

Craig Interagency Dispatch Center 2009 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

http://gacc.nifc.gov/rmcc/dispatch_centers/r2crc/

CRAIG INTERAGENCY DISPATCH CENTER (CRC) 2009 YEAR END REPORT

The 2009 fire season started out as a slow to "average" year for occurrence and acres, but with in a shorter timeframe than "normal". June was wetter than normal with only a few small fires. On June 26th, we experienced the tragic accident of Brett Stearns who was cutting at the Freeman Reservoir Campground. We thank all of our fire family for their support this season. The normal monsoonal flow kicked off fire season on July 1st, with the majority of fires occurring in a 6-7 week period.

The first wildfire of the season was the St. Patrick's fire in Irish Canyon in Moffat County on March 18, and a full month sooner than the first fire last year. Again this year, Rio Blanco County reported the last fire of the season on November 10th (North Elk). CRC had wildfires on 90 different days with 41 of those being multiple fire days with the most starts in one day being 16 on July 27 and August 7th. Total number of fires, all agencies this season was 232 for 10,530 acres. The majority of total acres came from the Mellen (3603 acres), Allred (2068 acres) and Spring Creek (1340 acres).

The dispatch center supported six 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. Three BLM fires were managed locally for resource benefit/multiple management objectives. Although resource benefit fires are not new to many agencies we support, the new terminology made it difficult to track and report these fires and acres to meet everyone's needs.

584 Incident Actions (down from 600 in 2008) were processed this past year which included wildfire suppression, prescribed fire support, all risk incidents, IHC mobilization for bark beetle support to USFS, flight following for the regional bug and wild horse flights, public assists, red flag warnings and other flight requests including Ferruginous Hawk, Archeological sites and Wilderness Study Area Surveys .

There was very little off unit mobilization of resources this year due to the below normal fire season nationally. However, the lack of fires nationally allowed us to bring in resources when needed for additional support.

Going into fire season, CRC had two vacant Lead IA Dispatch positions. Fortunately we were able to have a 120 day detailer and bring in aircraft dispatchers for three different assignments. It was critical to our operations to have qualified aircraft dispatchers this year with the

increased amount of aviation resources used. Twice as many aircraft orders were processed in 2009 than in 2008.

The Craig SEAT base was "home" to two SEATs (Colorado State Forest Service Contracted and BLM Colorado Variable Term Contracted) for most of our fire season. Satellite SEAT bases were set up at Rangely and Kremmling, although no retardant was actually pumped at Kremmling. The SEATs were a great asset to have for our fuel types, although it was an additional workload on the Center and Unit Aviation Managers that needs to be streamlined in the future. In addition, the Grand Junction Air Center provided additional air support, including air tankers, SEATS, air attack, and type 1 and 3 helicopters.

CRC continued to be busy throughout the fall burning season and into winter with units completing more pile burning than ever before.

2009 CRC Fire Statistics

| Cause | BLM | | USFS | | NPS | | FWS | | State/DOW | | Private | | Totals | |
|---------------|------------|-------------|----------|------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|---------------|------------|--------------|
| | # | Ac | # | Ac | # | Ac | # | Ac | # | Ac | # | Ac | # | Ac |
| Human | 13 | 1206 | 1 | .3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 24 | 22 | 244 | 38 | 1478 |
| Unknown | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lightning | 140 | 6958 | 8 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 1 | .1 | 4 | 164 | 31 | 1279 | 191 | 8415 |
| WFU | 3 | 637 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 637 |
| Totals | 156 | 8801 | 9 | 2.3 | 6 | 4 | 1 | .1 | 7 | 188 | 53 | 1523.5 | 232 | 10530 |

