

Casper Interagency Dispatch Center 2008 Report

Dispatch Zone: Casper Dispatch is an Interagency Dispatch Center that dispatches for the BLM High Plains Fire Management District, the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest (WY) -Thunder Basin National Grassland, State of Wyoming lands and ten counties of Eastern Wyoming. Casper Dispatch covers acres from the northern Montana/Wyoming border south along the Southern Big Horns and Ferris Mountains then East to the South Dakota and Nebraska state lines. We also dispatch for Forest Lands along the Colorado border.

Dispatch Staffing: After many months of little or no staffing Dispatch started the summer mostly staffed with a Center Manager, Assistant Center Manager, Aircraft Dispatcher and one seasonal. Over the course of the summer all positions have been vacated. These positions are being advertised with good response. Twelve out of zone dispatchers were rotated to cover dispatch as needed.

The Center Manager position was filled with Cheryl Carpenter who joins us from Moab Interagency Fire Center, Moab, Utah. Cheryl has accomplished a lot this summer including passing a National Readiness Review with flying colors one week after her arrival to Casper Dispatch.

Initial Attack: The 2008 Fire Season was one of the lightest seasons in recent memory with 102 fires with 1,835 acres burned. It was a safe year without serious injuries to firefighting personnel, making it a successful year for all agencies and cooperators!

Prescribed Fire: With a light wildland fire season this year and more moisture than we've seen for a few years agencies were able to accomplish numerous acres on various RX burn. By the end of November 4,794 acres were burned by all agencies in the fire zone.

Resource Orders: There were many opportunities this year to fill off zone assignments. Two hundred seventy six (276) orders were filled, ten (10) orders were cancelled and twenty five (25) were UTF. Most of these resource orders were for Wyoming incidents such as the Gun Barrel Fire near Cody and California used many of our resources along with Alaska, Florida, Idaho, Montana, North Carolina, Nebraska, Utah, New Mexico, Oregon, Nevada, Texas, and Colorado.

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Annual Report

Staffing:

Center Manager: Cheryl Carpenter

Assistant Center Manager: Vacant (Vice Contreras)

Intelligence Dispatcher: Vacant

Aircraft Dispatcher: Vacant (Vice Pruitt)

Seasonal Dispatcher: Vacant (Vice Steinfeld)

Cooperators:

Albany County Fire (Within Medicine Bow N.F. Boundaries)

Campbell County Fire

Converse County Fire

Crook County Fire (BLM Administrative lands)

High Plains District - BLM

Goshen County Fire

Johnson County Fire

Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest

Thunder Basin National Grassland

National Park Service - Ft. Laramie National Historic Site

Natrona County Fire

Niobrara County Fire

Platte County Fire

Sheridan County Fire

Weston County Fire

Wyoming State Forestry - Districts 1-2-5

Incident Actions

In dispatch we measure our workload by documenting incident actions. An incident action is any action taken by dispatch to assist our cooperators. Each new incident is assigned a number for tracking purposes and then entered into a database. Below are examples of what type of actions we record.

Wildland Fires - Fires reported to CPC where agency resources respond and suppress.

Resource Orders - Mobilizing resources in and out of zone.

False Alarms – An inaccurate report of smoke that doesn't produce fire.

Flight Following – Tracking of agency aircraft traveling through CPC's dispatch zone.

Dispatch Assist - Actions where only CPC assists cooperators. Includes processing spot weather, smoke reports, county fire notifications and fires reported out of our zone of response.

AD Hire - Administrative services involved with hiring emergency firefighter personnel.

Rx Fire – Controlled burns where dispatch provides services such as resource mobilization, cooperator notifications, and dispatch staffing.

Fuels Reduction - Mechanical thinning projects for urban interface and resource benefits.

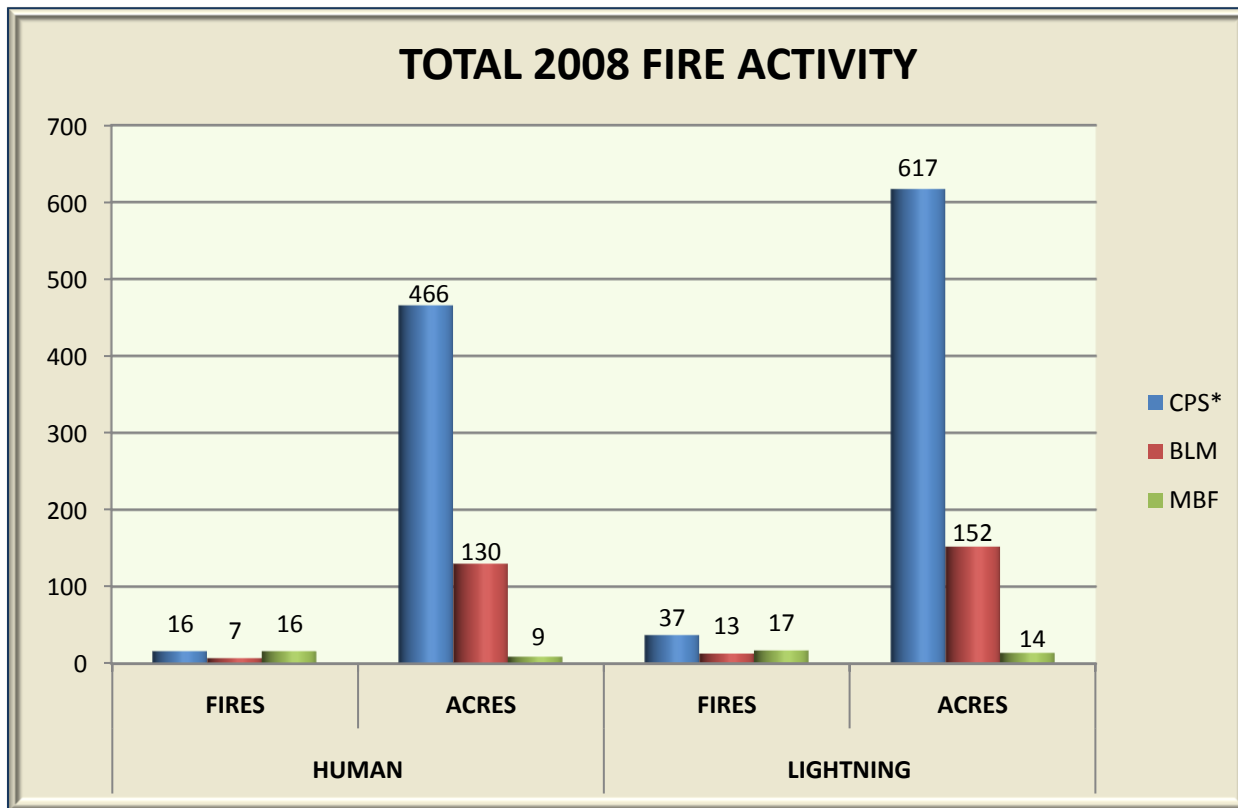
Other - Other actions not defined above.



