

Craig Interagency Dispatch Center 2010 Year-End Report



Alkali Fire August 18, 2010



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) 2010 YEAR END REPORT

The 2010 fire season was perceived as somewhat slow, but was closer to average or above when you look at the number of fires, acres burned and resources mobilized. Again Northwest Colorado was experiencing an active fire season, while much of the nation remained quiet. The availability of resources, including Type 1 crews in July and August was helpful to keep several type 3 incidents from escalating.

The first wildfire of the season was the McKee fire in Rio Blanco County on March 2. The last fire of the year was the Snow fire on RTF on November 11th (but not reported until Dec 6th). Total number of fires, all agencies this season was 287 for 13, 024 acres. The majority of total acres came from the Alkali fire (7917 acres) in Moffat County.

732 Incident Actions (up from 584 in 2009) 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.

Although Northwest Colorado was experiencing an active fire season, numerous resources were assigned off unit to help our neighbors and later to Idaho. Compared with last year when no engines were mobilized off unit.

The Craig SEAT base was activated for most of our fire season. Satellite SEAT bases were set up at Rangely and Kremmling, although no retardant was actually pumped at Kremmling. In addition, the Grand Junction Air Center provided additional air support, including air tankers, SEATS, air attack, and type 1 and 3 helicopters.

An increase of non-fire incidents has significantly increased the workload for the dispatch staff.

In January and February wildhorse assessment flights required planning efforts by the Center Manager and Unit Aviation Manager and flight following by aircraft dispatchers.

Then an increase in fuels work in the Kremmling Field Office, resulted in multiple Wildland Fire Modules (and associated equipment and supplies) being mobilized to support the North Park Stewardship and other prescribed burn projects.

Most notable was the increased support to the USFS for mobilizing Type 1 and later Type 2 IA crews for Bark Beetle Project work in May, June, July and August.

Mid season we became involved with mobilizing FWS personnel to the Gulf Coast for the Oil Spill cleanup. This proved challenging as we incorporated non-fire personnel into the emergency response framework.

September continued to be busy with warm and dry weather conditions, with the Routt NF having several fires, including the Type 3 Beaver Flat Tops fire. Once again, the availability of resources nearby, including smokejumpers and Type 1 crews was valuable in containing this fire at 55 acres. Meanwhile, we were preparing to assist the White River National Forest, Blanco District with a helitorch burn at Aldrich Lakes. Due to the geographical location of the burn, resources were unable to make direct contact with Grand Junction Dispatch, so radio communications were established with Craig Dispatch. Also in late September, the Jack Springs RX on the Little Snake Field Office, escaped and was quickly declared a wildfire. Additional resources were brought in and then followed by the review team.

October continued to be busy, as the White River Field Office Wildhorse Gather started and was managed using ICS, where numerous lessons were learned. Once weather conditions changed and moisture was received units quickly moved into pile burning.

Once weather conditions diminished the possibility of wildfires, reality hit that December was quickly approaching and our FMO, Mark Rogers, would really be retiring. Party planning was in full force to ensure a great celebration of Mark's 34 years of government service!



2010 CRC Fire Statistics

Cause	BLM		USFS		NPS		FWS		State/DOW		Private		Totals	
	#	Ac	#	Ac	#	Ac	#	Ac	#	Ac	#	Ac	#	Ac
Human	11	413	8	9	0	0	0	0	3	176	34	362	56	960
Lightning	167	2822	8	55	19	90	0	0	8	510	29	8587	231	12064
Totals	178	3235	16	64	19	90	0	0	11	686	63	8949	287	13024

