

Craig Interagency Dispatch Center 2006 Year-End Report



Cooperating Agencies

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United States Forest Service
National Park Service
US Fish and Wildlife Service
Colorado State Forest Service
Moffat, Routt, Rio Blanco, Jackson & Grand Counties

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The 2006 fire season was average; the dispatch center supported approximately 800 incidents. The first wildfire of the season was a Moffat County fire in February with the final fire occurring in November. The dispatch center experienced 51 multiple fire days with the most fires in one day being 30. Total number of fires, all agencies this season was 305.

The dispatch center supported 1 type 2 incident, several type 3 incidents, prescribed fires, and Wildfire Use.

Mobilization of resources out of the dispatch area was steady. The dispatch center mobilized equipment, crews, and overhead within the Rocky Mountain Area as well as to the Southwest, Northern Rockies, Western Great Basin, Eastern Great Basin, and California areas for wildland fire assignments. Two type 3 helicopters were on unit, one for about 6 weeks supporting initial attack and the other one on severity due to the Rainbow Gathering on the forest.

Several detailers were brought in through out the course of the season to provide coverage due the vacant dispatch position (vice Campbell). This proved to be very effective and beneficial to the dispatch center as well as to the individuals. Some individuals were able to complete task books, while others shared their knowledge and experiences of the various dispatch software being used. This provided the dispatch center with new insights in the use of these programs, increasing productivity and efficiency.

807 Incident Actions were processed this past year which included wildfire suppression, prescribed fire support, wildfire use support, all risk incidents, burned area rehabilitation, flight following for the regional bug flight, public assists, and flight requests.

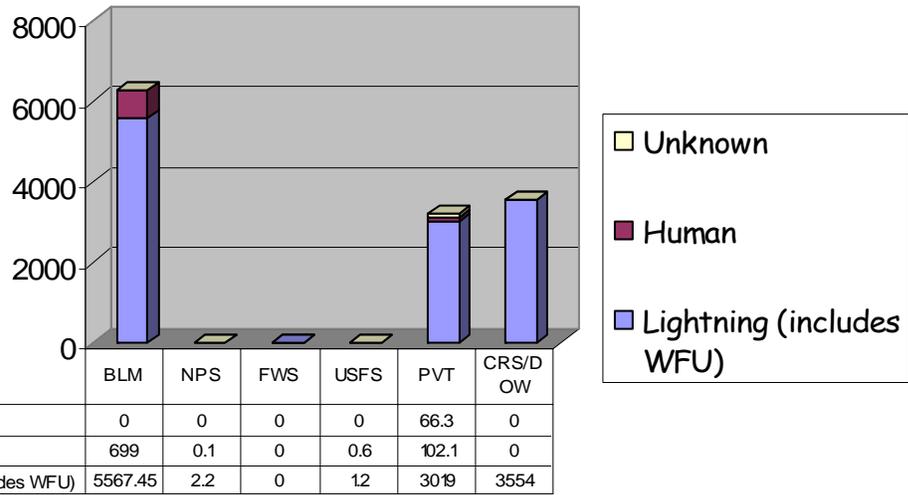
2006 CRC Fire Statistics

Cause	BLM		USFS		NPS		FWS		State/DOW		Private		Totals	
	#	Ac	#	Ac	#	Ac	#	Ac	#	Ac	#	Ac	#	Ac
Human	10	699	7	0.5	1	0.1	0	0	0	0	16	102.1	34	801.7
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	66.3	6	66.3
Lightning	194	5567	8	1.2	7	0.7	0	0	6	3554	46	3017	261	12140
RX		788		2166		20		20						2994
Mech.		3320		1391		0		21						4732
WFU	2	27.1	0	0	1	1.5	0	0	0	0	1	1.5	4	30
Totals	206	10401	15	3559	9	22	0	41	6	3554	69	3187	305	20764