2008 FIRE ACTIVITY

AGENCY	HUMAN		LIGHTNING	
	FIRES	ACRES	FIRES	ACRES
CPS*	16	466	37	617
BLM	7	130	13	152
MBF	16	9	17	14
Total	39	605	67	783

*CPS includes fires and acreage that burned on County, Private and State owned lands

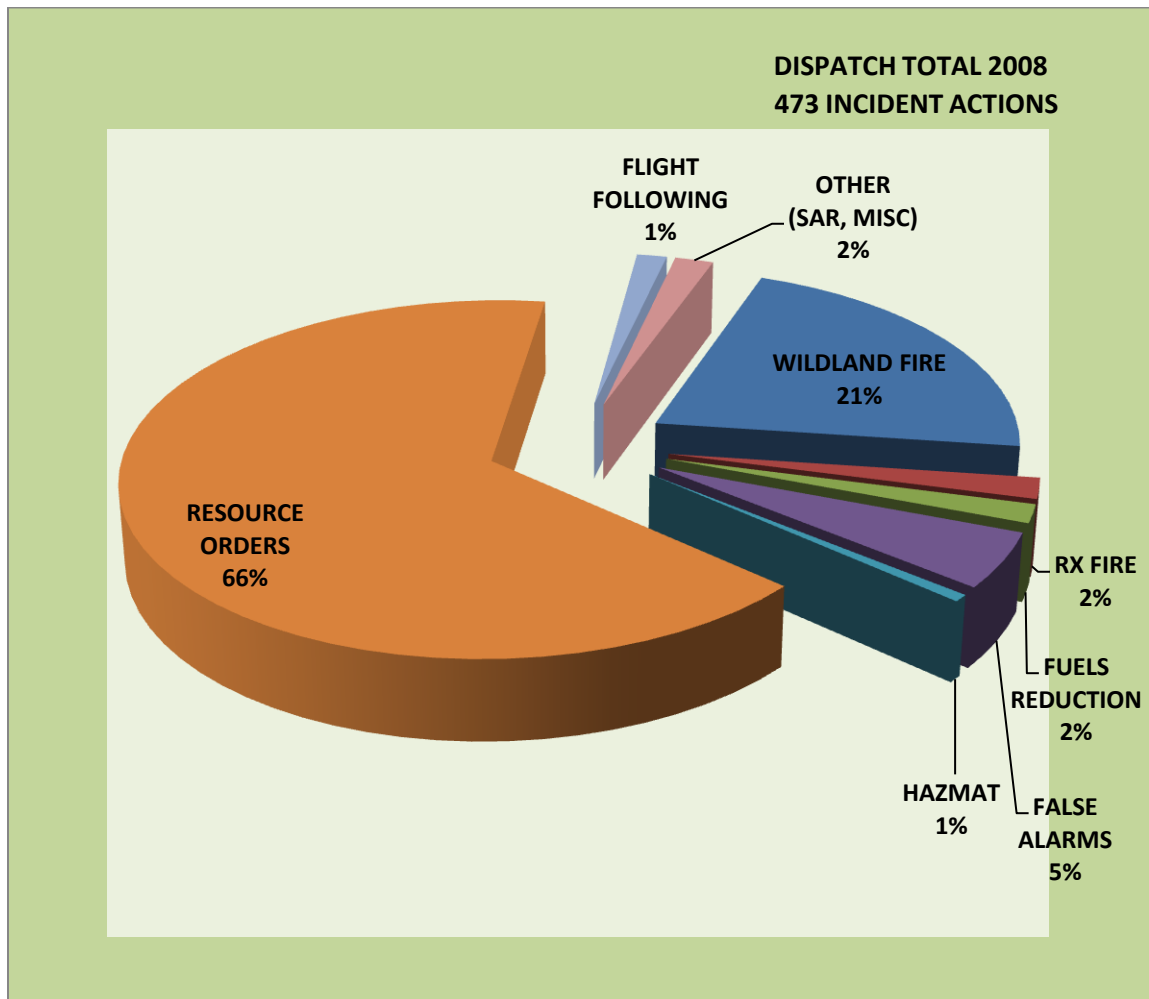


DISPATCH INCIDENT ACTIONS FOR 2008

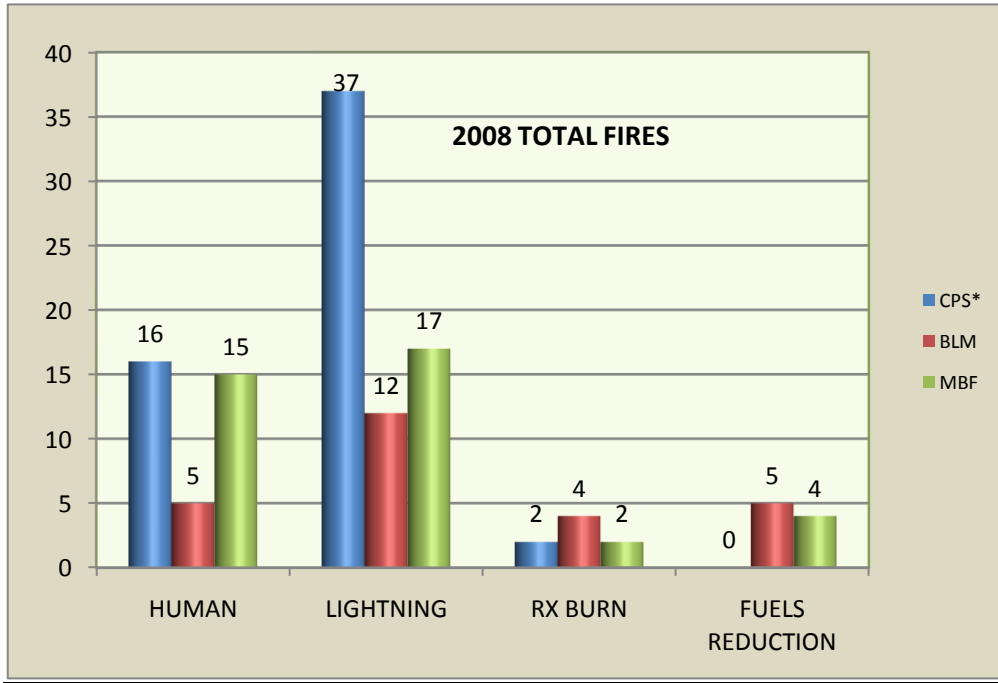
<u>INCIDENT</u>	
WILDLAND FIRE	102
RX FIRE	9
FUELS REDUCTION	8
FALSE ALARMS	24
HAZMAT	3
