

Craig Interagency Dispatch Center 2008 Year-End Report



Cooperating Agencies

Bureau of Land Management
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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Northwest Colorado experienced a good "old-fashioned" winter with record snow levels across much of the dispatch zone with a wetter spring, including snow on June 8 in Craig. This provided for ample fuel loading when conditions did dry out. The 2008 fire season started out as a slow to "average" year with our normal first of July lightning bust from monsoonal flow. Changing weather patterns in August brought dry northern cold fronts which resulted in most of our large fires.

The first wildfire of the season was the Butler Sawmill Slash fire in Moffat County on April 15. The last fire of the season was on November 18th in Rio Blanco County. CRC had wildfires on 75 different days with 33 of those being multiple fire days with the most starts in one day being 17. Total number of fires, all agencies this season was 192 for 35,558 acres of which 30,780 acres were from the Mayberry and Prong fires in Moffat County.

The dispatch center supported one FUMT (IC Reinarz) on the Jordan fire even though it was not declared a WFU, five Type 3 incidents, and several extended attack type 4 incidents that lasted as long as the type 3 incidents and resulted in as much resource order support.

600 Incident Actions (down from 748 in 2007) were processed this past year which included wildfire suppression, prescribed fire support, wildfire use support, all risk incidents, bark beetle support, flight following for the regional bug and wild horse flights, public assists, red flag warnings and other flight requests.

Most of the mobilization of resources out of the dispatch area was to support California, Nevada and the Northwest. In addition to mobilizing our normal resources, the Craig Dispatch Center was asked to facilitate the mobilization and demobilization of R2 USFS Type 1 crews working on the Bark Beetle Campground Hazard Mitigation projects on the Arapaho-Roosevelt, White River, and Medicine-Bow/Routt National Forests.

The dispatch center was fully staffed this year, a first in a number of years. However, we were still grateful for the "militia" and AD's that filled in during periods of high activity, along with extra support from the Craig Hotshots. The effective communications and cohesiveness of the dispatchers, militia, fire management and firefighters were imperative during and after the crash of T-452 on August 27th. Thanks to Rawlins and Pueblo Dispatch for sending us dispatchers following the accident.

Since our office was well staffed this year, we were able to reciprocate help to other offices, including Color Country (Cedar City), Helena, Medford, Pueblo, Ft. Collins, Cody and Grand Junction Dispatch Centers in addition to the Rocky Mountain and National Interagency Coordination Centers. This allowed individuals to work on Resource Unit Leader, Initial Attack and Aircraft Dispatcher taskbooks, as well as gain and share knowledge and experiences.

Some of the training attended by CRC dispatchers in 2008 included: D-110 (2), ACE (1), TFM (1), IFPM/401 (2), D-312 (2), D-311 (1), S-290 (1), and S-271 (1) in addition to all of the required online training. CRC staff was also heavily involved with instructing/coaching at local, regional and national levels including: all D-courses (110, 310, 311, 312, 510), S-520, First Aid/CPR and BLM Perspectives.

CRC continued to be busy throughout the fall burning season, supporting units who accomplished a large number of targets and some that over achieved.

The fall also brought an end to a decade of great leadership at CRC as Cathy Hutton moved to Cody, WY to become their center manager. As if Craig wasn't cold and windy enough!

As we look back on the 2008 fire season, continue to remember the lessons learned (of which there were many), those firefighters who lost their lives and look forward as we prepare for 2009.

2008 CRC Fire Statistics

Cause	BLM		USFS		NPS		FWS		State/DOW		Private		Totals	
	#	Ac	#	Ac	#	Ac	#	Ac	#	Ac	#	Ac	#	Ac
Human	10	197	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	120	19	1174	33	1491
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lightning	125	14598	5	6	3	1	0	0	3	1500	21	17986	157	34091
WFU	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Totals	137	14795	7	6	3	1	0	0	5	1620	40	19160	192	35582

