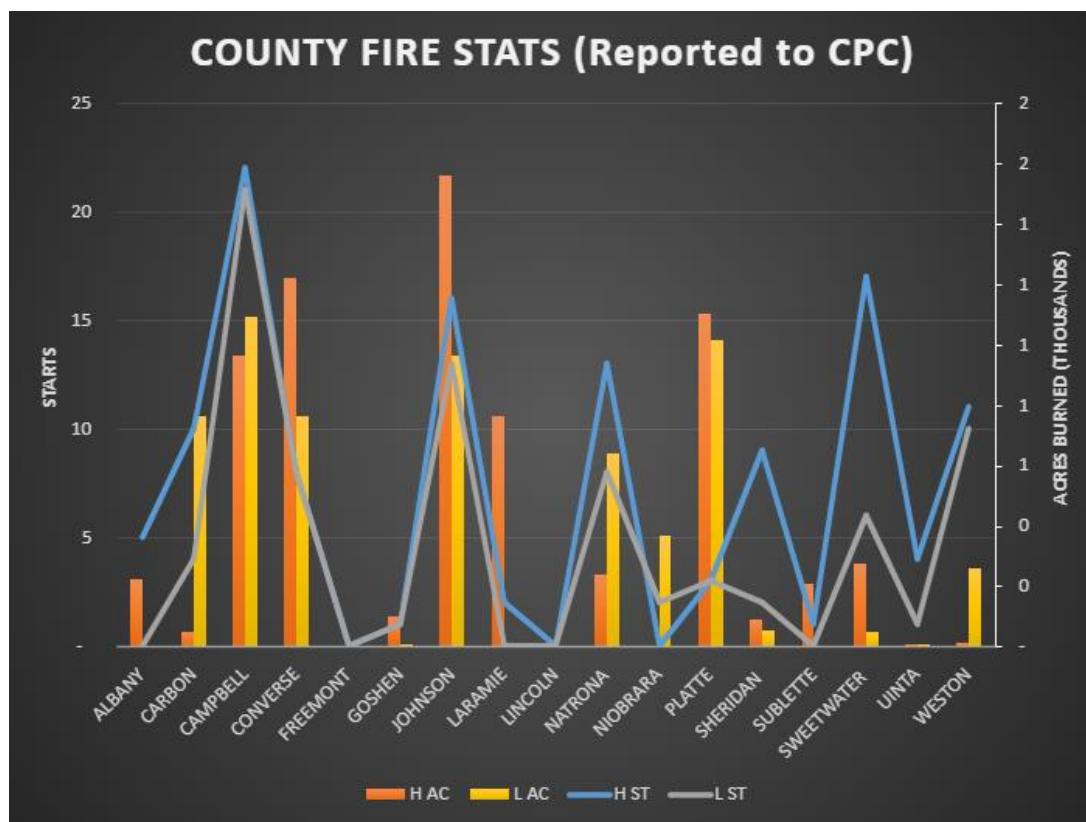
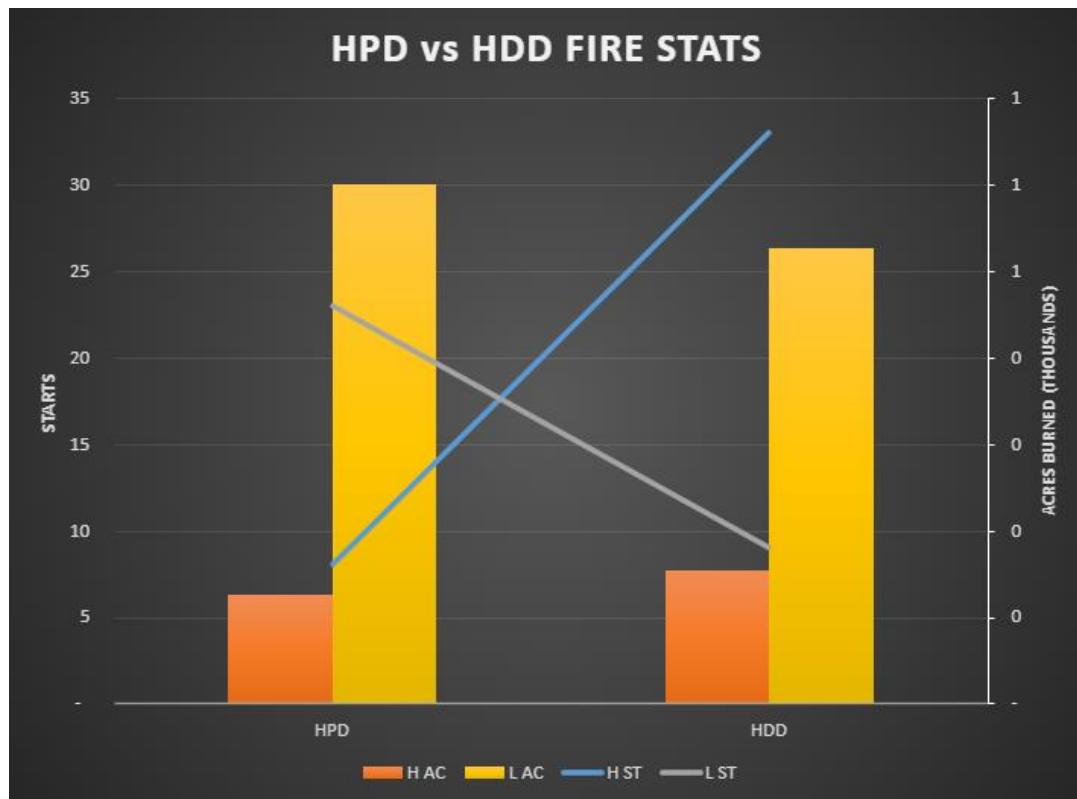
We have one Initial Attack position that has been vacant since April 2024, we are hoping to fill it this winter.