RESOURCE ORDERS	311
FLIGHT FOLLOWING	7
OTHER (SAR, MISC)	9

TOTAL

446



TOTAL FIRES/ACRES BURNED 2008

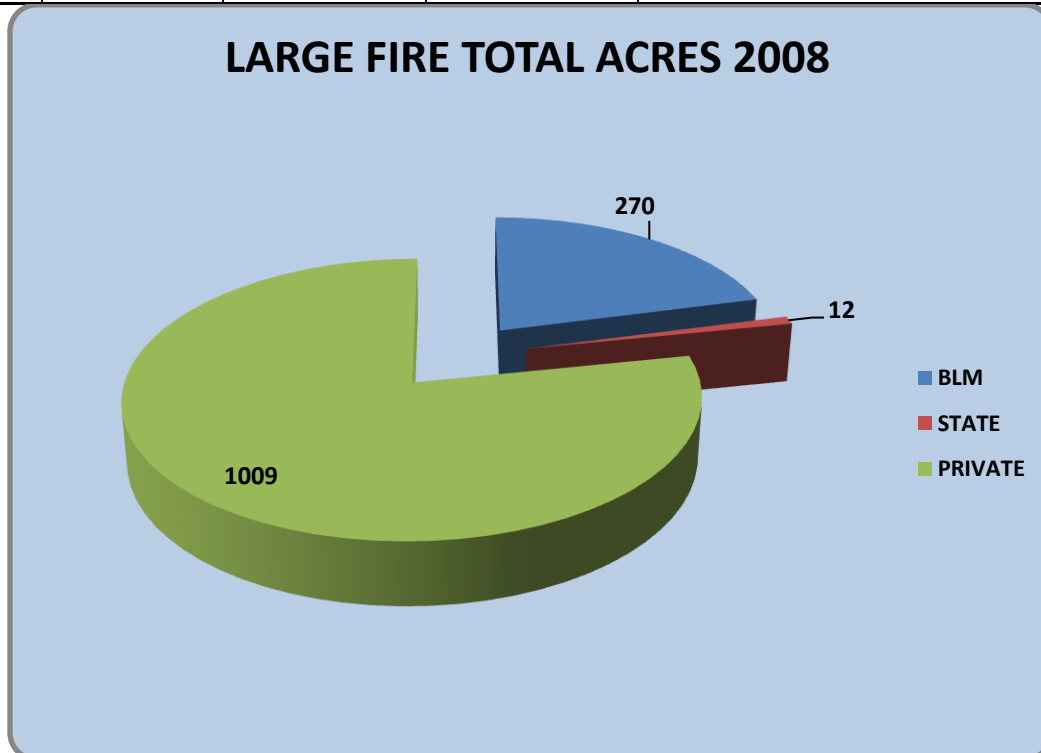


FIRES	HUMAN	LIGHTNING	RX BURN	FUELS REDUCTION	TOTAL
CPS*	16	37	2	0	55
BLM	5	12	4	5	25
MBF	15	17	2	4	36
NPS	0	0	0	0	0
	36	66	8	8	116

ACRES	HUMAN	LIGHTNING	RX BURN	FUELS REDUCTION	TOTAL
CPS*	916	616	890	0	2421
BLM	130	152	2725	114	3121
MBF**	8	14	900	165	1087
NPS	0	0	0	0	0
	1054	781	4515	279	6629