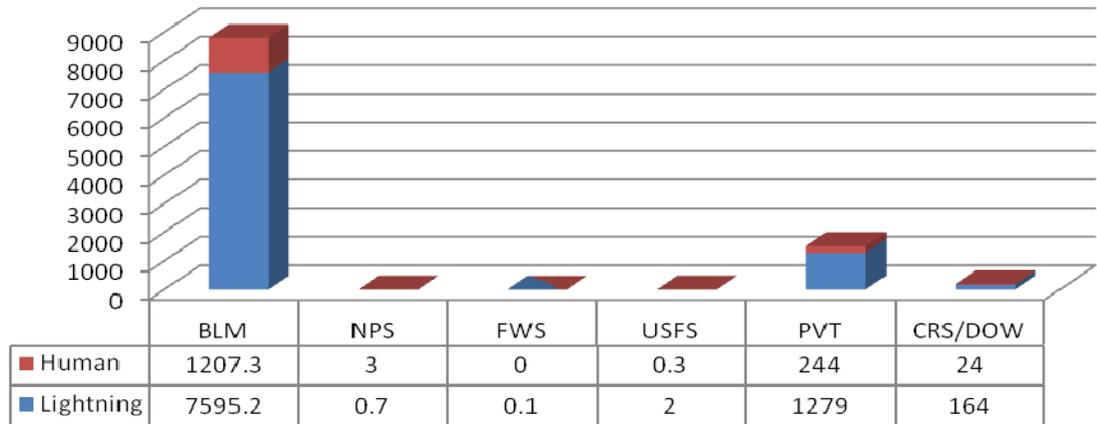
Totals from columns may not match totals from rows due to rounding.

BLM Fire Statistics by Unit

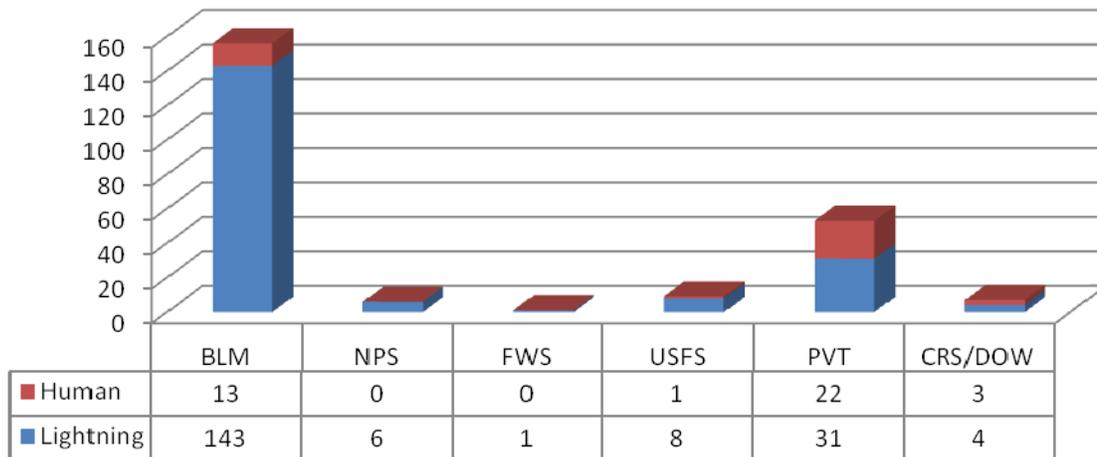
| Cause | WRD | | LSD | | KRD | | Totals | |
|---------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|----------|------------|------------|-------------|
| | # | Ac | # | Ac | # | Ac | # | AC |
| Human | 7 | 1205 | 3 | 1 | 3 | .7 | 13 | 1206 |
| Lightning | 79 | 4180 | 59 | 2778 | 2 | .6 | 140 | 6958 |
| WFU | 2 | 345 | 1 | 292 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 637 |
| Totals | 88 | 5730 | 63 | 3071 | 5 | 1.3 | 156 | 8801 |

Totals from columns may not match totals from rows due to rounding.

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 | Mechanical |
|-------------------------|--------------|------------|
| Little Snake FO | 586 ac | 602 ac |
| White River FO | | |
| Kremmling FO | 525 ac | 100 ac |
| Dinosaur NM | 0 | 0 |
| Arapaho FWS | | |
| Browns Park FWS | | |
| CRS (State Lands) | | |
| Unit-wide Totals | | |

Cold Springs Aspen RX



Wildland Fire Use

There were three Wildfire Use/ Resource Benefit Fires on the Unit's fire management program this year. Little Snake Field Office had the Wild Cow WFU's for 292 acres. The White River Field Office had the Kissinger and Yank Gulch WFU for a total of 345.25 acres. These fires were managed locally with limited commitment of resources.