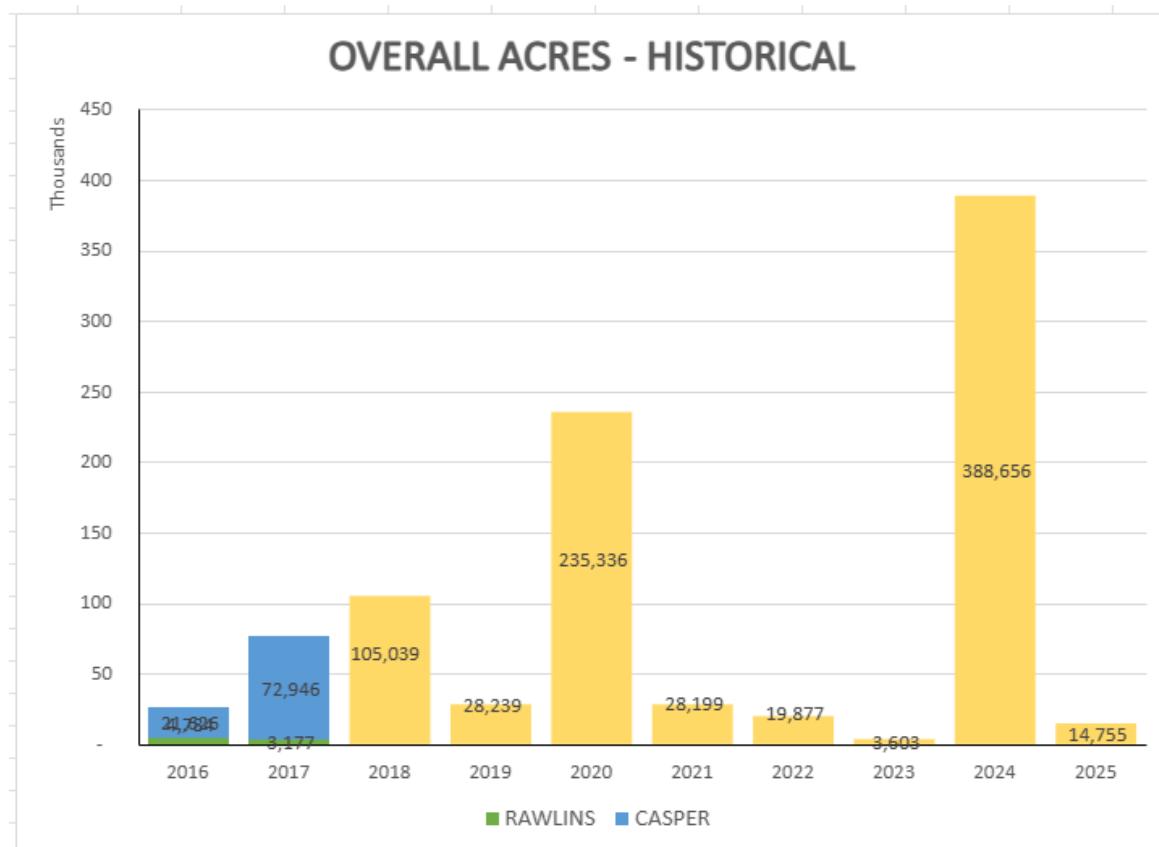
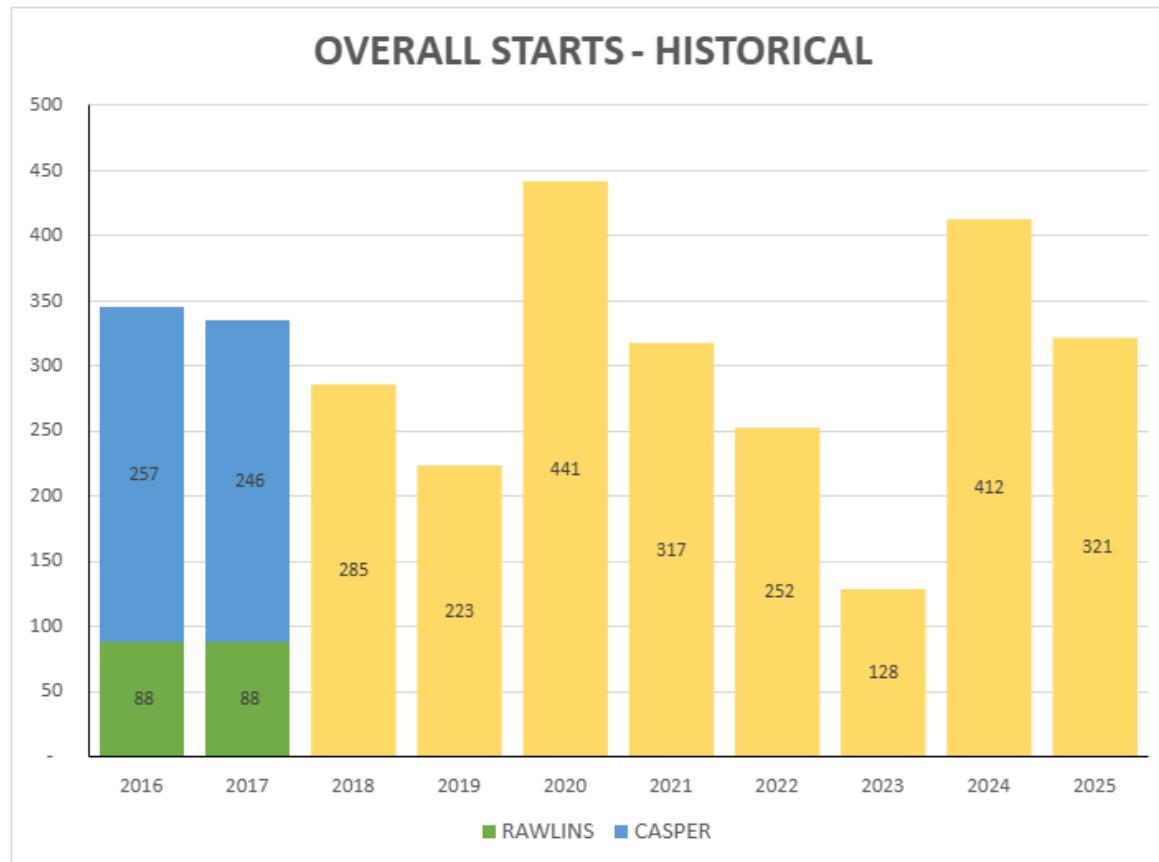
Statistics:

GRAND TOTALS					
HPD TOTALS					
H	ACRES	L	ACRES	RX	ACRES
8	125.88	23	600.29	2	286
MRF TOTALS					
H	ACRES	L	ACRES	RX	ACRES
10	5.14	15	13.29	3	875
FISH & WILDLIFE					
H	ACRES	L	ACRES	RX	ACRES
1.00	120.84	-	-	-	-
HDD TOTALS					
H	ACRES	L	ACRES	RX	ACRES
33	152.96	9	526.19	8	531.00
COUNTY TOTALS					
H	ACRES	L	ACRES	TOTALS	
122	6,806.66	79	5,969.56	201	12,776.22
FT. LARAMIE - NPS					
H	ACRES	L	ACRES	RX	ACRES
0	-	0	-	0	-
BLM TOTALS					
H	ACRES	L	ACRES	RX	ACRES
41	278.84	32	1,126.48	10	817.00
WYOMING STATE - CPS					
H	ACRES	L	ACRES	RX	ACRES
7	52	14	399	1	134
DOD - Totals					
H	ACRES	L	ACRES	RX	ACRES
0	0	0	0	5	744
OVERALL FIRE TOTALS					
H	ACRES	L	ACRES	RX	ACRES
181	7,263.10	140	7,508.20	19	2,569.98