2008 FIRES OVER 10 ACRES

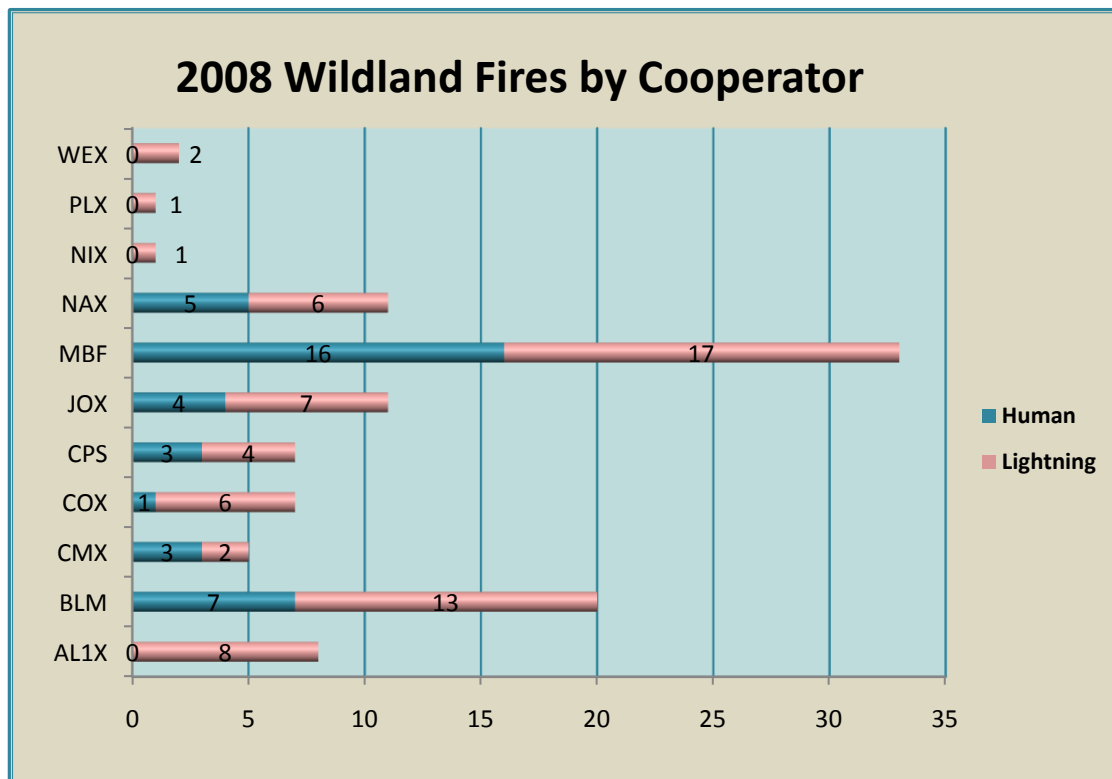
Large Fires				
Fire Name	Start Date	Cause	Final Acreage	Agency
LINN DRAW	7/22/2008	HUMAN	16	BLM
50 MILE FLAT	7/25/2008	LIGHTNING	132	BLM
NEMESIS	8/13/2008	LIGHTNING	10	BLM
LINE CREEK	9/18/2008	HUMAN	112	BLM
IRIGARY ROAD	7/18/2008	LIGHTNING	12	STATE-JOHNSON CO
487 INCIDENT	7/20/2008	LIGHTNING	21	PRIVATE-NATRONA CO
RIVER PASTURE	8/5/2008	HUMAN	320	PRIVATE-JOHNSON CO
HILIGHT	8/20/2008	HUMAN	78	PRIVATE-CAMPBELL CO
MM 60	8/21/2008	HUMAN	20	PRIVATE-CAMPBELL CO
MISTER	8/22/2008	HUMAN	18	PRIVATE-JOHNSON CO
MOEN	8/20/2008	LIGHTNING	62	PRIVATE-NIOBRARA CO
COAL CREEK	9/18/2008	LIGHTNING	448	PRIVATE-NATRONA CO
SMITH CREEK	9/18/2008	LIGHTNING	30	PRIVATE-NATRONA CO
MOSTELLER	9/24/2008	HUMAN	12	PRIVATE-NATRONA CO



2008 WILDLAND FIRES BY COOPERATOR

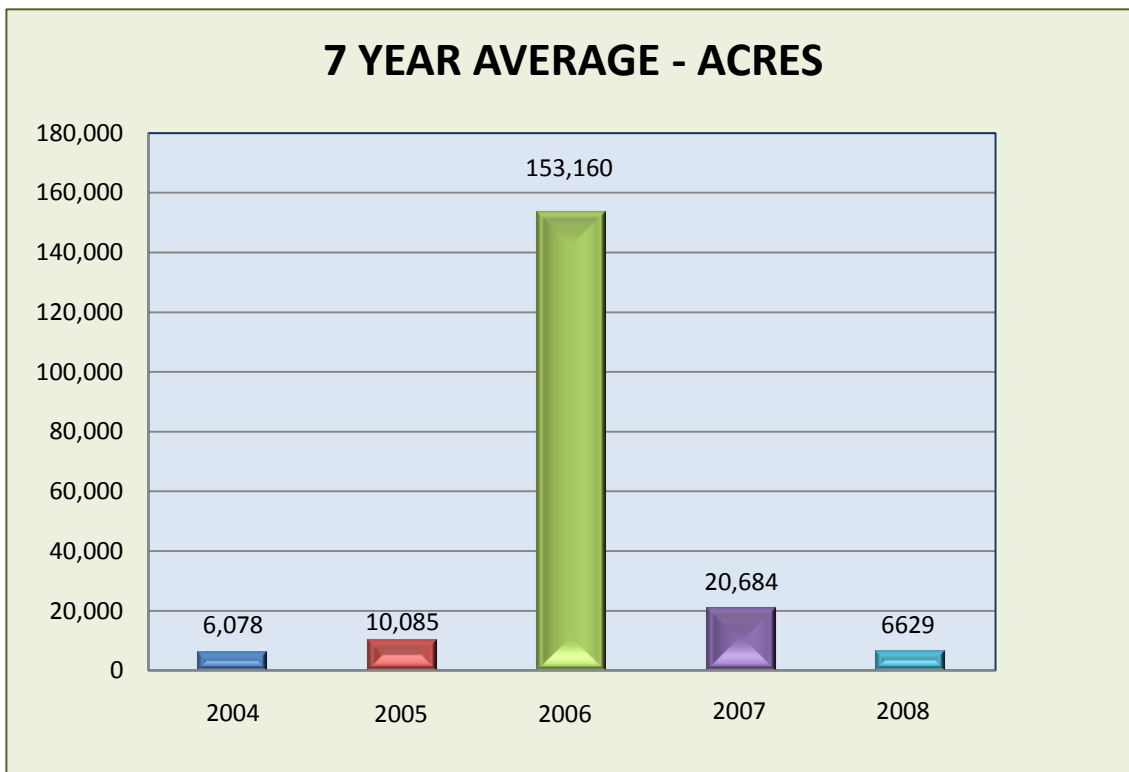
	<u>Human</u>	<u>Lightning</u>
AL1X	0	8
BLM	7	13
CMX	3	2
COX	1	6
CPS	3	4
JOX	4	7
MBF	16	17
NAX	5	6
NIX	0	1
PLX	0	1
WEX	0	2

*These numbers only include fires reported to CPC



WILDLAND FIRES AND RX BURNS – 7 YEAR AVERAGE

7 YEAR AVERAGE								
Year	# Fires Human	Acres	# Fires Lightning	Acres	# Fires Rx Burn	Acres	Total Fires	Total Acres
2002	6	15	115	55811	3	448	124	56,274
2003	12	1871	99	13577	3	850	114	16,298
2004	26	952	63	1054	9	4072	98	6,078
2005	25	5581	96	2690	12	1814	133	10,085
2006	33	24241	96	128153	12	766	141	153,160
2007	22	1103	109	16048	14	3533	145	20,684
2008	26	1054	66	781	17	4794	119	6,629
Fire totals and Acreage only include fires reported to CPC.								