Routt National Forest

| RX | Mechanical | Total | Total Acres WUI |
|----|------------|-------|-----------------|
| | | | |

* Includes a portion of both mechanical and RX

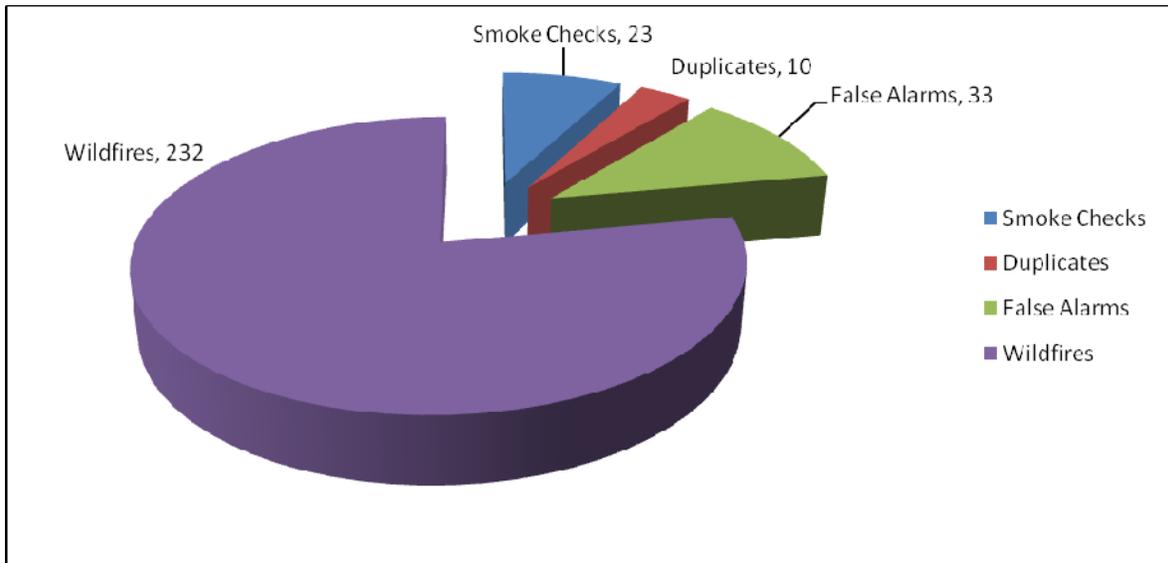


Wild Cow WFU and Allred Fires August 3, 2009

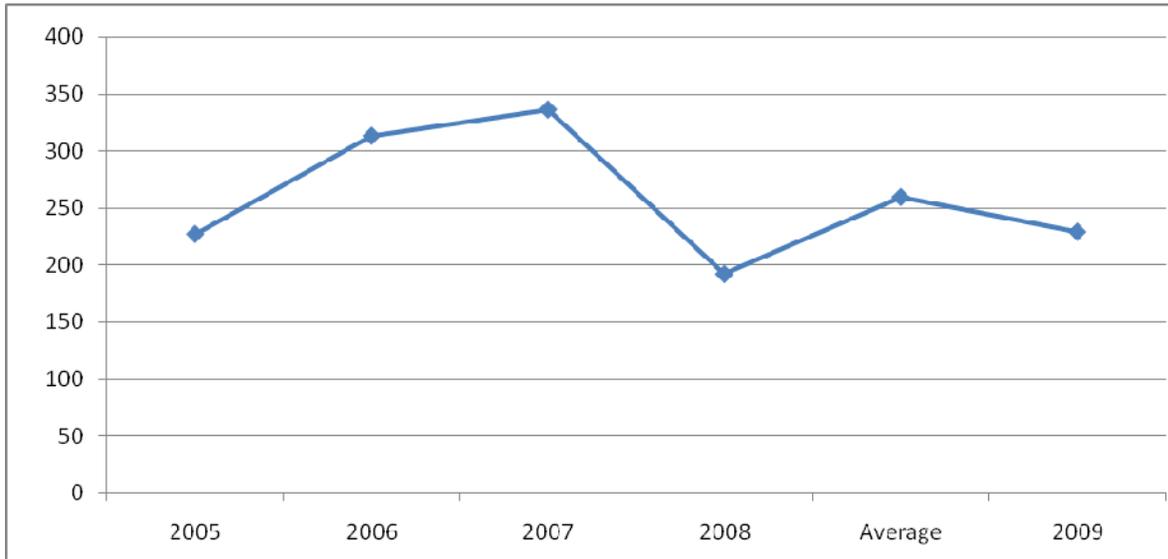
2009 Large Fire Summary

| Incident Name | Start Date | Cause | Final Acreage | Agency | State & Unit | Team Name | Team Type |
|----------------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Crooked Wash | 7/15 | Lightning | 87 | BLM | CO-WRD | Michels | T3 |
| Rocky Ridge | 7/18 | Lightning | 77 | BLM | CO-WRD | Bloom | T4 |
| Duck Creek | 7/19 | Lightning | 331 | BLM/PVT | CO-WRD | Beckerman | T3 |
| Spring Creek | 7/28 | Human | 1340 | BLM/PVT | CO-RBX | Michels | T3 |
| Wild Cow WFU | 7/31 | Lightning | 292 | BLM | CO-LSD | Kincaid | T4 |
| Allred | 8/03 | Lightning | 2068 | BLM/PVT | CO-MFX | Beckerman | T3 |
| Mellen | 8/07 | Lightning | 3603 | BLM/CRS/ PVT | CO-WRD | Russell | T3 |
| Scenery Gulch | 8/07 | Lightning | 380 | BLM/PVT | CO-RBX | Walker | T4 |
| Boone Draw | 8/07 | Lightning | 131 | BLM/PVT | CO-MFX | Beckerman | T4 |
| Kissinger WFU | 8/17 | Lightning | 345 | BLM | CO-WRD | Harris | T4 |
| Spring | 8/30 | Lightning | 979 | BLM/CRS/ PVT | CO-MFX | Beckerman | T3 |