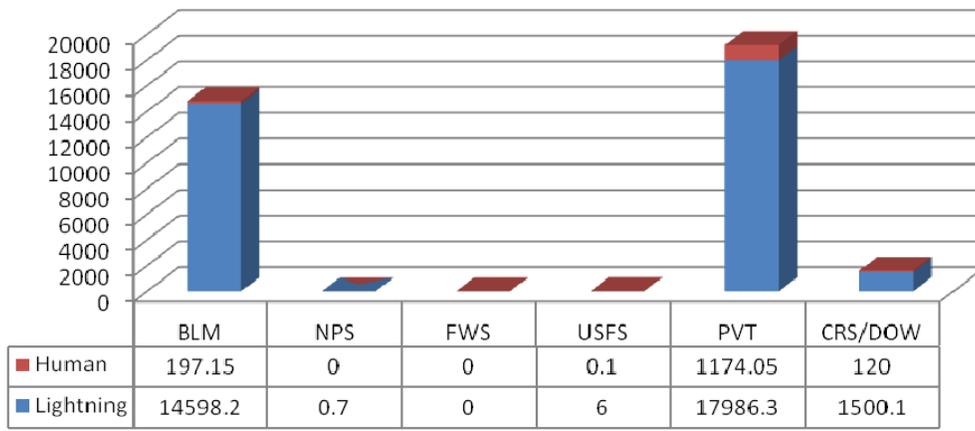
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BLM Fire Statistics by Unit

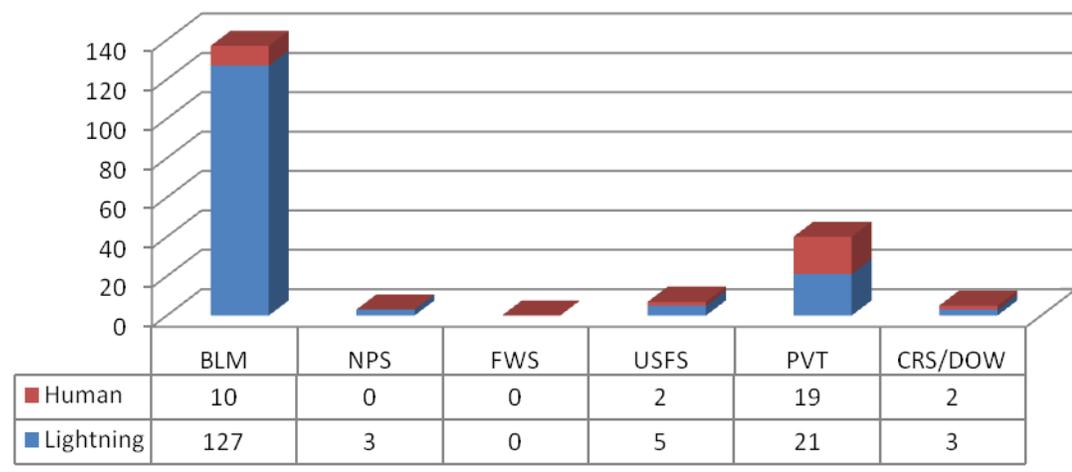
Cause	WRD		LSD		KRD		Totals	
	#	Ac	#	Ac	#	Ac	#	Ac
Human	5	66	3	120	2	11	10	197
Lightning	88	1076	37	13522	0	0	125	14598
WFU	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0
Totals	93	1142	42	13643	2	11	137	14795

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Fire Acres by Cause and Agency



Number of Fires by Agency



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

Unit	Rx Treatment
Little Snake FO	712 ac
White River FO	679 ac
Kremmling FO	843 ac
Dinosaur NM	1 ac
Arapaho FWS	375 ac
Browns Park FWS	108 ac
CRS (State Lands)	457 ac
Unit-wide Totals	3175 ac



Deer Valley RX

Wildland Fire Use

The WFU program was not a big player in the Unit's fire management program this year. Little Snake Field Office had two small WFU's for a total of zero acres.