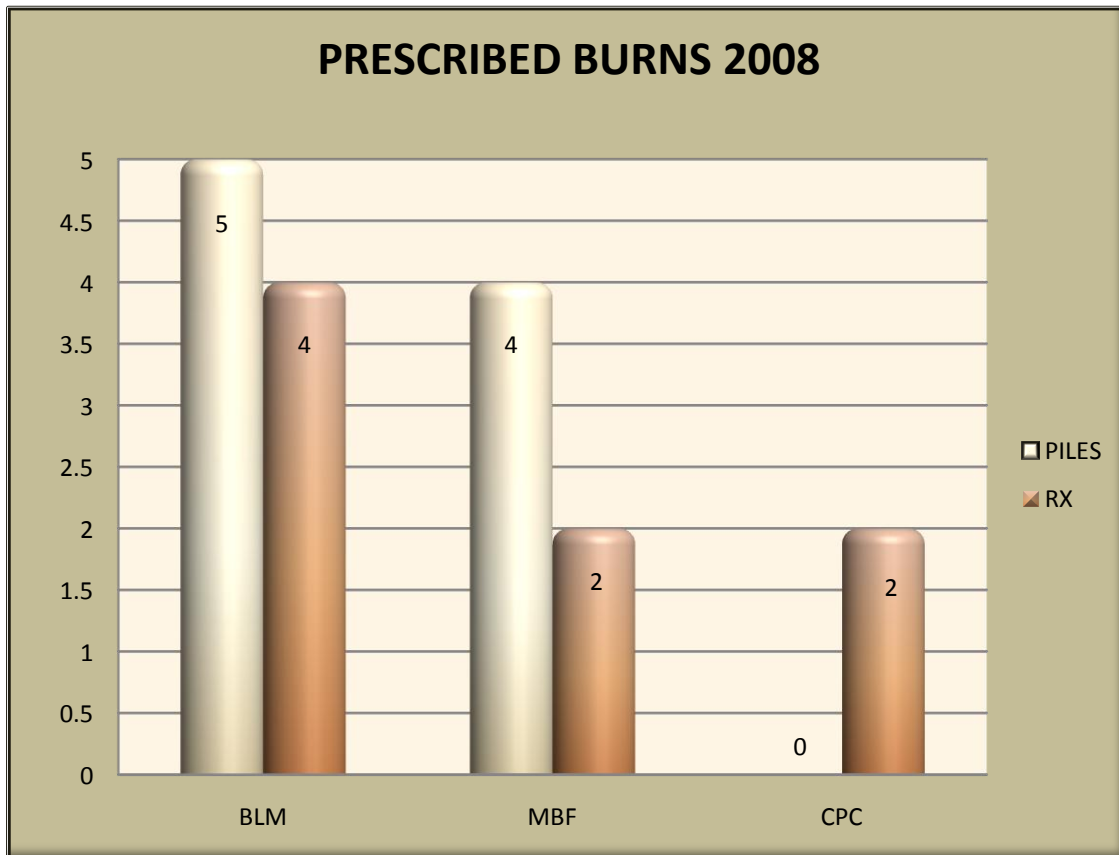
**RX BURNS
2008**

BLM	2839 Acres	9 Burns
MBF	1065 Acres	6 Burns
CPC	890 Acres	2 Burns

***RX and Piles burns combined**

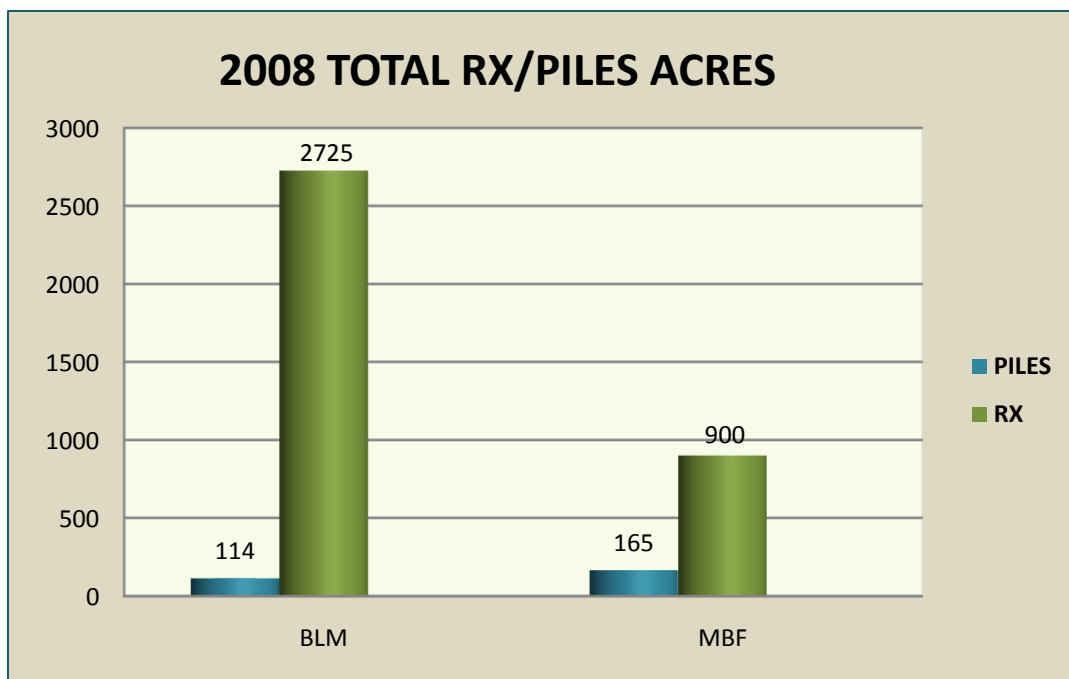
***Only burns reported to CPC**

***CPC = Private Contractor Assists**



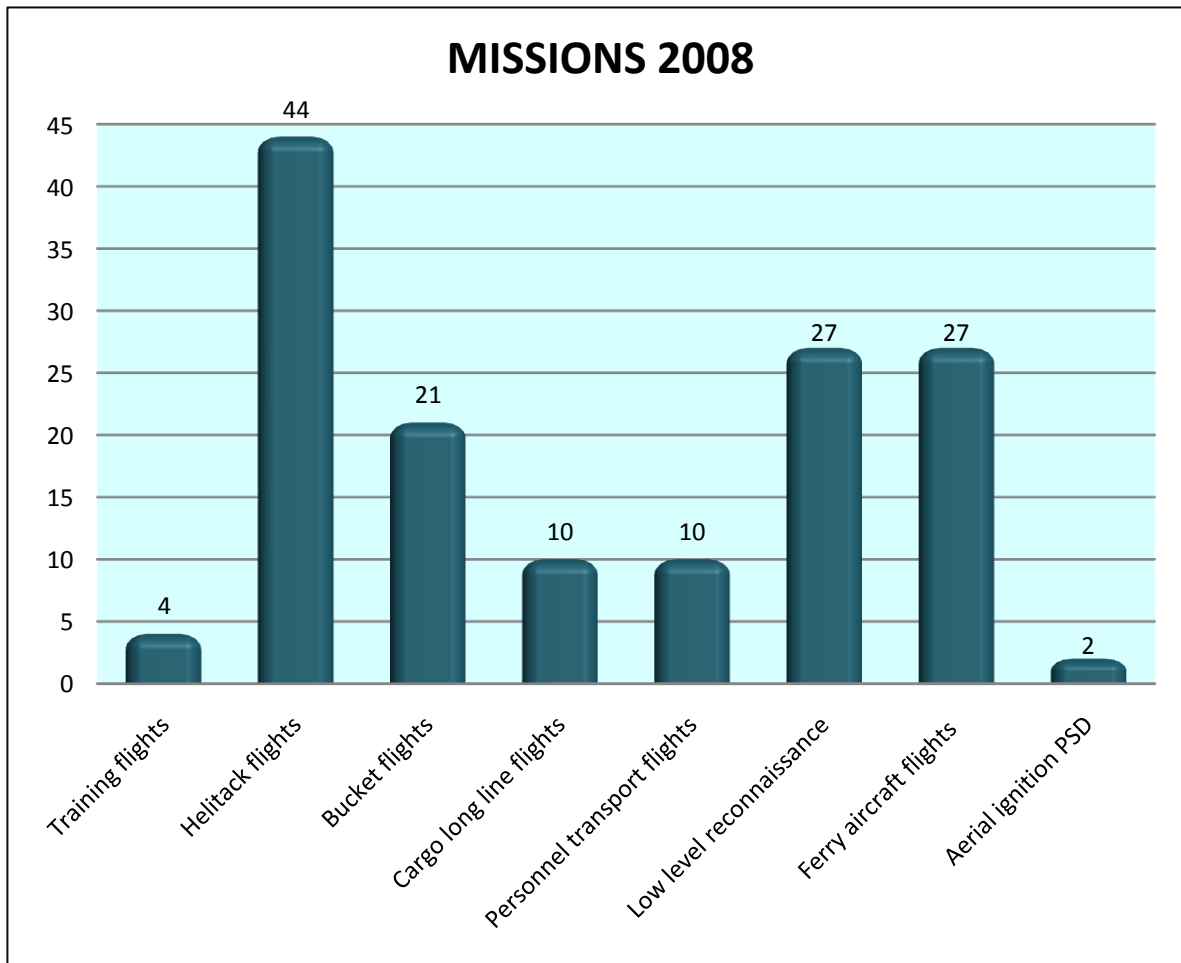
RX FIRES AND FUELS REDUCTION 2008

INCIDENT # 2008	TYPE	BLM	MBF	CPC	TOTAL
ESTERBROOK PILES	PILES	11			11
POWDER RIVER PILES	PILES	17			17
NFDZ PILES	PILES	71			71
BILLY CREEK PILES	PILES	0.25			0.25
MUDDY MOUNTAIN PILES	PILES	15			15
BLACK MNT PILES	PILES		3		3
ESTERBROOK WC PILES	PILES		0.1		0.1
SNOWY RANGE PILES	PILES		77		77
BRUSH-HAYDEN PILES	PILES		84.5		84.5
SAND DRAW RX	BROADCAST	21			21
CEDAR DRAW RX	BROADCAST	1614			1614
LITTLE EAGLE CREEK RX	BROADCAST	400			400
BATHTUB SPRINGS RX	BROADCAST	690			690
COTTONWOOD #3 RX	BROADCAST		650		650
SOLDIER SUMMIT RX	BROADCAST		250		250
FORBES PASTURE	BROADCAST			240	240
BATES CREEK RX	BROADCAST			650	650