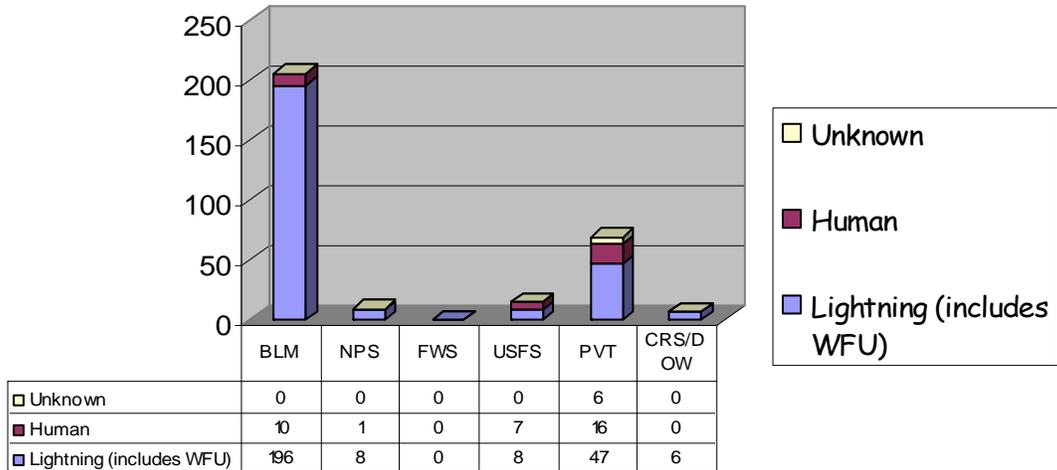
BLM Fire Statistics by Unit

Cause	WRD		LSD		KRD		Totals	
	#	Ac	#	Ac	#	Ac	#	Ac
Human	4	80.5	5	618	1	0.1	10	699
Lightning	97	641	95	4926	2	0.35	194	5567
RX		596		192		0		788
Mechanical		1897		485		938		3320
WFU	0	0	2	27.1	0	0	2	27.1
Totals	101	3214	102	6248	3	938	206	10401

Fire Acres by Cause and Agency



Number of Fires by Agency



End of the Year Report - NW Colorado Fire Management Unit Weather, Fuels and Fire Use

Weather

The unit experienced highly variable precipitation periods throughout the year. Moisture amounts during the winter and early spring were normal to slightly above normal. From mid-April until late July, the predominant weather pattern turned to warmer and drier than usual. ERC thresholds for fire use on the Little Snake and White River Field Offices were exceeded in the late May to early June period. In fact, record high ERCs were recorded for much of June and into July. The White River Field Office had two type three incidents, one on April 27 and the other on May 21, that also signaled the onset of an early hot and dry season. There were short, moderate intensity monsoonal surges of moisture from late July through most of August that brought some relief and lessened the indices and fire dangers throughout the unit. September and October saw much above normal precipitation amounts, some areas as high as 300 percent of normal, and pretty much ended the season for us.



Thomas Fire

Fuels Management

The Unit accomplished a significant number of treated acres in the Fuels Management arena this year. Contract and force account work was utilized on mechanical treatment projects and force account employees accomplished prescribed burning projects. The following table shows accomplishments for the unit throughout the year.

Unit	Mech. Treatment	Rx Treatment	Total Acres
Little Snake FO	485 ac	192 ac	677 ac
White River FO	1897 ac	596 ac	2493 ac
Kremmling FO	938 ac	0 ac	938 ac
Routt NF	1391 ac	2166 ac	3557 ac
Dinosaur		20 ac	20 ac
Browns Park	21ac	20 ac	41 ac
Unit-Wide Totals	4732 ac	2974 ac	7726 ac

One of the mechanical treatment projects on the White River Field Office is somewhat of an experiment for cheat grass control. A number of small areas were treated in different manners, including aerial spraying, disking, seeding or a combination. Initial response to the treatments appears to be positive and this effort will probably continue for two or three more years. Results from this effort could have far reaching and long term implications to the management of this invasive species.



Puckett Gulch Fuels Treatment



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Wildland Fire Use

The WFU program was not as active on the unit this year as compared to the last two or three years. As mentioned previously, the onset of the season saw record high ERC levels which effectively limited fire use on the BLM lands from early June through late July. A total of four WFU fires were managed on the unit, including one cooperative effort with Moffat County that occurred on private land. These four fires burned a total of about 27 acres. Two fires were managed under a confinement strategy on the Little Snake Field Office. The Goodman fire burned 854 acres and the Chokecherry fire burned 0.3 acres. One unit employee completed a FUM2 task book this year and a second employee partially completed this task book.