Routt National Forest

RX	Mechanical	Total	Total Acres WUI
315 ac	2848 ac	3163 ac	2500 ac*

* Includes a portion of both mechanical and RX

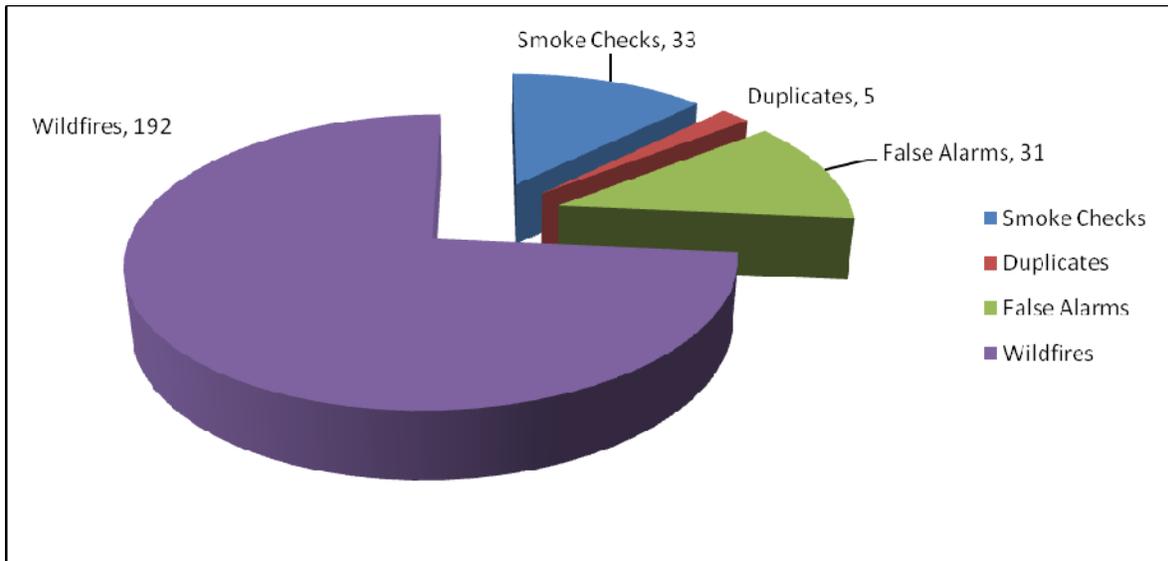


Mayberry

2008 Large Fire Summary

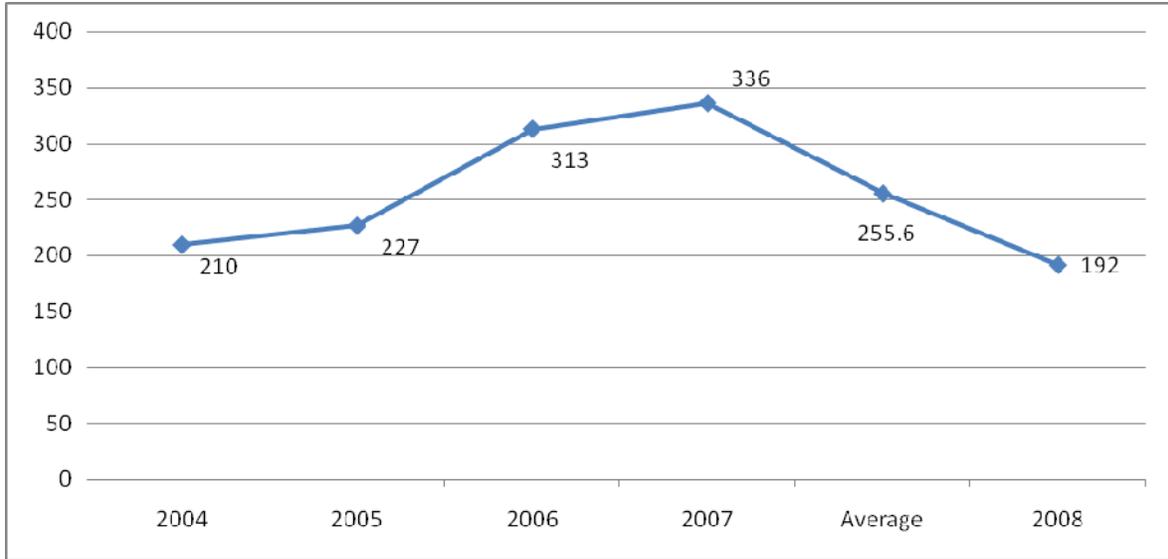
Incident Name	Start Date	Cause	Final Acreage	Agency	State & Unit	Team Name	Team Type
Kraft	7/22/08	Lightning	675	BLM/PVT	CO-LSD	St Martin	T4
Chief	7/29/08	Lightning	341	BLM	CO-LSD	Kilgriff (T)	T4
Cottonwood	8/22/08	Human (escaped pvt rx)	578	PVT/BLM	CO-MFX	Wheeler	T3
Lone	8/24/08	Lightning	936	PVT/CRS/BLM	CO-MFX	Stearns	T4
Mayberry	8/24/08	Lightning	25385	BLM/PVT/CRS	CO-LSD	Beckerman	T3
Prong	8/24/08	Lightning	5395	PVT/BLM/CRS	CO-MFX	Wheeler	T3
Jordan	8/25/08	Lightning	1031	BLM/PVT	CO-WRD	Reinarz	T2 (FUMT)
Indian Run	10/02/08	Human (escaped rx)	320	PVT/DOW	CO-RTF	Hood	T3
Curtis Creek	10/31/08	Human	350	PVT	CO-RBX	Pelloni	T4