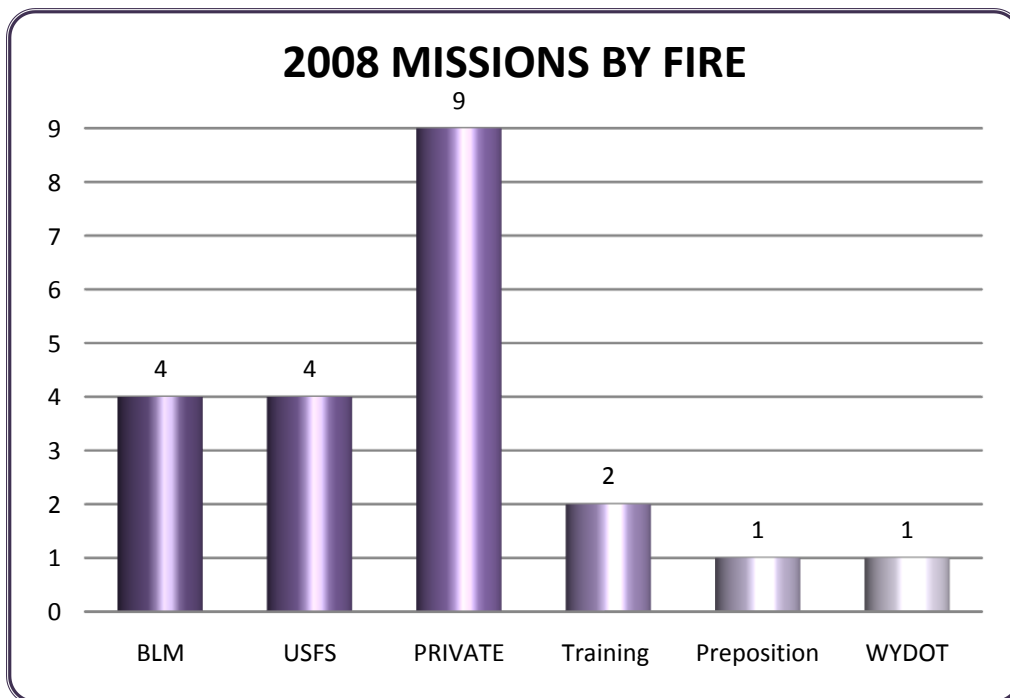
TOTAL MISSION 2008

Training flights	4
Helitack flights	44
Bucket flights	21
Cargo long line flights	10
Personnel transport flights	10
Low level reconnaissance	27
Ferry aircraft flights	27
Aerial ignition PSD	2



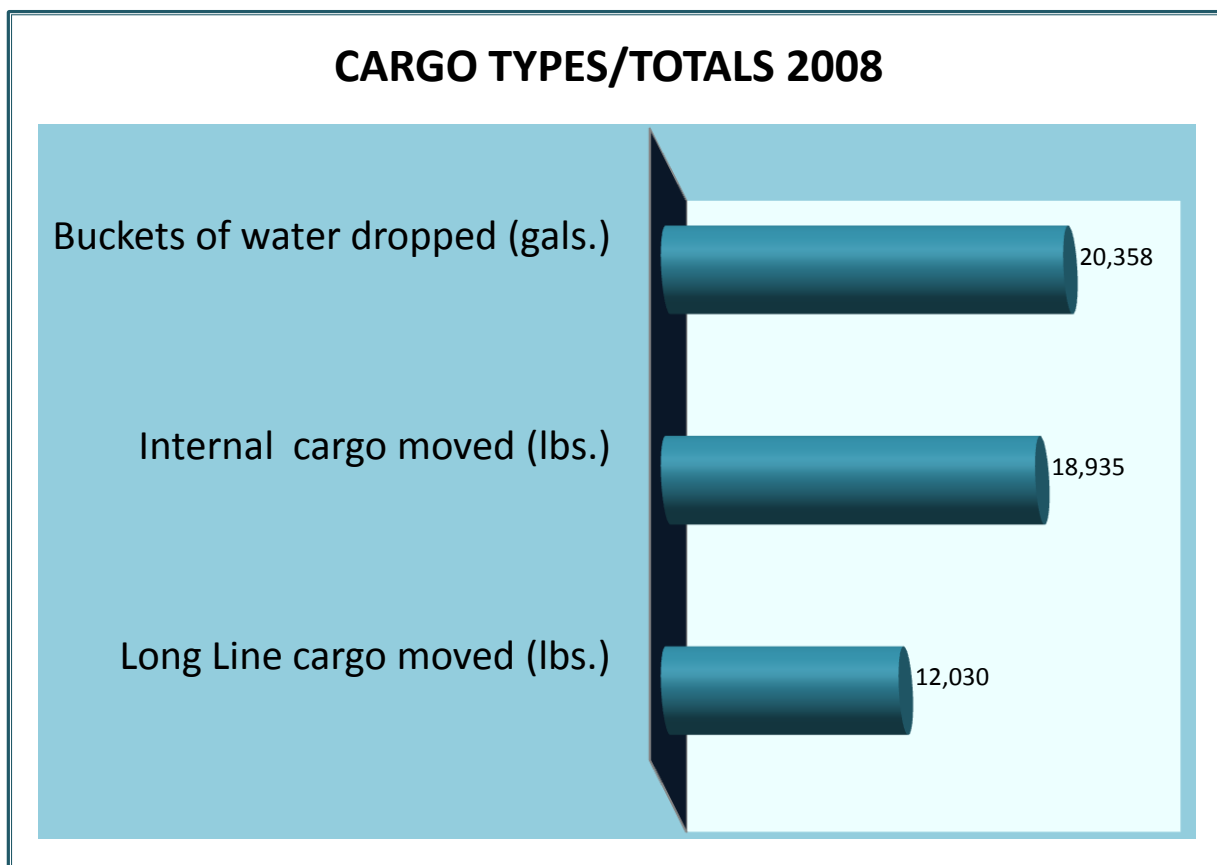
MISSIONS BY FIRE OWNER 2008

BLM	4
USFS	4
PRIVATE	9
Training	2
Preposition	1
WYDOT	1
Total Missions	2
	1
	8
Total Flight Hours	8



2008 CARGO TYPES / TOTALS

Long Line cargo moved (lbs.)	12,030
Internal cargo moved (lbs.)	18,935
Buckets of water dropped (gals.)	20,358