Goodman Fire

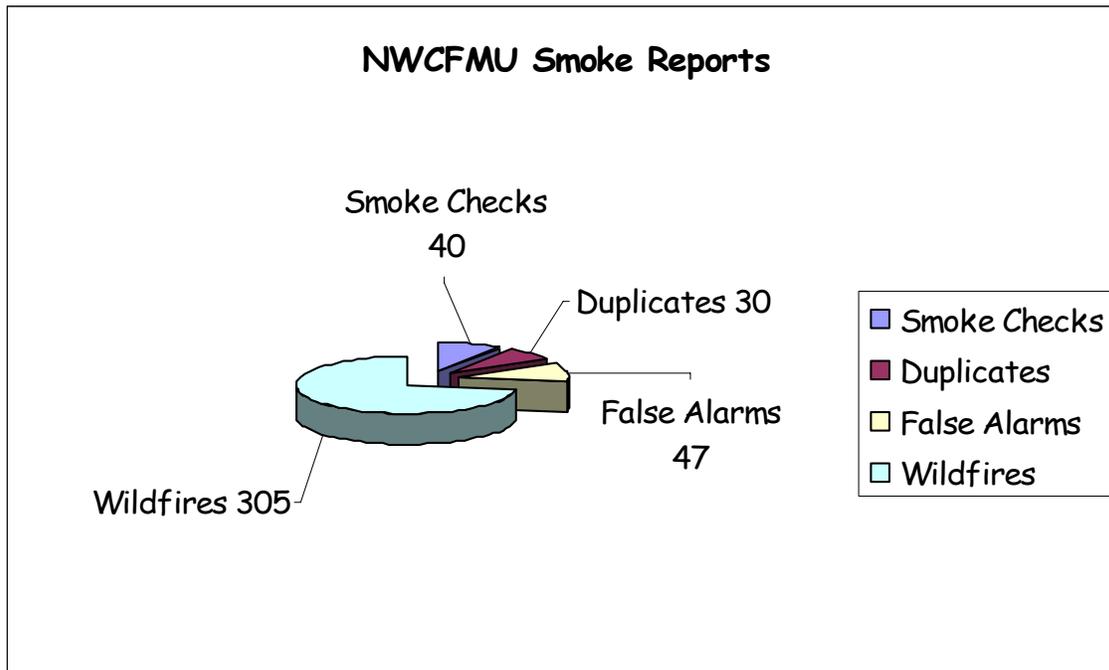


Sour Patch

2006 Large Fire Summary

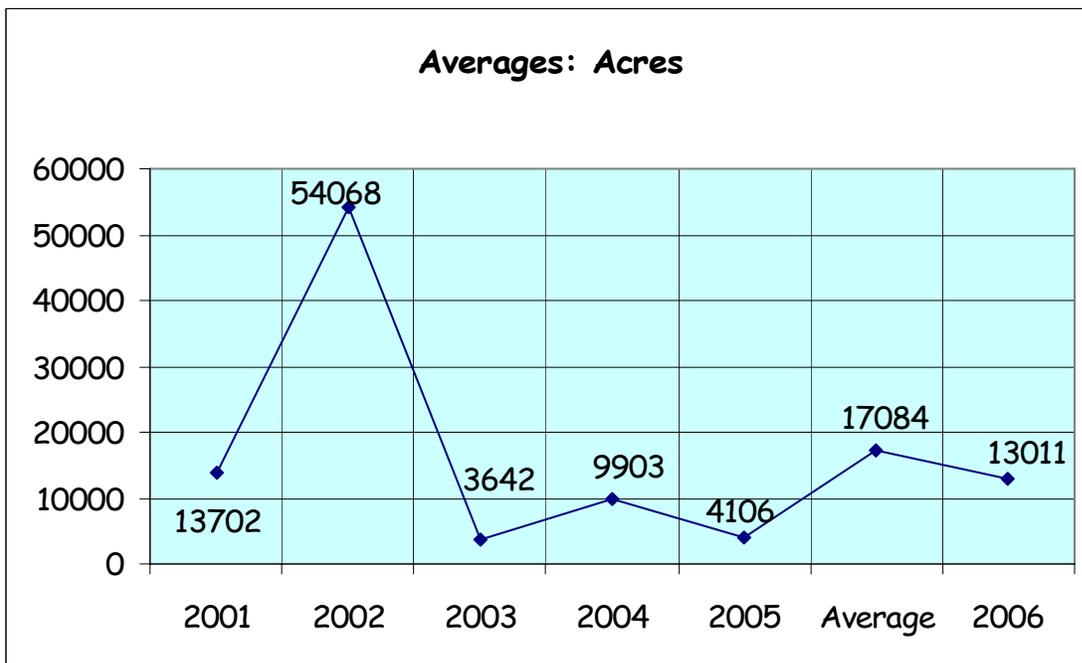
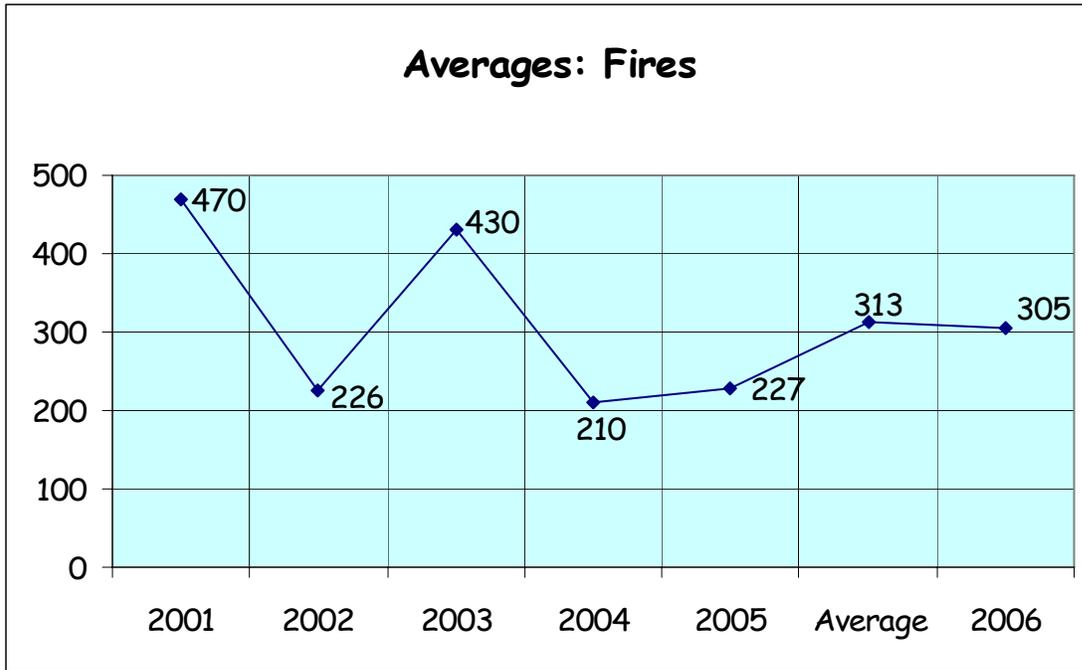
Incident Name	Start Date	Cause	Final Acreage	Agency	State & Unit	Team Name	Team Type
Thomas	6/13/06	L	3347	BLM/Private	CO-LSD	Mullenix Beckerman	Type 2 Type 3
Four Mile	6/26/06	H	386	BLM	CO-LSD	Stearns Beckerman	Type 4 Type 3
Divide	7/13/06	L	3550	BLM/Private	CO-MFX	Yeager Hutton	Type 3(T) Type 3
Sour Patch	7/18/06	L	637	BLM/Private	CO-RBX	Harris	Type 3
Buffalo	7/26/06	L	447	BLM/Private	CO-LSD	Simpson	Type 3
Goodman	7/26/06	L	854	BLM	CO-LSD	Flores	Type 4
Bitterbrush	8/22/06	L	2206	BLM/State/ Private	CO-CRS	Harms	Type 4

