

Casper Interagency Dispatch 2019 Year End Report



Brush Creek Fire - September 15, 2019 (L. Fortner)



Ashenfelder Fire - September 4, 2019 (A. Spaulding)

Dispatch Zone: Casper Interagency Dispatch Center coordinates resources and incidents for High Plains District and High Desert District for the BLM and The Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest (WY), Thunder Basin National Grassland, State of Wyoming lands for the USFA, and seventeen counties in Wyoming. The Casper Dispatch Zone spans from the Northern Wyoming/ Montana border south along the Southern Big Horns and Rattlesnakes, then East to the South Dakota and Nebraska state lines, and West to the Utah Border (basically the South half of Wyoming).

Staffing

- Center Manager: Rob Neibauer, Bill Roach
- Assistant Center Manager (BLM): Gary Batchelder
- Assistant Center Manager (USFS): Josh Schake
- Lead Dispatcher: Adam Spaulding
- Aircraft Dispatcher: Kyle Adams
- IA Dispatcher: Shannon Daubin
- IA Dispatcher: Rachel Simpson
- IA Dispatcher (Seasonal): Melanie Morgan
- IA Dispatcher (Seasonal): Nickole Byer
- IA Dispatcher (Seasonal): Caleb Holscher
- IA Dispatcher (Seasonal): Jaysie Thomas

2019 Summary

Rob Neibauer, who was the Center Manger since 2012, retired. In his place, the CPC coordinating group hired Bill Roach. He comes to us from Color County dispatch in Utah, where he was the Center Manager for about 9 years. 2019 was the second year of operation following the consolidation with Rawlins Dispatch. Many of the bugs that were realized the year before had been smoothed out. The center was fully staffed, including 4 seasonals.

Aviation Summary

H-8BH came on contract June 17th ending on September 28th, with 14 days extended. Total flight hours were 136.6, with 18 initial attacks and 16 extended fire incidents. A total of 7 detailers went through the training program.

H-2TJ came on contract June 10th ending on September 14th, with 0 days extended. Total flight hours were 135.1, with 27 fire missions, 1 SAR, 2 live training missions, 2 repeater projects and 7 crew training missions. A total of 19 detailers went through the training program.

Flight Following Hours tracked within CPC Dispatch:

Fight Following Hours Comparison
 2016 – 710 hours
 2017 – 1,076 hours
 2018 – 1,317 hours
 2019 – 562 hours