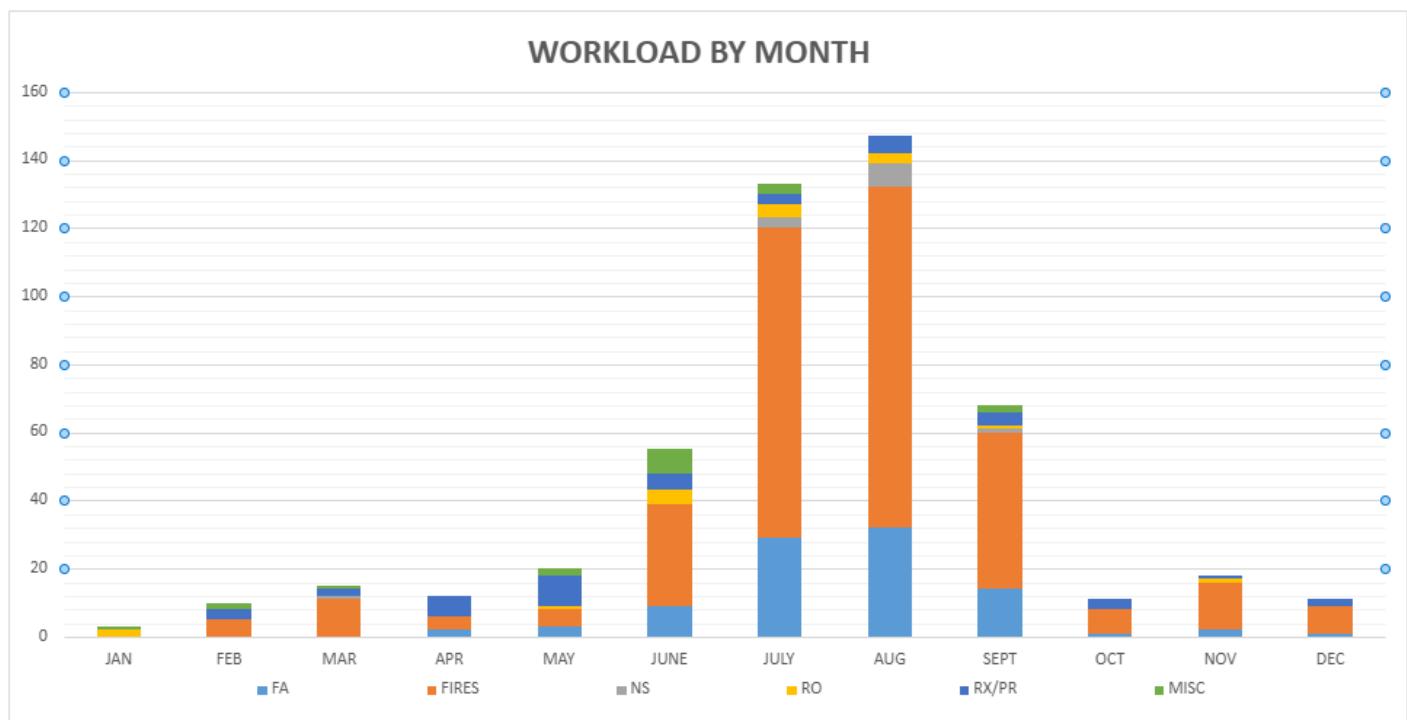
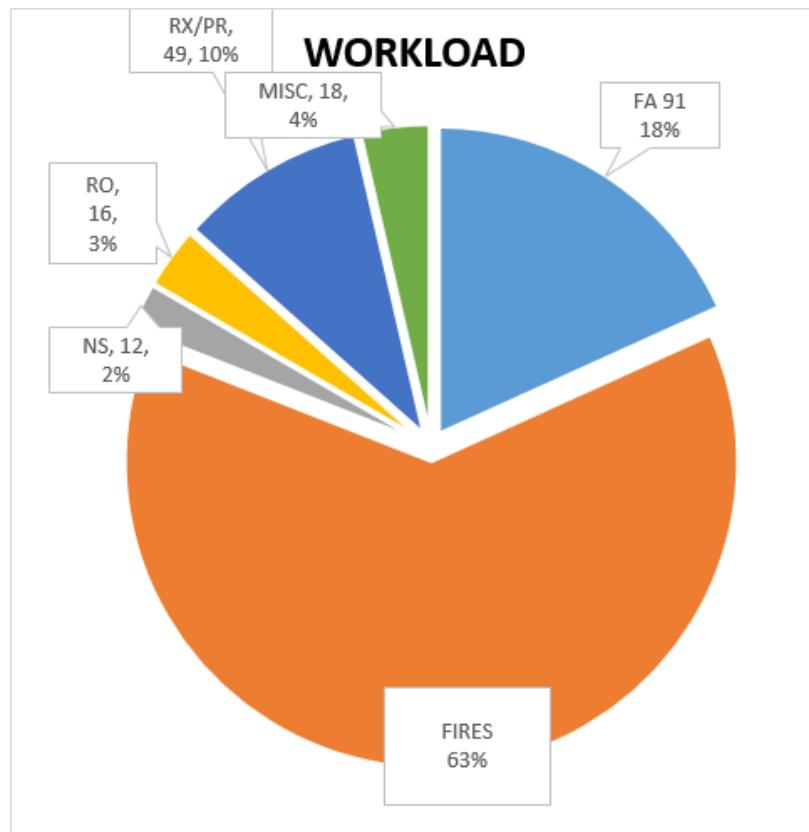