2008 Incident Action Summary

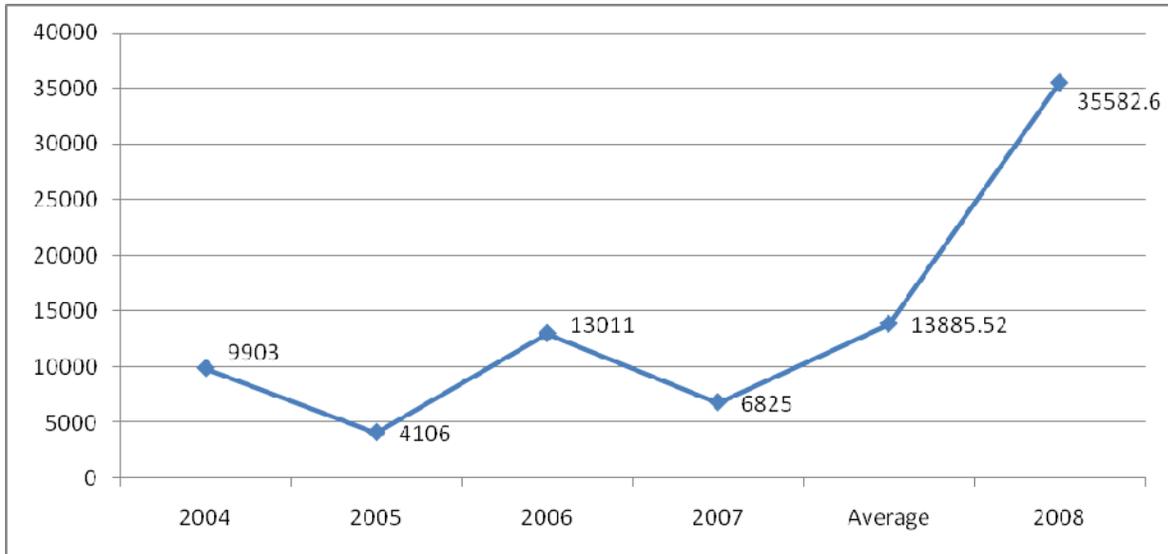


Lone fire

5 - Year Averages: Fires and Acres



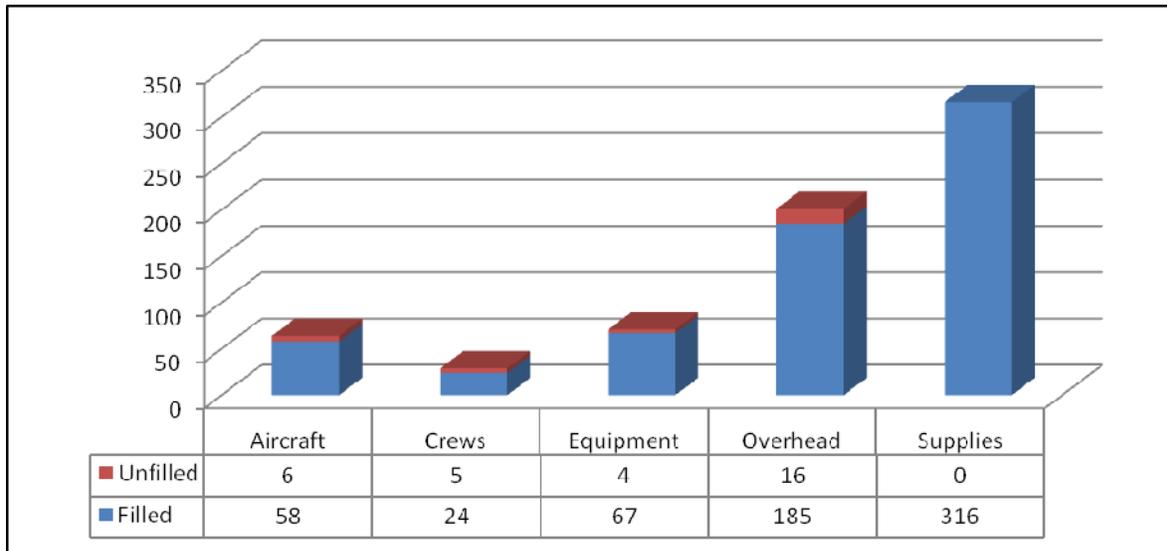
Number of Fires



Number of Acres

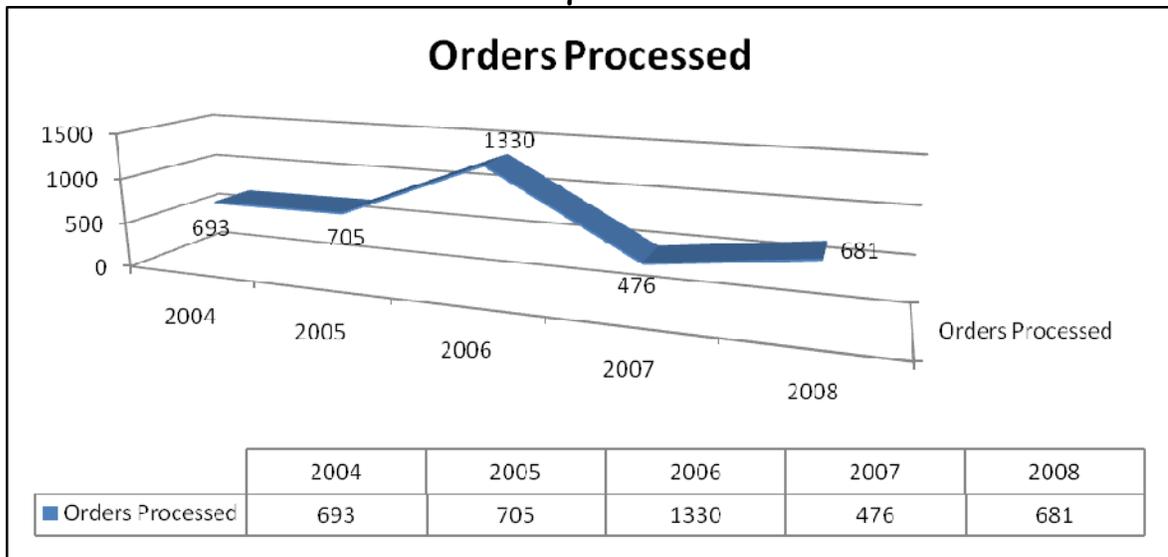
CRC Resource Order Statistics