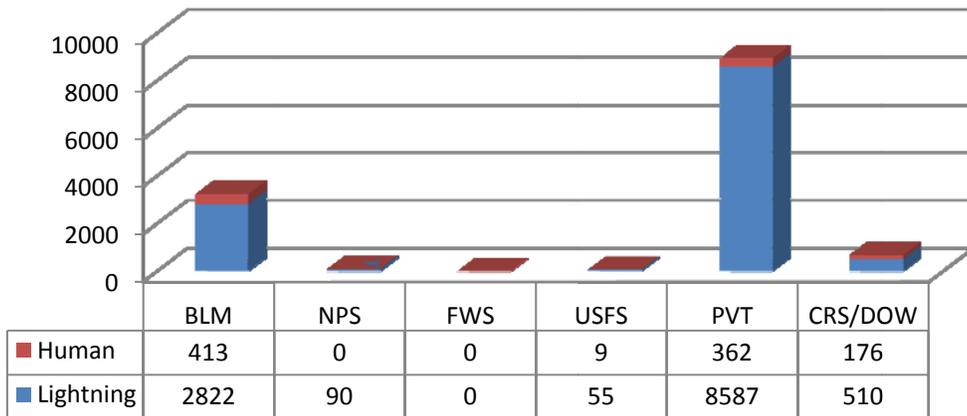
BLM Fire Statistics by Unit

Cause	WRD		LSD		KRD		Totals	
	#	Ac	#	Ac	#	Ac	#	Ac
Human	4	11	6	192	1	210	11	413
Lightning	103	863	62	1957	2	2	167	2822
Totals	107	874	68	2149	3	212	178	3235

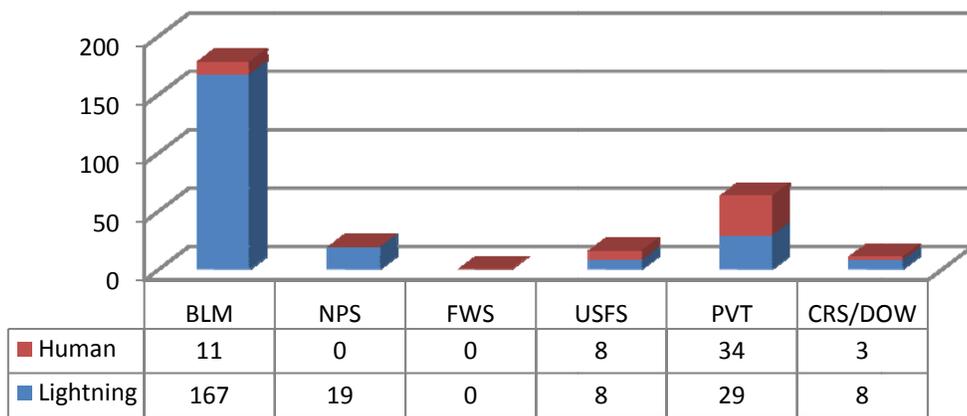
Private Fire Statistics by Unit

Cause	Grand Co		Jackson Co		Moffat Co		Rio Blanco Co		Routt Co		Totals	
	#	Ac	#	Ac	#	Ac	#	Ac	#	Ac	#	Ac
Human	9	218	9	54	6	74	8	15	2	1	34	362
Lightning	0	0	0	0	20	8456	9	131	0	0	29	8587
Totals	9	218	9	54	26	8530	17	146	2	1	63	8949