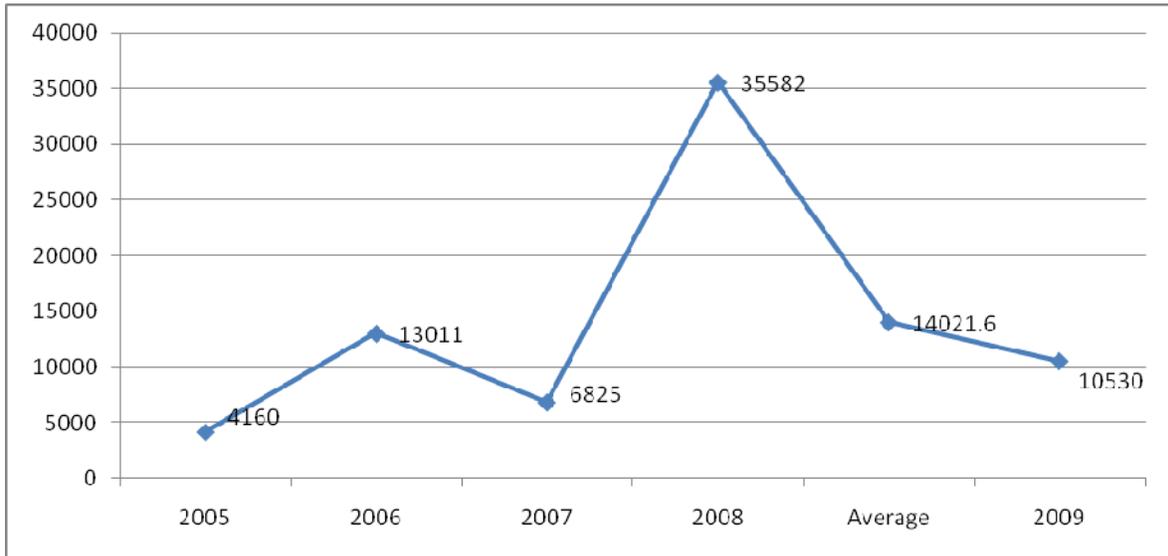
2009 Incident Action Summary



5 - Year Averages: Fires and Acres



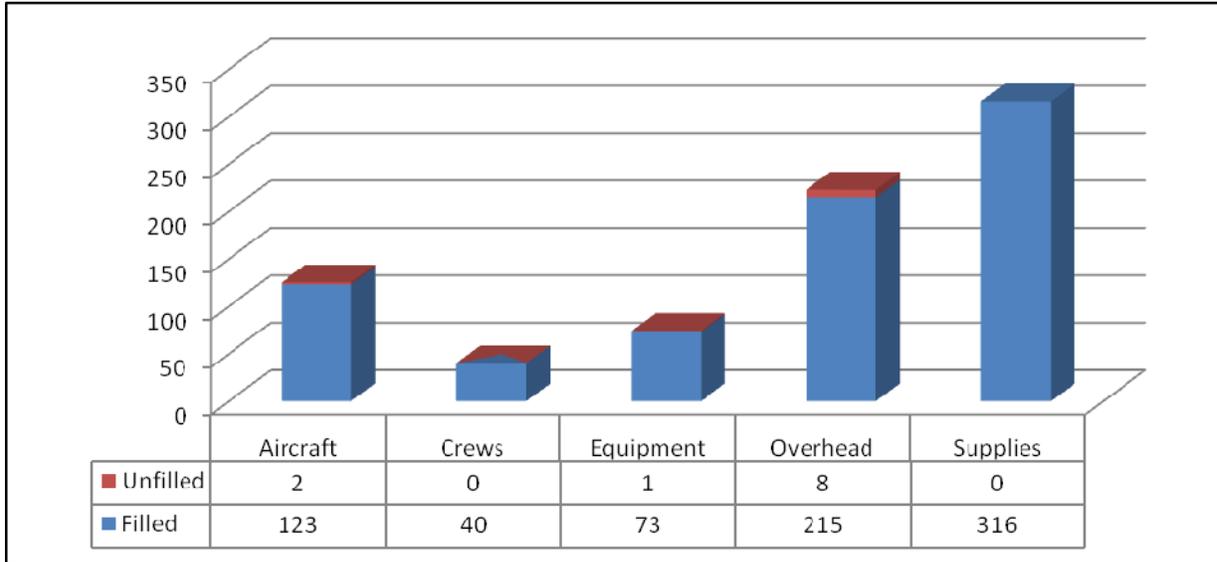
Number of Fires



Number of Acres

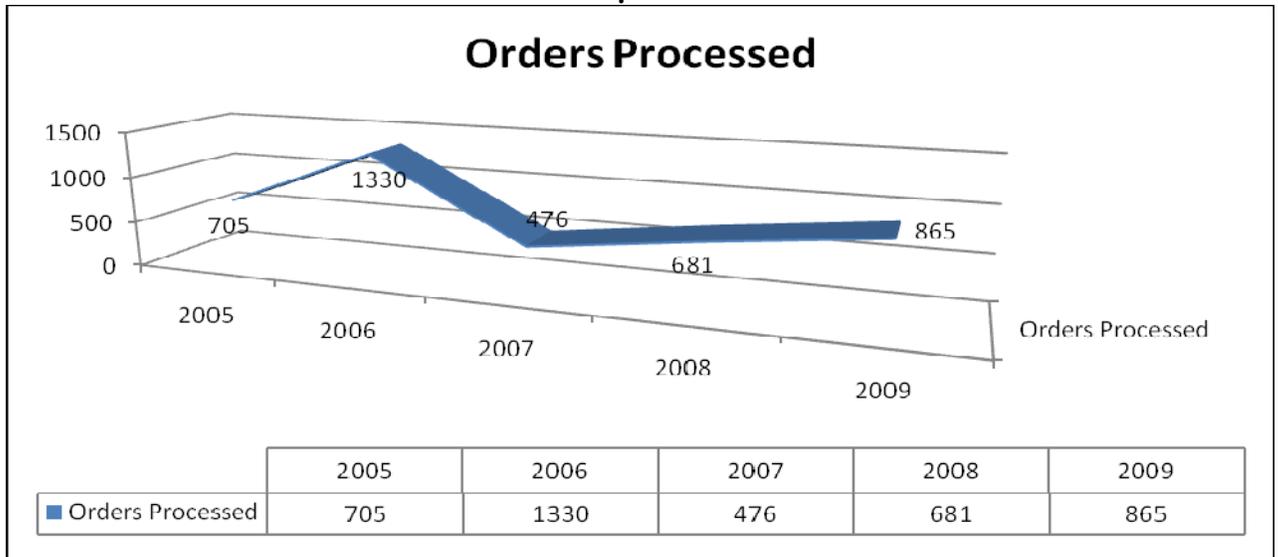
CRC Resource Order Statistics

2009 ROSS Resource Orders



Supply numbers added in 2008

ROSS Resource Order Requests Processed



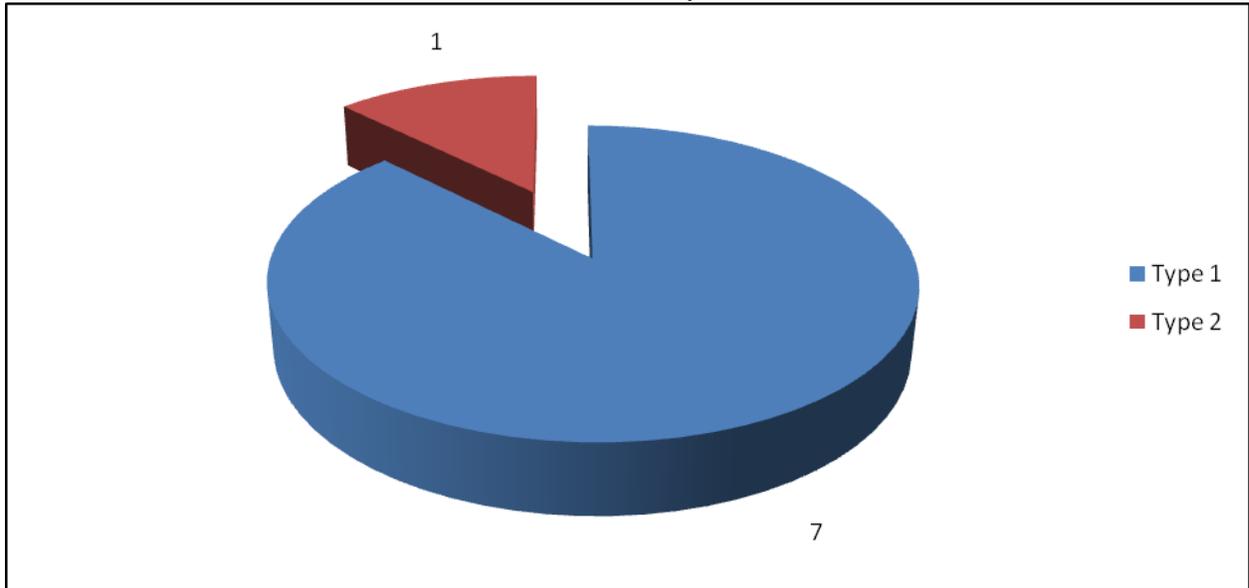