2008 Resource Orders



Supply numbers added in 2008

Resource Order Requests Processed



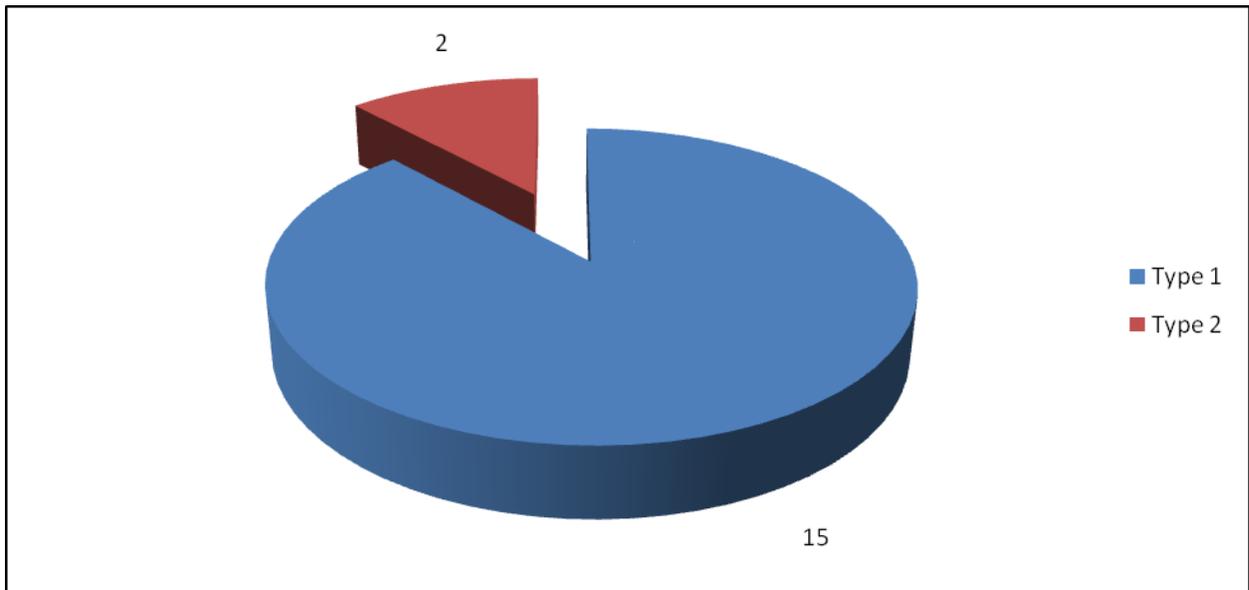
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**2008 Resource Order Statistics Workload
By Unit
(including UTF's and CX)**