2006 Incident Action Summary



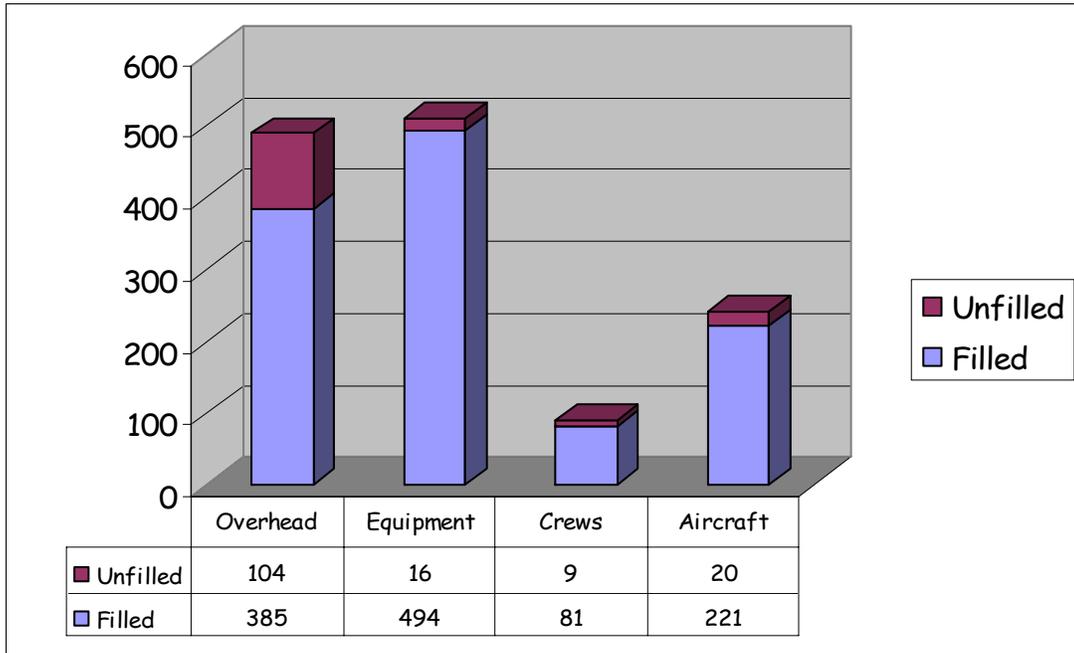
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5 - Year Averages: Fires and Acres