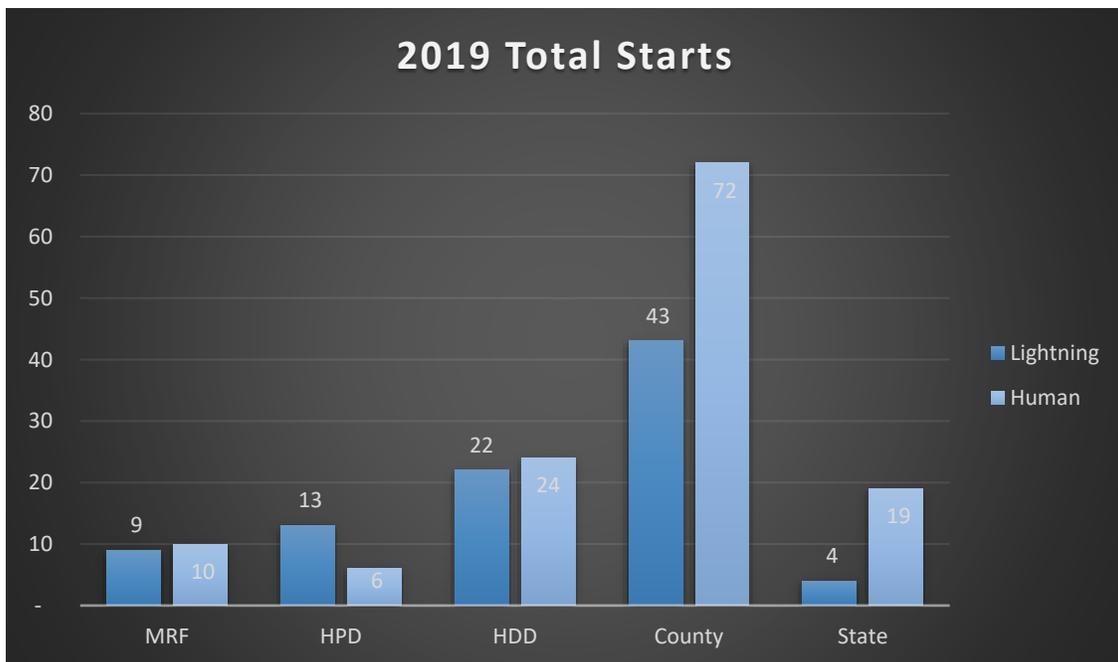
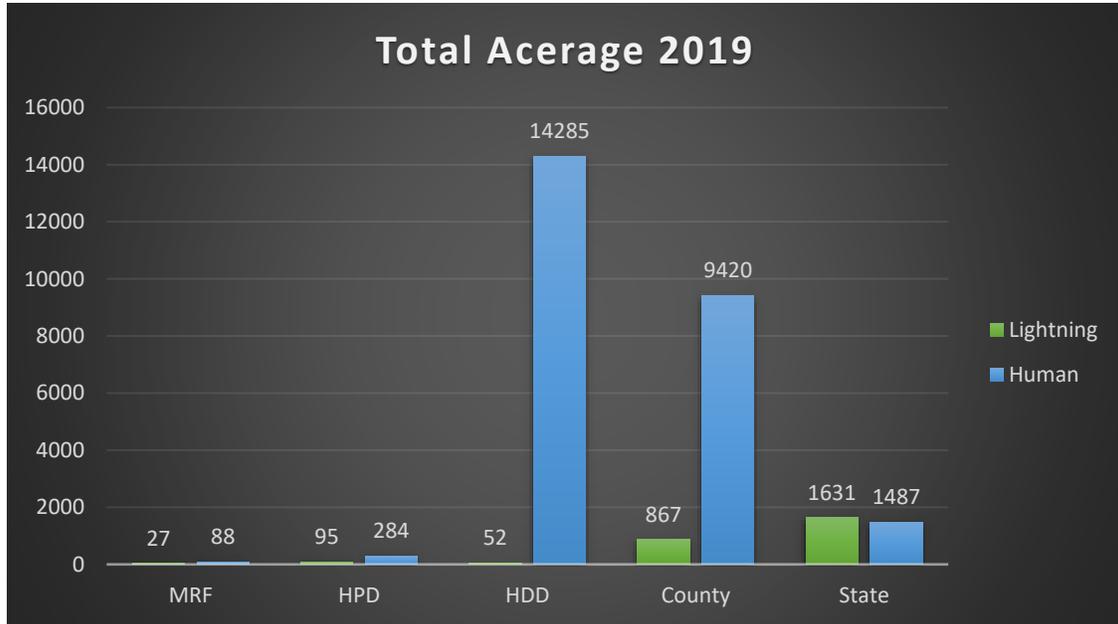
	Days Used	Hours Used
FS Fixed Wing	22	85
FS Rotor Wing	16	20
BLM Fixed Wing	106	477.5
BLM Rotor Wing	79	202.5
WYS Fixed Wing	2	4
WYS Rotor Wing	34	135
UAS	10	44