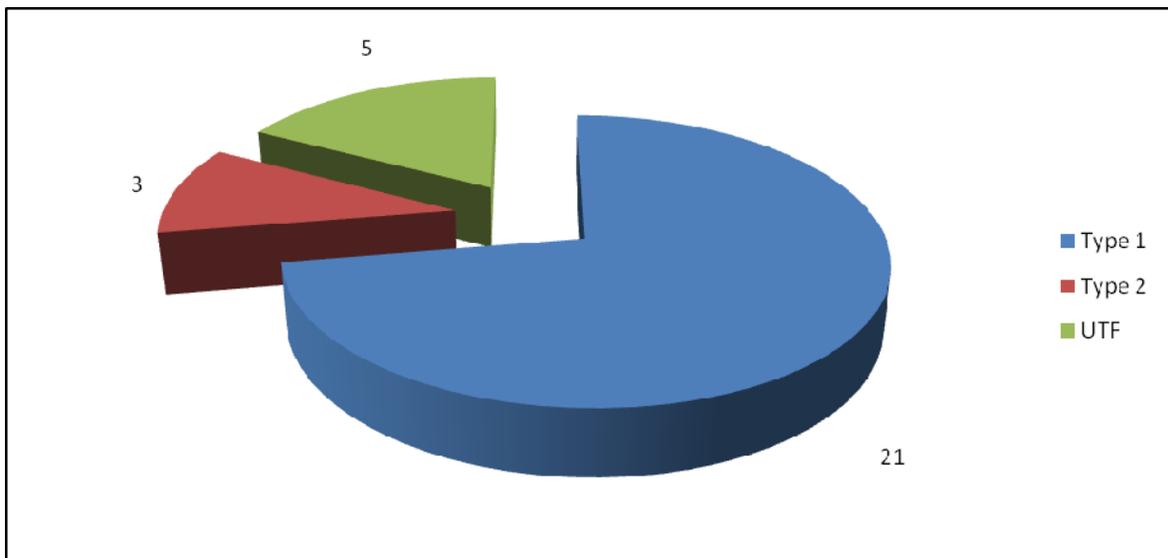
	WRD	LSD	KRD	RTF	DSP	FWS	CRD	Counties & State	Totals
Overhead	53	20	23	53	9	10	14	19	201
Crews	4	6	0	1	0	0	17*	1	29
Equipment	24	9	9	9	0	4	1	15	71
Aircraft	35	23	0	2	1	0	0	3	64
Supplies	164	126	0	20	0	0	1	5	316
Totals	280	184	32	85	10	14	33	43	681