Supply numbers added in 2008

**2009 ROSS Resource Order Statistics Workload
By Unit
(including UTF's and CX)**

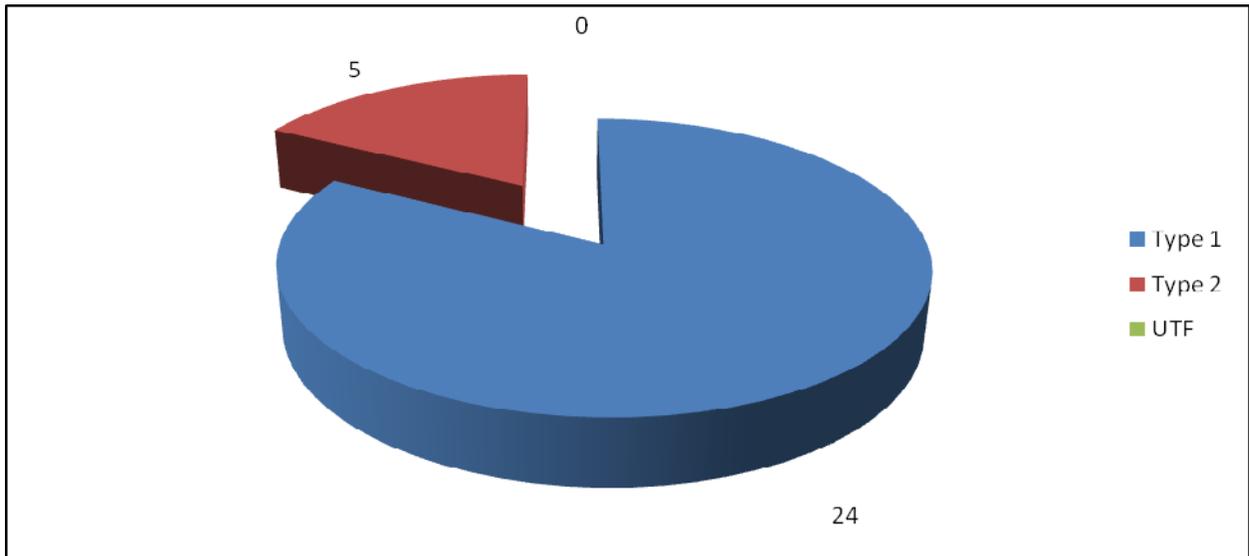
| | WRD | LSD | KRD | RTF | DSP | FWS | CRD | Counties & State | Totals |
|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------------------|--------|
| Overhead | 53 | 5 | 9 | 32 | 7 | 17 | 19 | 66 | 208 |
| Crews | 15 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 11 | 39 |
| Equipment | 33 | 5 | 12 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 120 |
| Aircraft | 60 | 9 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 54 | 125 |
| Supplies | 127 | 53 | 2 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 213 | 403 |
| Totals | 288 | 72 | 23 | 54 | 7 | 17 | 26 | 362 | 895 |