Fire Activity

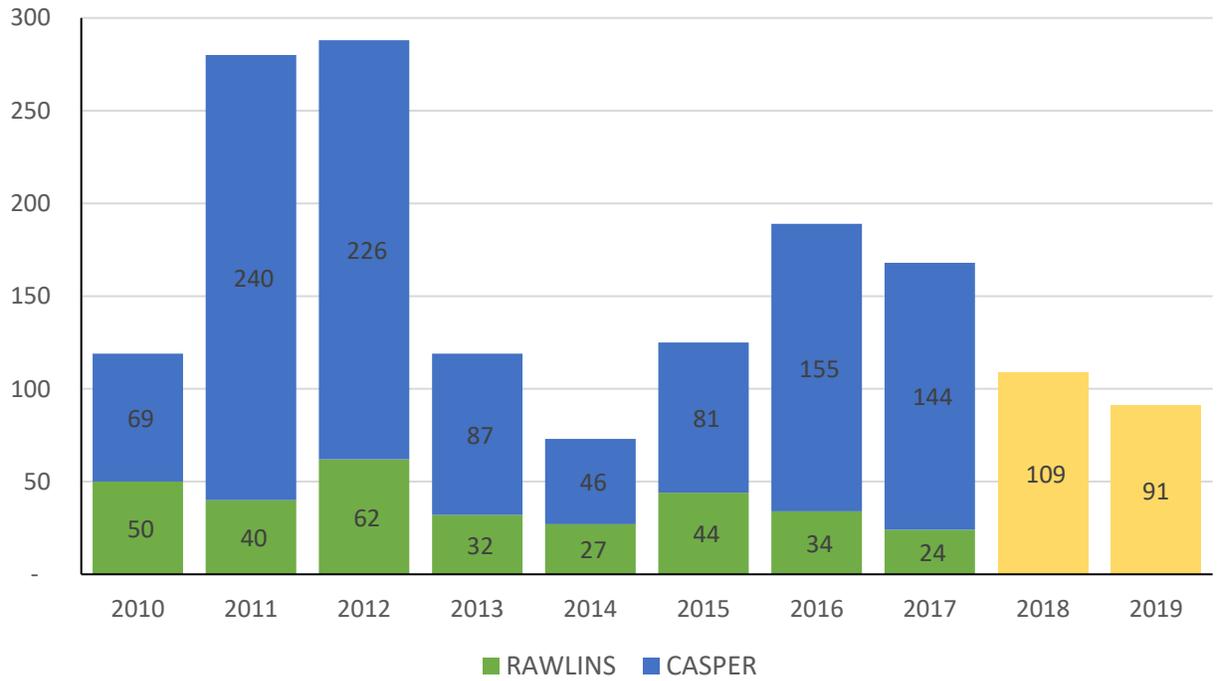
The fire season saw a below average number of fires and acreage, when compared to the ten-year average. The ten-year average for the CPC zone is 293 fires for 83,008 acres. 2019 had a total of 223 fires for 28,239 acres.

Expanded Dispatch was opened on August 17 to support the Boulder Lake, Pedro Mountain, and Ashenfelder Fires. It was closed in the middle of September.