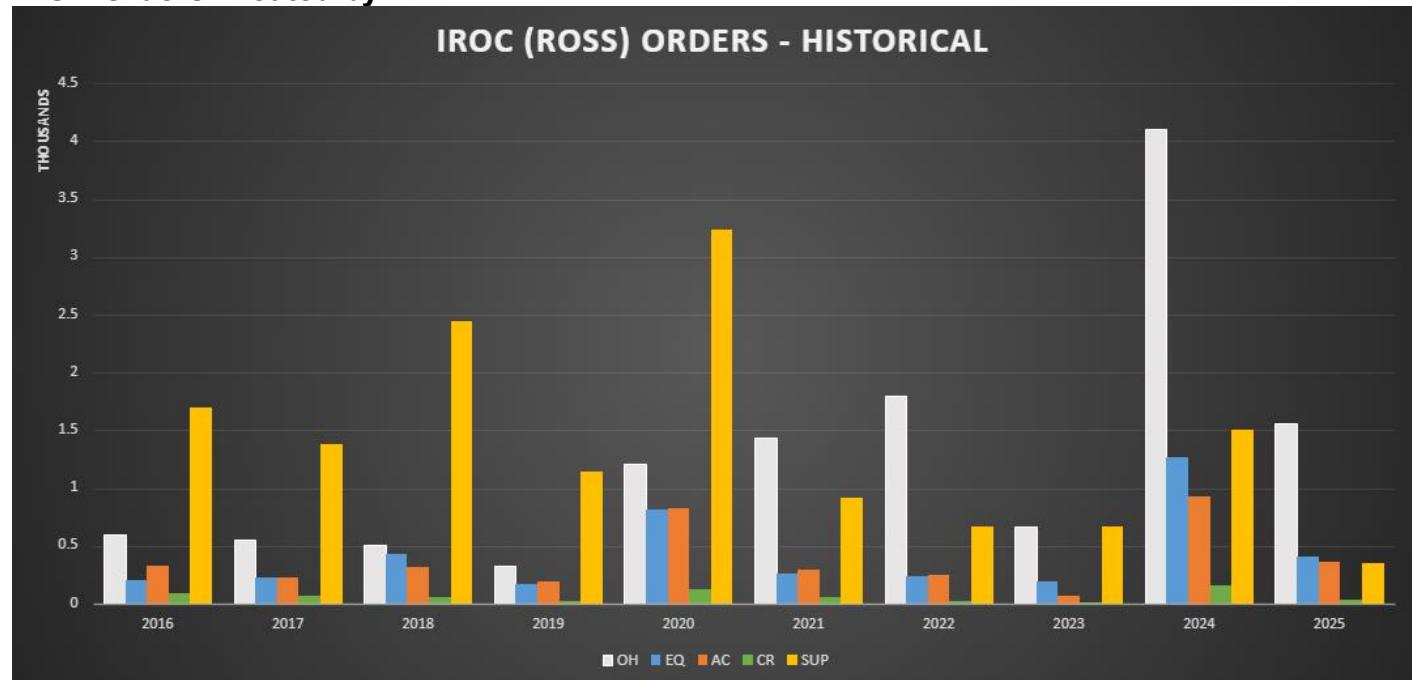




Workload:



IROC Orders Created by CPC:



IROC ORDERS	OH	EQ	AC	CR	SUP
2016	595	208	328	95	1691
2017	550	227	223	64	1376
2018	512	425	318	58	2449
2019	326	164	195	26	1140
2020	1207	812	826	121	3233
2021	1439	259	297	57	911
2022	1801	239	245	22	672
2023	672	195	72	13	672
2024	4108	1268	923	153	1508
2025	1565	403	363	31	352
10 YR AV	1278	420	379	64	1400