* Includes 5 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 - Northern CA

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

| Year | Number of Crews | Number of Days |
|------|-----------------|----------------|
| 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* |
| 2009 | 32** | 135** |

* Includes 16 crews for 111 days on Bark Beetle work

** includes 5 crews for 46 days on Bark Beetle work

Craig Interagency Hotshots

The Craig Interagency Hotshots spent 44 days on 14 fire assignments. There were 5 out-of region, 2 regional, and 7 local incidents. The crew worked on bark beetle mitigation on the Routt N.F. and other local/ state BLM project work also for a total of 57 days.

Yampa Valley Interagency Type 2 Crew

The Yampa Valley Interagency type 2 crew was on one assignments for 12 days worked to Lassen N.F.

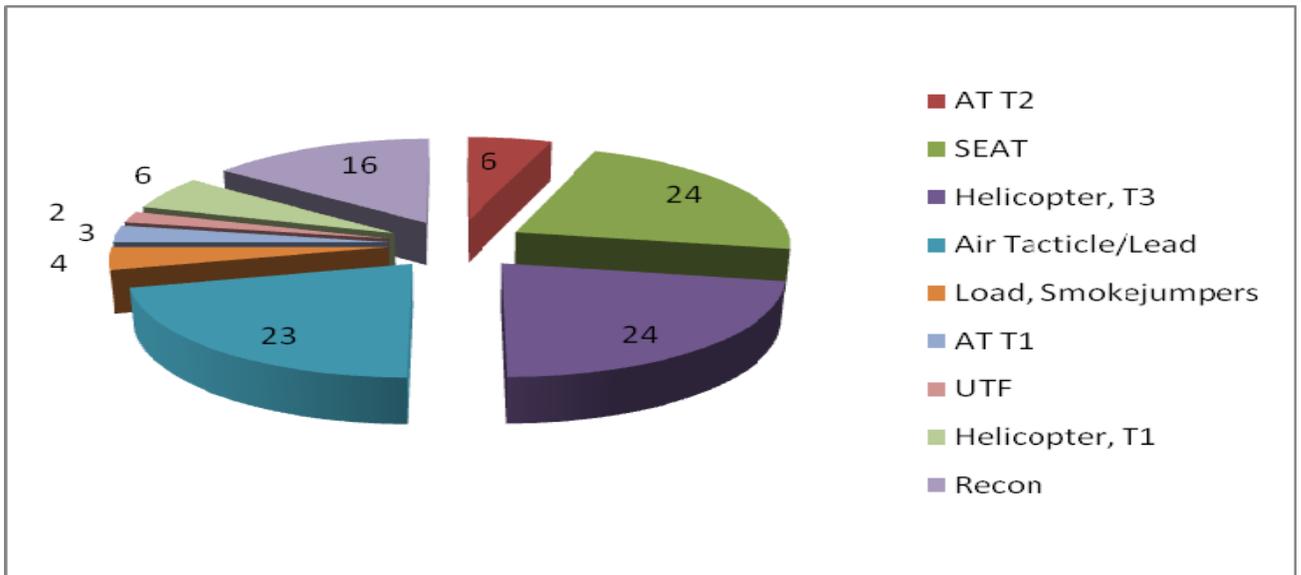
Equipment Summary

Local Engines Sent Off District

No engines had off district assignments.



2009 Aircraft Summary



Duck Creek Fire WRFO