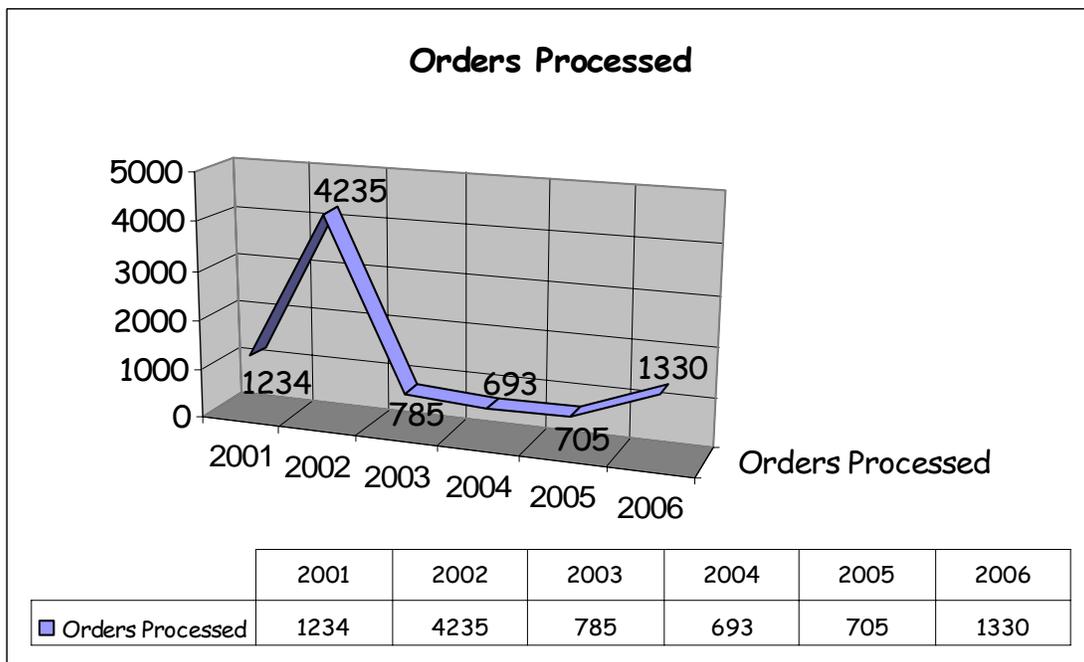


CRC Resource Order Statistics

2006 Resource Orders



Resource Order Requests Processed

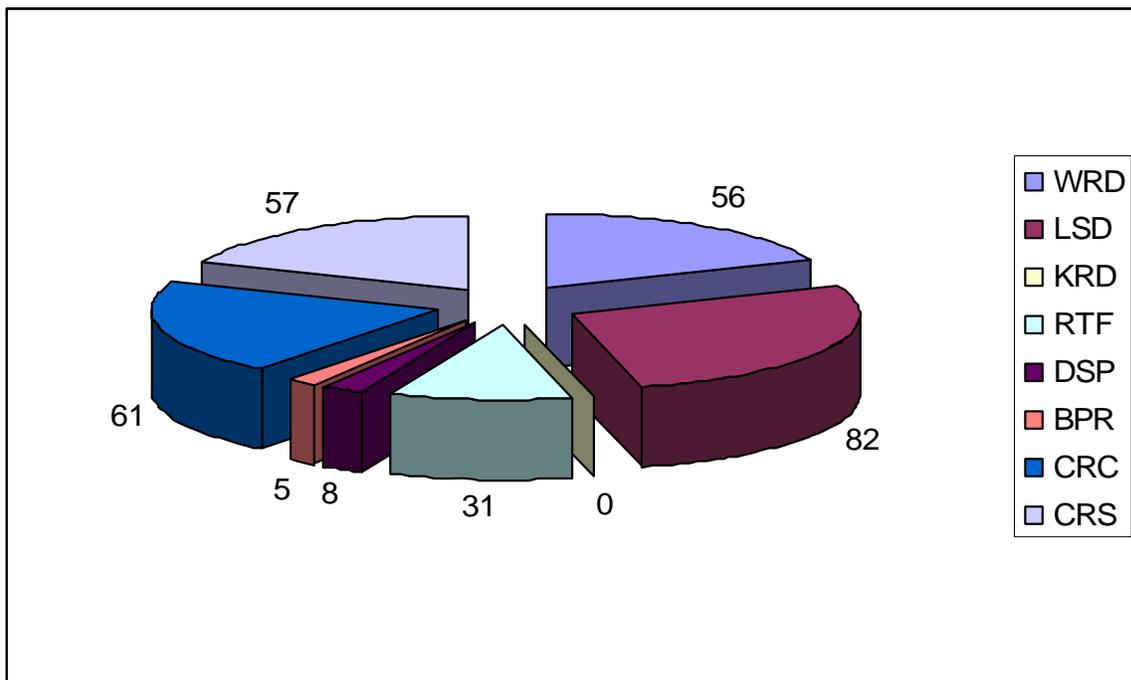


**2006 Resource Order Statistics Workload
By Unit
(including UTF's and CX)**

	WRD	LSD	KRD	RTF	DSP	BPR	CRC	Counties/ State	Totals
Overhead	56	82	0	31	8	5	61	57	300
Crews	14	18	0	5	1	0	1	9	48
Equipment	198	139	5	13	4	1	4	97	461
Aircraft	44	17	1	3	2	0	2	18	87
Totals	312	256	6	52	15	6	68	181	896

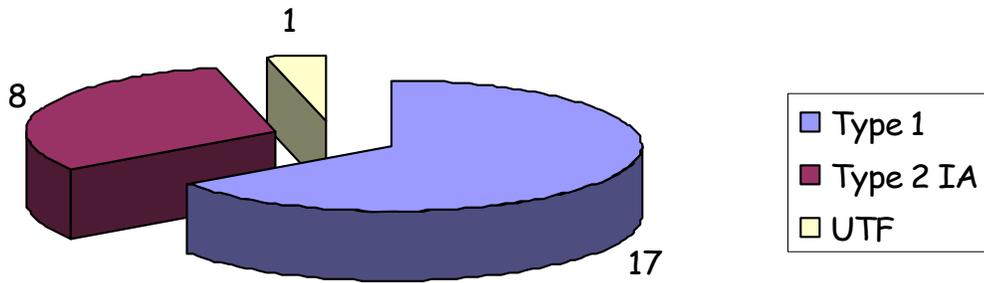
Overhead Summary

Local Agency Overhead Participation

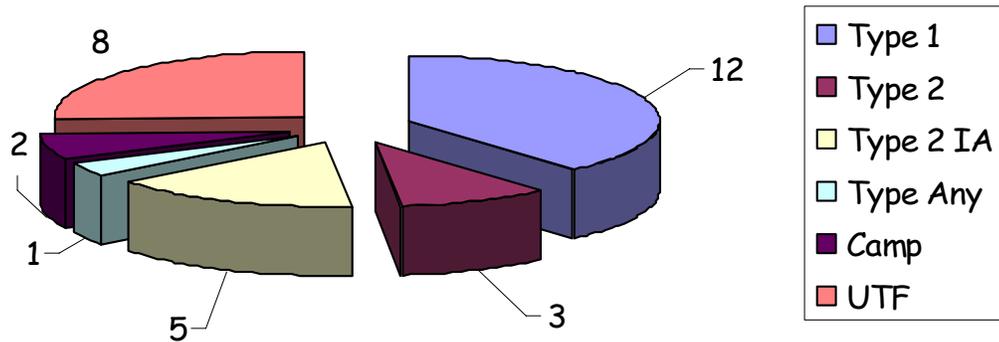


Crew Summary

CO-CRC Filled Crew Resource Orders



CO-CRC Placed Crew Resource Orders (Filled)