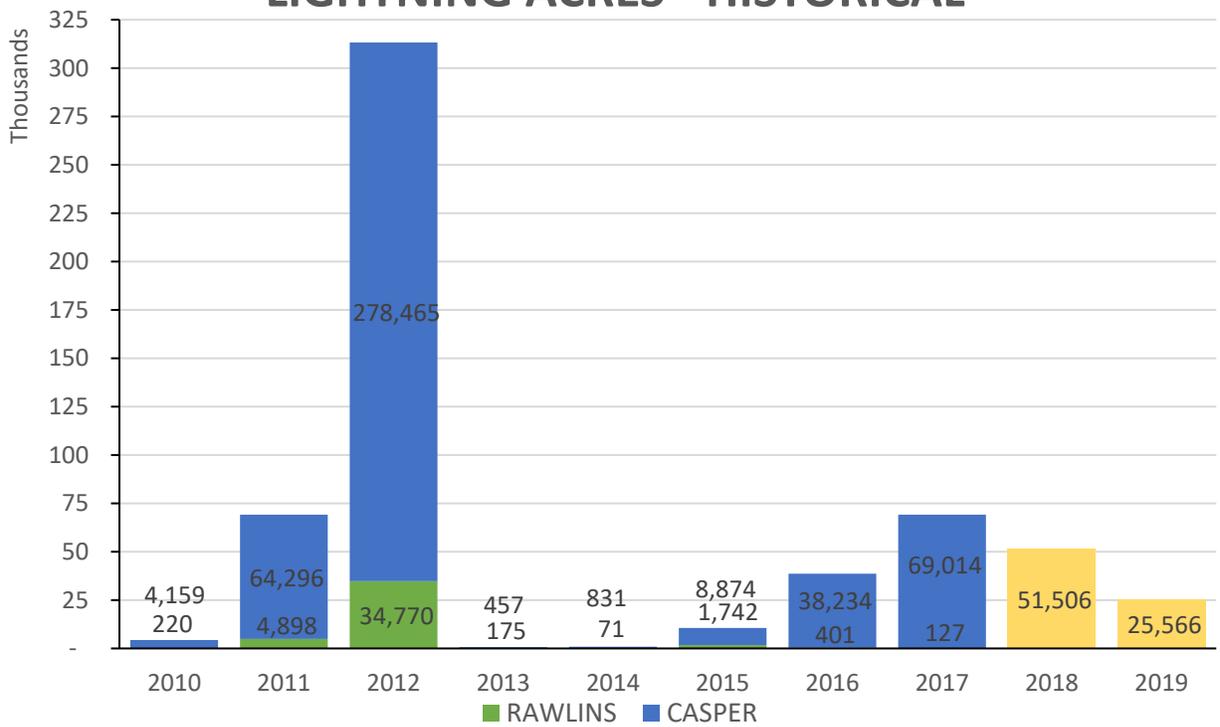
Fire data in the charts below was done by combining 10 years of data for both Casper and Rawlins Dispatch Centers, resembling 10 years of data for the consolidated Casper Dispatch Center.