Large Fire/Extended Attack:

Fire	Start Date	Cause	Final Acres	Unit	Complexity
YO Ranch Road	2/21/2025	Human	600	PLX	Type 3
Saw Mill	2/22/2025	Human	500	PLX	Type 3
Lebar	2/23/2025	Human	512	COX	Type 4
Reno	3/23/2025	Human	565.2	JOX	Type 4
Taylor Draw	6/28/2025	Lightning	1257.72	HDD	Type 3
Powder River	7/01/2025	Lightning	945.42	JOX	Type 4
Spring Creek	7/02/2025	Human	946.25	PLX	Type 5
Pasiac 3	7/10/2025	Lightning	46.71	SHX	Type 3
Rolling Hills	7/10/2025	Lightning	704.19	COX	Type 4
PA Butte	7/21/2025	Lightning	432	CMX	Type 4
Croaton 2	7/25/2025	Lightning	440	CMX	Type 4
Bobcat	7/25/2025	Lightning	217	HPD	Type 4
Hiland	7/29/2025	Lightning	814.5	HPD	Type 4
Bum Draw	8/17/2025	Lightning	361.5	NIX	Type 4
Wall Creek	8/31/2025	Lightning	152.5	JOX	Type 4
Strong Draw	9/02/2025	Lightning	769	WYS	Type 4
Black	9/02/2025	Human	320.09	SWX	Type 4
No Name	9/07/2025	Lightning	310	PLX	Type 4
Terry Ranch	12/17/2025	Human	565	LAX	Type 4

Prescribed Fire Summary:

With the limited amount of precipitation and snowfall we got this past year, our fire units couldn't burn as much as they anticipated.

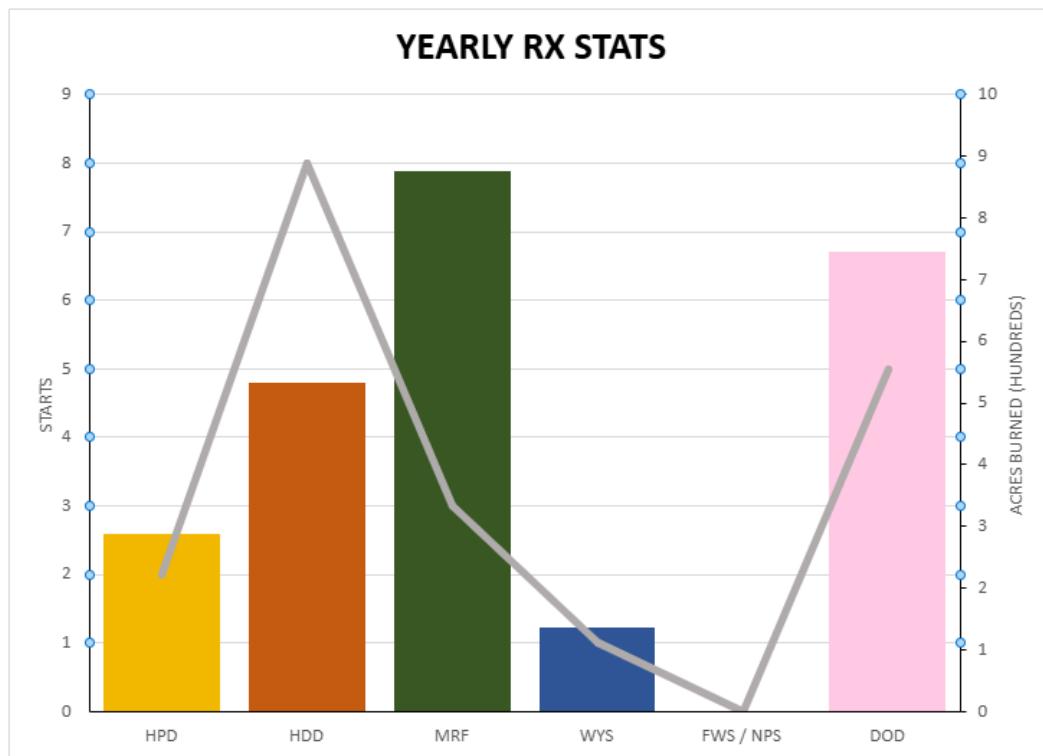


Photo: Deadline Ridge RX by Jesson Vasey

Aviation Summary:

Helicopter 8BH came on contract June 16th in Rawlins, WY. Their contract ended September 13th, but they were extended until September 30th. Their first fire was Horse Draw in Craig, CO, which was also their first assignment. They spent most of the summer in the Cody Dispatch Zone (49 days). They ended their contract in Rawlins, WY. H-8BH transported 451 passengers, and 31,779 gallons of water.