* Includes 16 T1 crew orders for Bark Beetle work

Crew Summary



CRC filled crew orders (Craig IHC and Yampa Valley crews)



CRC placed crew orders



Yampa Valley Crew - Poe Cabin fire, ID

**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
2007	10	20
2008	24*	138*

* Includes 16 crews for 111 days on Bark Beetle work

Craig Interagency Hotshots

The Craig Interagency Hotshots spent 60 days on 15 fire assignments. There were 5 out-of region, 10 regional, and members of the crew were used as modules on local incidents.

Yampa Valley Interagency Type 2 Crew

The Yampa Valley Interagency type 2 crew was on 3 assignments for 27 days worked. They were on two interregional, and one local assignment.

Equipment Summary
12 Engine Orders were Filled

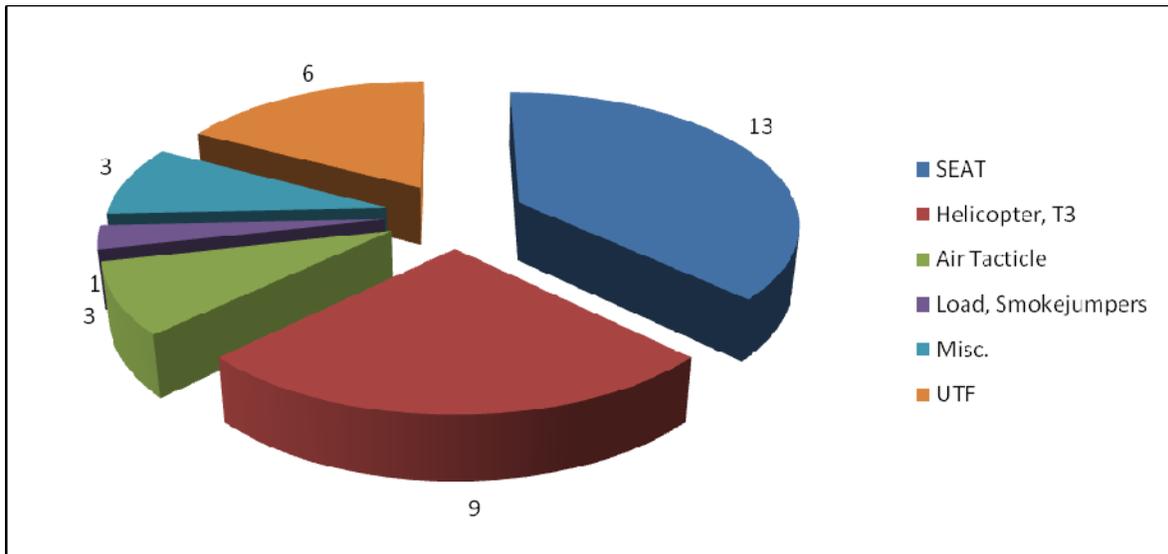
Local Engines Sent Off District

Home Unit	Engine #	Ordered To	Days Assigned
CO-CSFS	E-619	CA-CSR	7
CO-CSFS	E-619	CA-BTU	12
CO-DSP	E-683	CA-MEU	18
CO-RTF	E-617	CA-LNF	17
CO-RTF	E-618	CA-ONC	26
CO-RTF	E-618	CA-SHU	25
CO-CRD	E-416	NM-CIF	15
CO-CRD	E-419	OR-BUD	17
CO-CRD	E-611	NM-CIF	58*
CO-CRD	E-611	NM-N4S	2
CO-CRD	E-611	NM-N2S	7
CO-CRD	E-611	CA-MEU	24

*With crew rotations



2008 Aircraft Summary



Historical SEAT Usage

2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
19	50	55	37	28	30	24	13