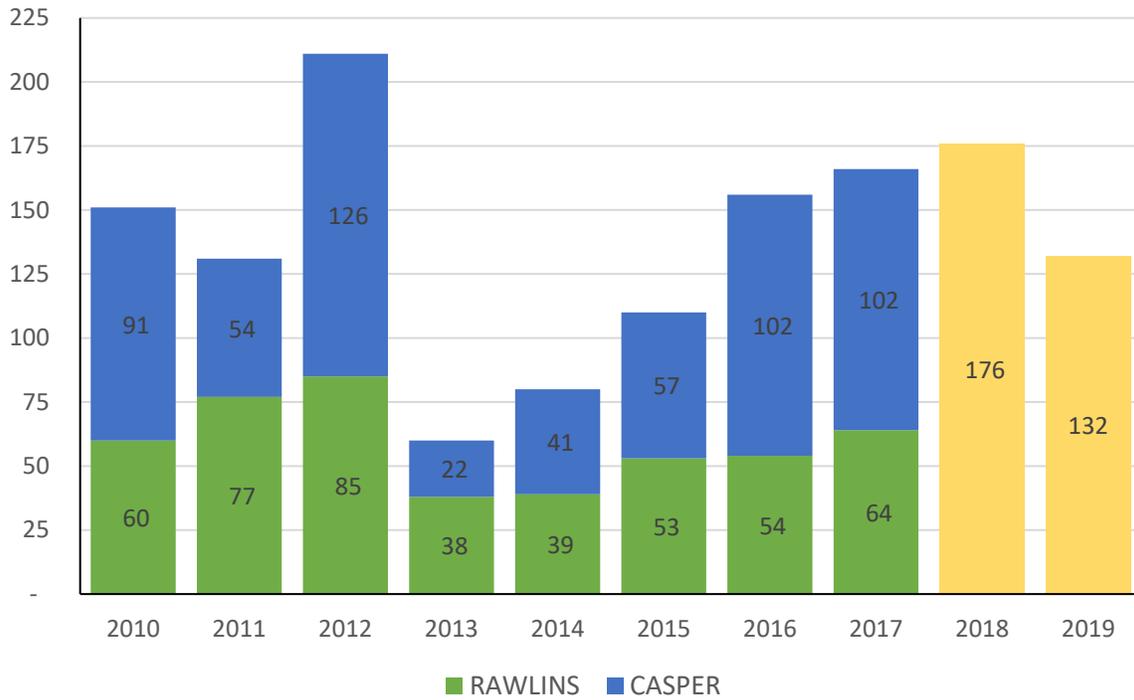
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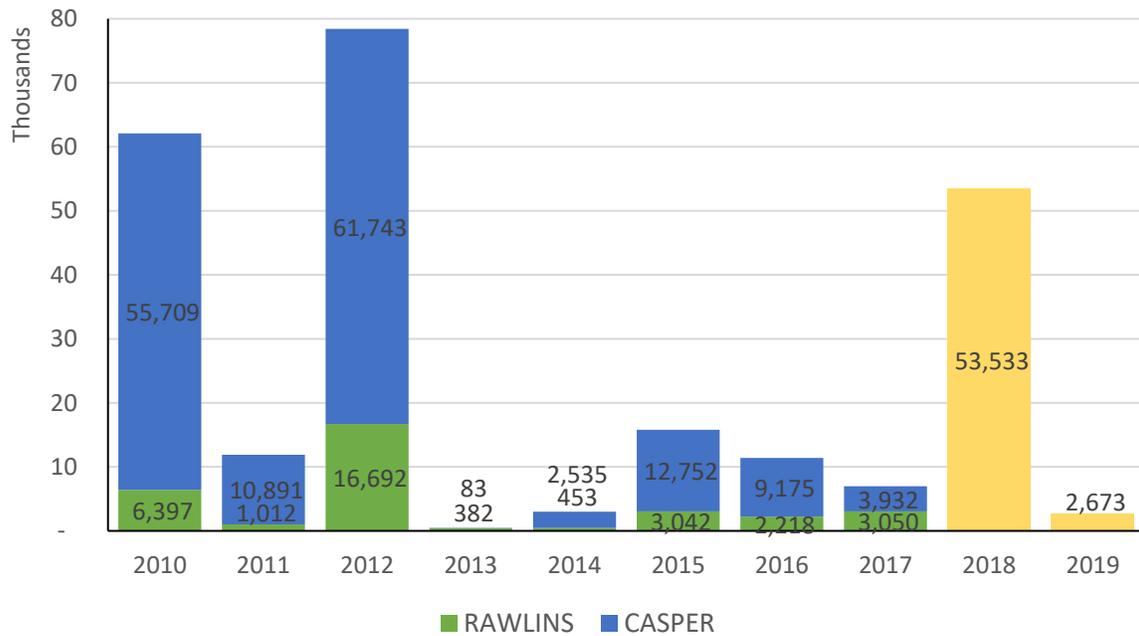
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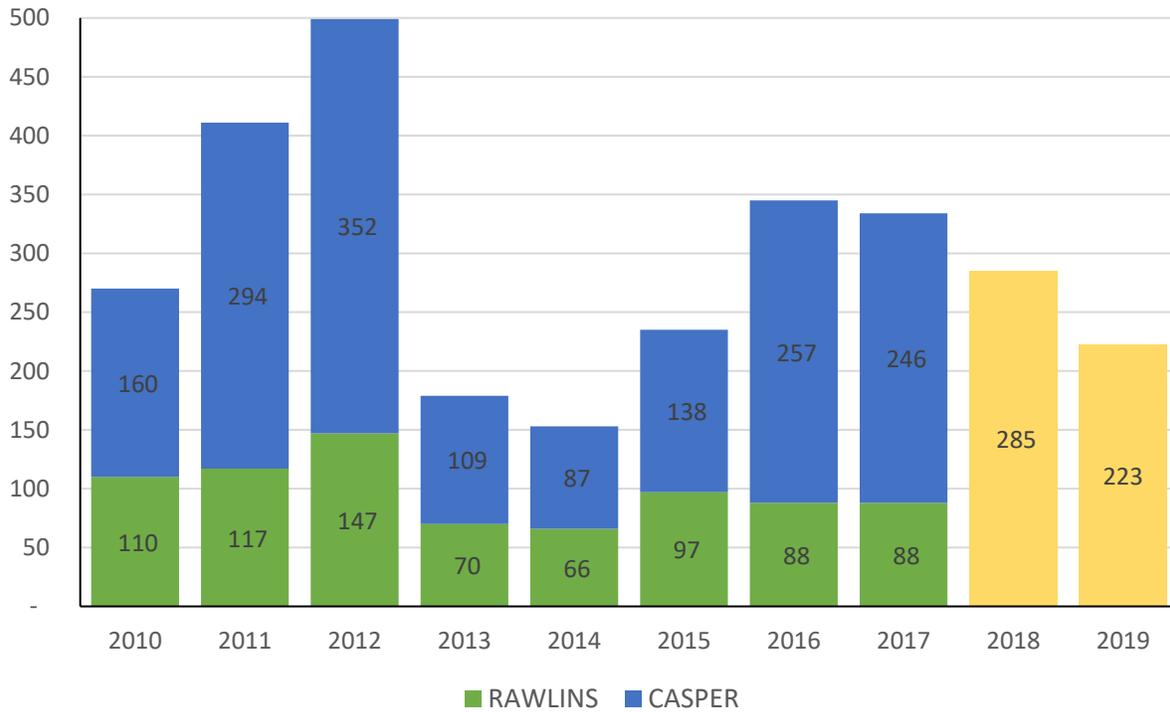