Helicopter 2FS came on contract June 2nd at Duncan Helibase and their contract ended September 30th. They supported firefighters in the Cody, Great Plains and Casper Dispatch zones. They had a total of 62 missions, with 1 of those being a repeater mission for the Bighorn National Forest. H-2FS transported 564 passengers and delivered 117,864 gallons of water.

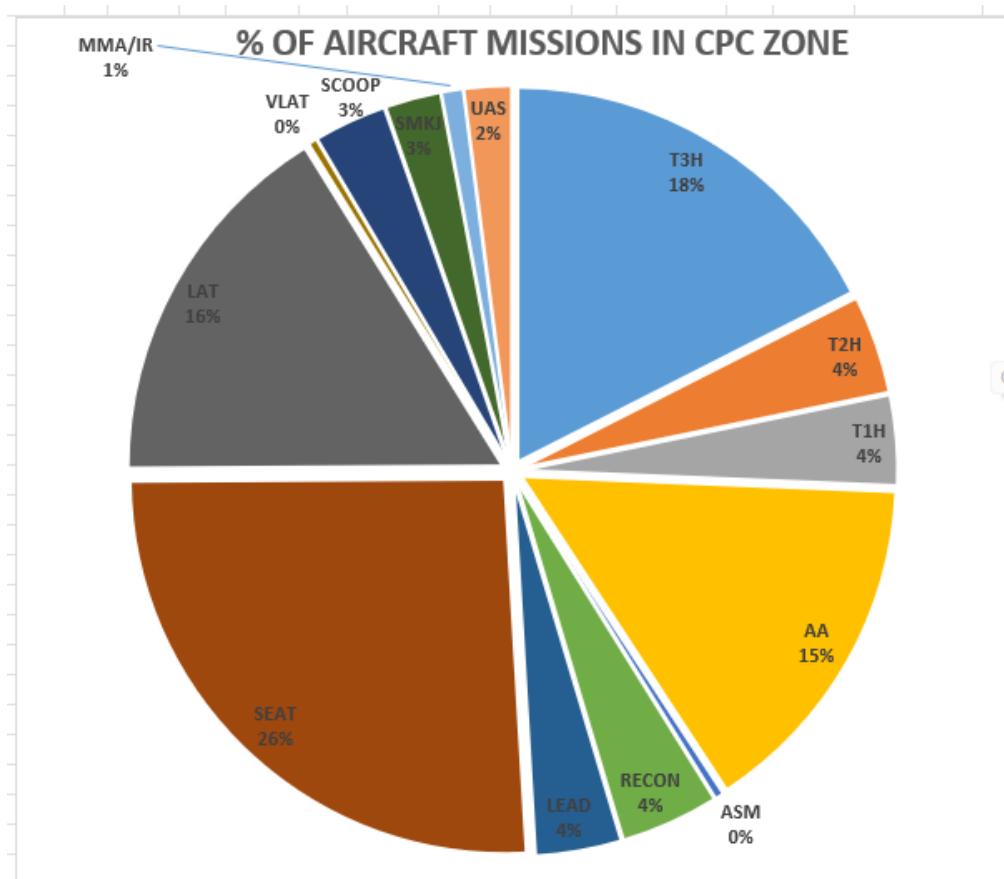
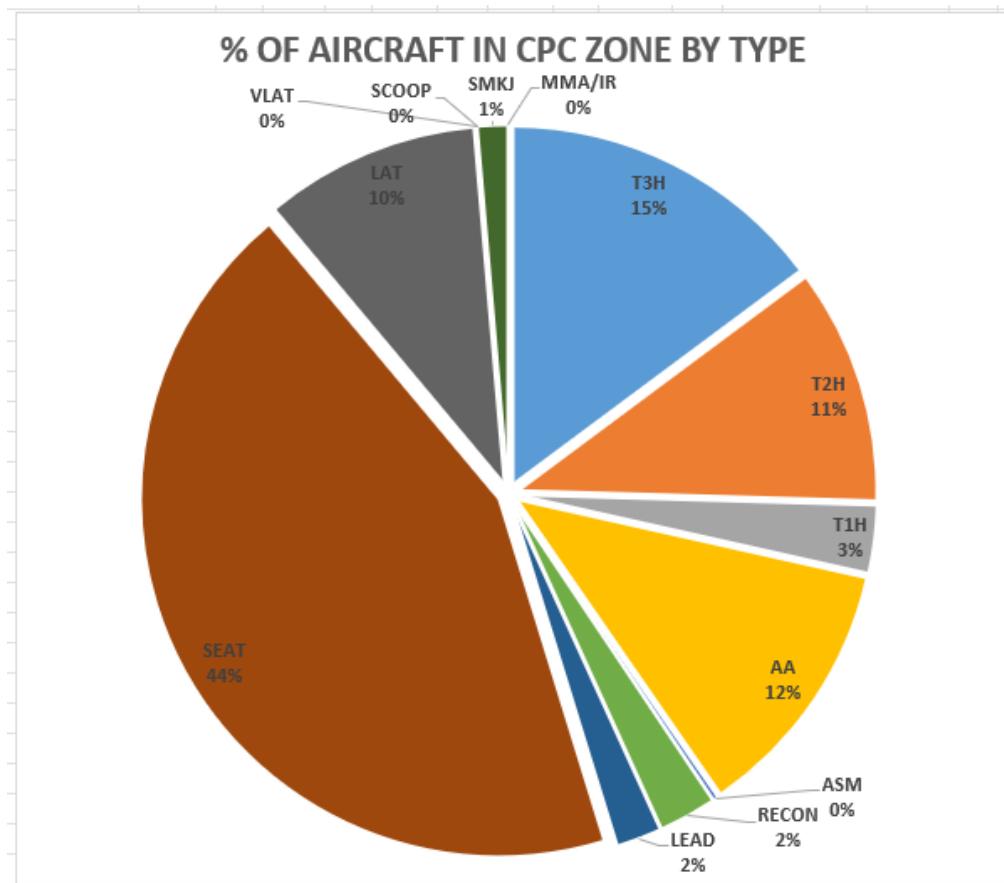
This year Wyoming State Forestry contracted a Type 2 Helicopter, H-5FS. Their contract started July 1st at the Casper Airport, and it ended September 28th but was extended until September 30th. They supported firefighters in the Cody and Casper Dispatch zones. They had a total of 32 missions with 14 of those missions being extended attack. H-5FS delivered 102,048 gallons of water this season.