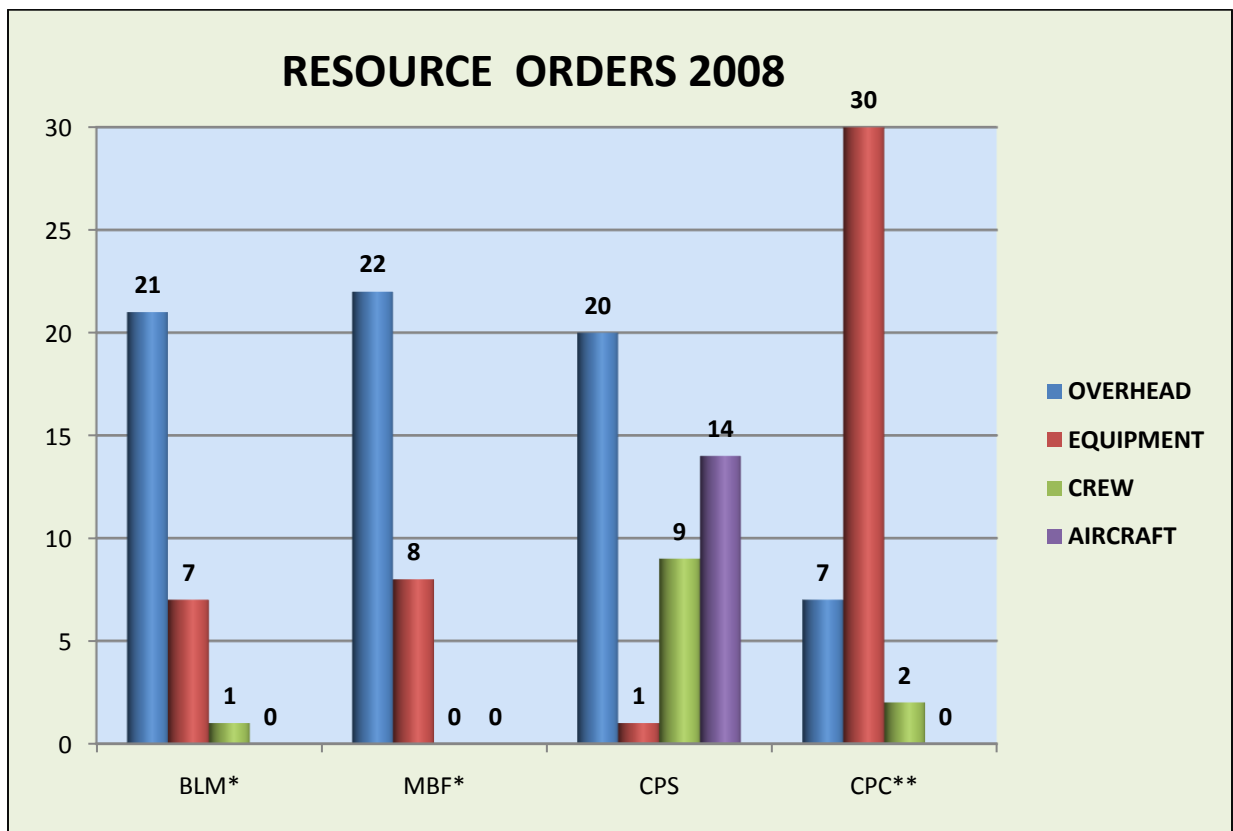


2008 RESOURCE ORDERS BY AGENCY

	OVERHEAD	EQUIPMENT	CREW	AIRCRAFT
BLM*	21	7	1	0
MBF*	22	8	0	0
CPS	20	1	9	14
CPC**	7	30	2	0
TOTAL	70	46	12	14

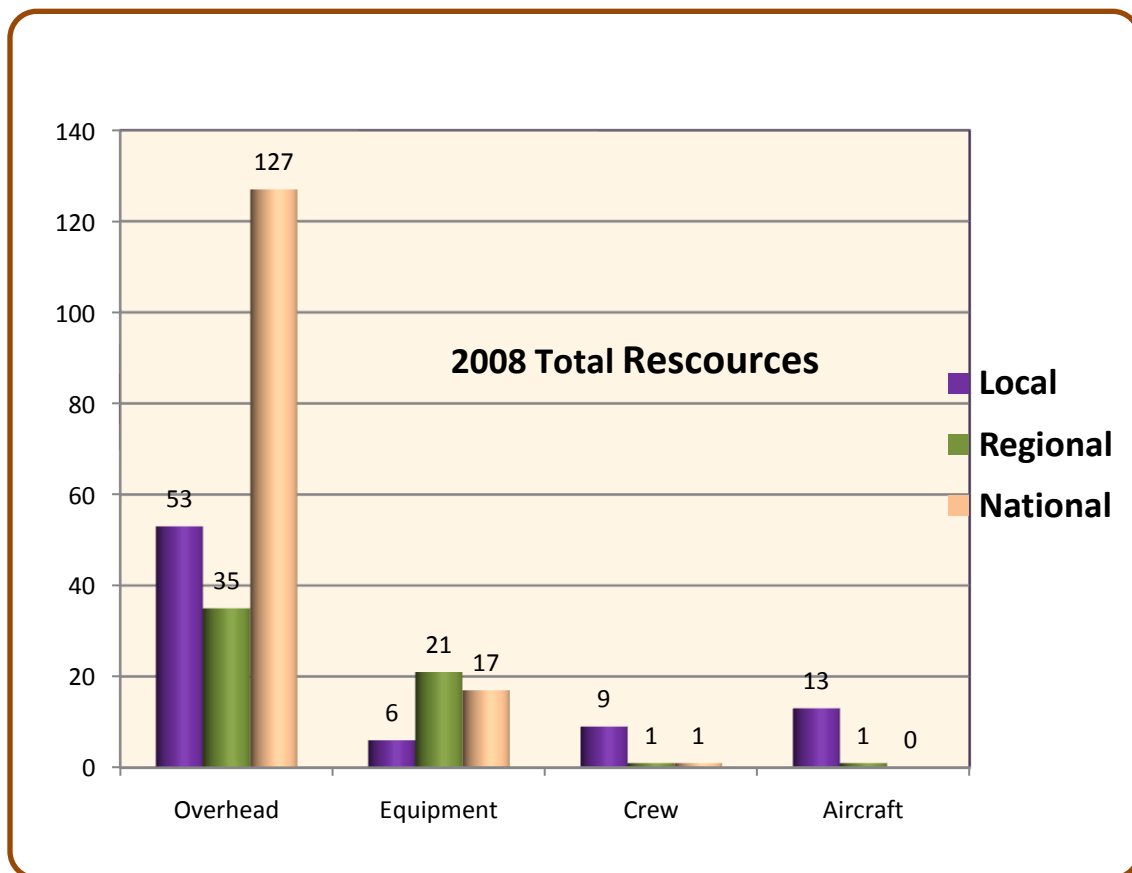
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ALL DIVISIONS

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PRIVATE, VISITORS



2008 RESOURCE ORDERS

	Local	Regional	National
Overhead	53	35	127
Equipment	6	21	17
Crew	9	1	1
Aircraft	13	1	0



STATES RECEIVING RESOURCE ORDERS

ALASKA	1
FLORIDA	1
IDAHO	1
MONTANA	1
N CAROLINA	1
NEBRASKA	4
UTAH	5
NEW MEXICO	7
OREGON	9
NEVADA	10
TEXAS	13
COLORADO	28
CALIFORNIA	40
WYOMING	92