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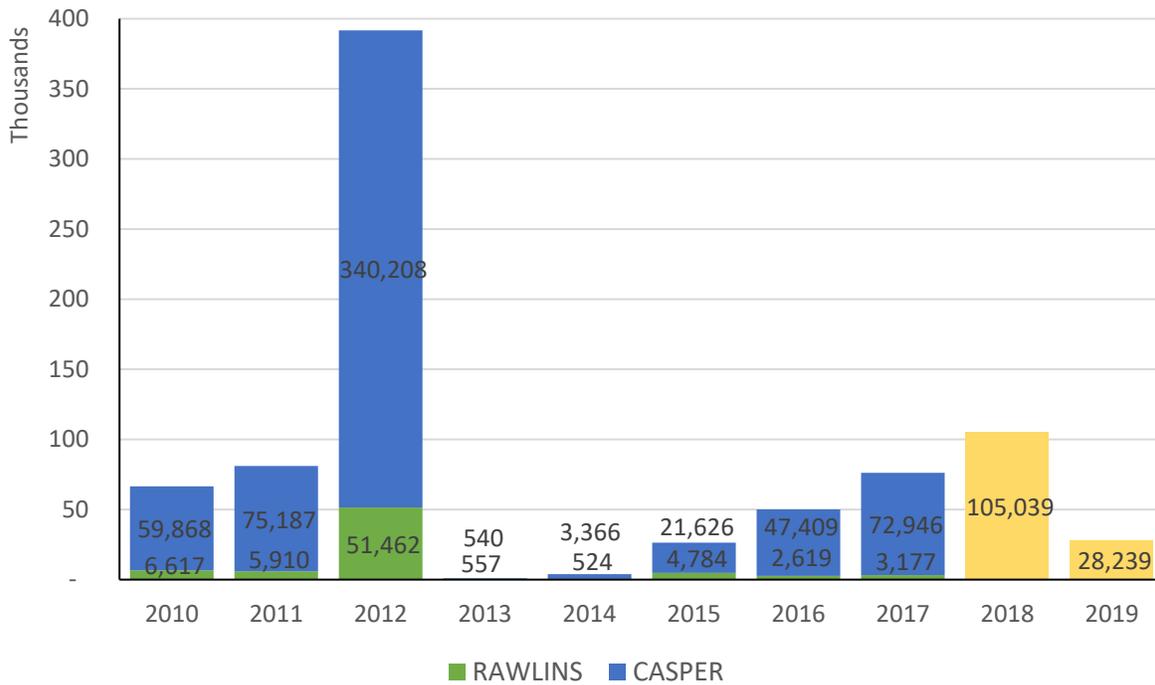
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OVERALL WILDFIRE STARTS - HISTORICAL



OVERALL WILDFIRE ACRES - HISTORICAL



ROSS Orders - HISTORICAL