**Historical Crew Usage within CRC Zone
(Includes Local and Visiting Crews, Type 1 & 2)**

Year	Number of Crews	Number of Days
1995	10	40
1996	37	146
1997	1	5
1998	17	83
1999	23	Not Available
2000	71	228
2001	93	342
2002	135	1051
2003	30	85
2004	33	95
2005	4	6
2006	19	60

Craig Interagency Hotshots

The Craig Interagency Hotshots spent 43 days on 19 fire assignments. There were nine out-of region, nine regional and one local assignments.

Yampa Valley Interagency Type 2 Crew

The Yampa Valley Interagency type 2 crew was on 11 assignments for 70 days worked. They were on one national, ten interregional and no local assignments.

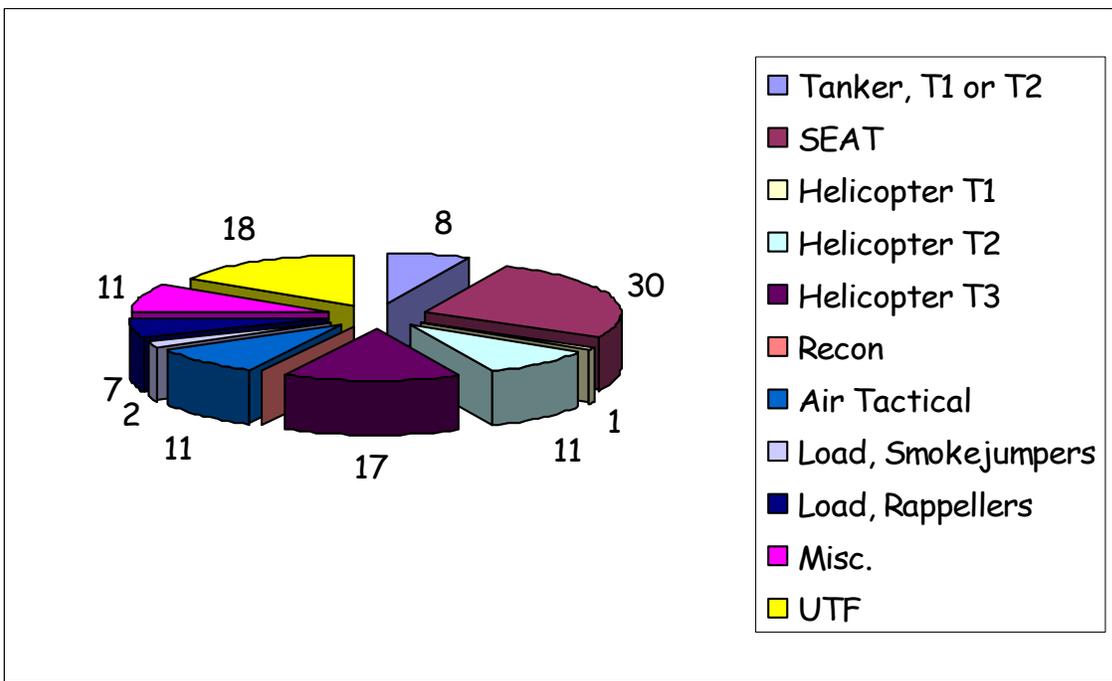
Equipment Summary
9 Engine Orders were Filled

Local Engines Sent Off District

Home Unit	Engine #	Ordered To	Days Assigned
CO-RTF	E-617	TX-TIC	32 *Crew Rotated
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CO-RTF	E-617	TX-TIC	13
CO-CRS	E-619	OK-OKSC	11
CO-DSP	E-681	UT-UBC	2
CO-BPR	E-610	WY-RWC	2
CO-GRLX	E-367	CO-PBC	5
CO-GRLX	E-367	WY-RWC	8
CO-GRLX	E-367	WY-CPC	5



2006 Aircraft Summary



Historical SEAT Usage

1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
5	5	19	50	55	37	28	30