Casper Airtanker Base opened on June 15th, and the contract ended September 12th but was extended until September 30th. It was home to T-889 and T-832 and numerous Large Airtankers throughout the summer. The Casper Air Tanker Base flew a total of 59 fires and delivered 803,167 gallons of retardant. They supported fires in Wyoming, South Dakota, Colorado, California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, Nevada, and Montana.

Rock Springs SEAT Base opened July 1st and it closed on September 30th. T-882 and T-839 were housed there for the remainder of the SEAT Base operation for 2025. They flew on 26 fires and delivered 51,517 gallons of retardant and supported Wyoming, Colorado, and Utah.

Thunder Basin SEAT Base opened August 17th and closed September 30th, which was home to T-834 and T-831 for the remainder of the season. They flew 17 fires and delivered 18,181 gallons of retardant and 16,801 gallons of water. They supported fires in Wyoming, South Dakota and Montana.

	GRAND TOTALS																					MONTHLY TOTALS							
	T3H	M	T2H	M	T1H	M	AA	M	ASM	M	RECON	M	LEAD	M	SEAT	M	LAT	M	VLAT	M	SCOOP	M	SMKJ	M	MMA/IR	M	UAS		
JAN - APR	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	23	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	23	31
MAY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	
JUNE	41	25	0	0	0	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	30	8	5	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	81	43
JULY	32	26	17	5	4	5	20	18	2	2	0	0	0	0	68	32	18	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	161	88	
AUG	32	23	30	8	11	7	54	52	0	0	0	0	16	18	138	63	56	58	0	2	0	17	12	12	0	0	349	202	
SEPT	26	21	47	10	12	6	28	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	150	37	7	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	270	86	
OCT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
NOV - DEC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
TYPE TOTALS:	131	95	94	23	27	21	105	82	2	2	23	23	18	20	386	140	86	88	0	2	0	17	12	13	0	5	11	884	542



Casper Dispatch Center Improvements:

This year the airport came and made some improvements to the dispatch center, which has improved the look and feel of the building. These efforts were not at our requests; the airport initiated these significant improvements as a result of the relationship we have built with them as a Board and the Dispatch Staff. Total value of the improvements was close to \$40,000.

This spring they came in and replaced all the lights within the building with energy efficient lights that are dimmable in Expanded and the IA floor. This has brightened the rooms up and has made it easier for our eyes!

They have just recently finished their most recent improvement project which was replacing all the rounded windows with newer square windows. The new ones have really brightened the rooms and brought in more light.