Fire Acres by Cause and Agency



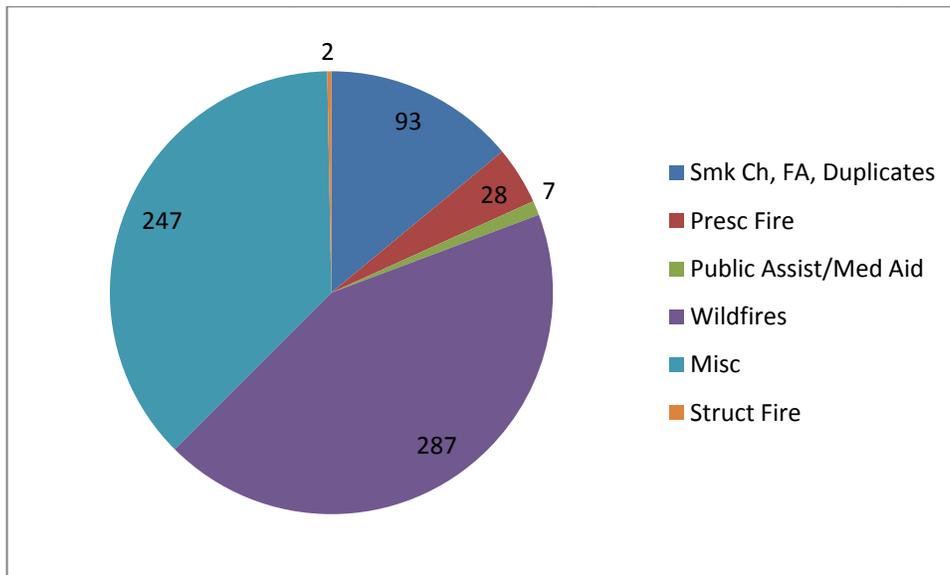
Number of Fires by Agency



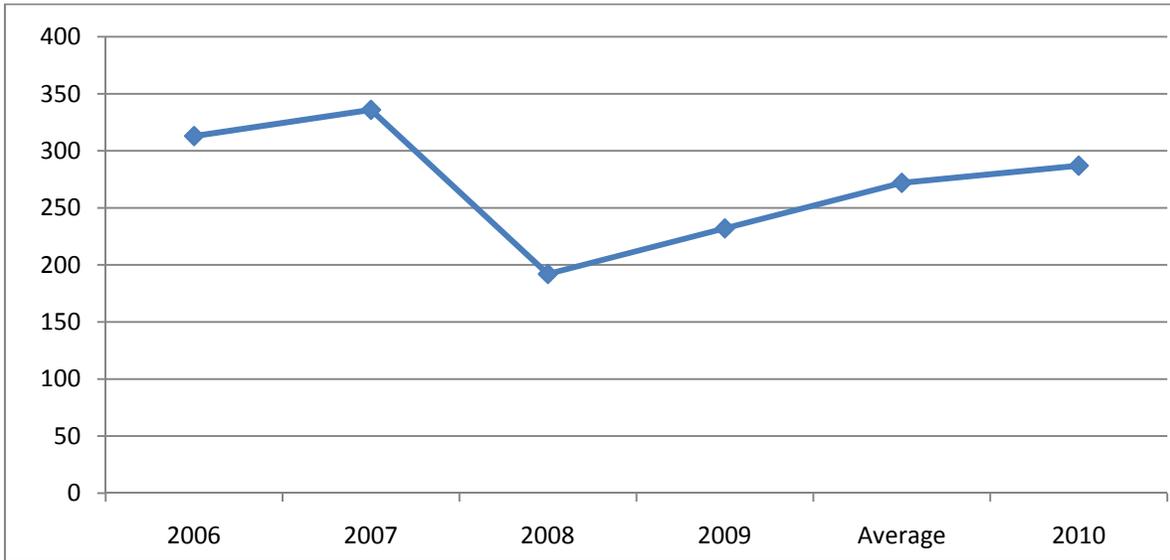
2010 Large Fire Summary

Incident Name	Start Date	Cause	Final Acreage	Acres by Agency(s)	State & Unit	IC Name	Team Type
Rough	07/09	L	340	WRD 290 MFX 40 CRS 10	CO-WRD	Beckerman	3
Indian Valley	07/15	L	322	RBX 130 WRD 192	CO-RBX	Harris, Beckerman Kincaid (T)	3
Twin Buttes	07/16	L	145	WRD 145	CO-RBX	Goodson, Toelle, Michels, Stahlin	4
East Fork	07/19	L	652	WRD 184 CRS 468	CO-WRD	Yeager	4
Logging	07/20	L	1145	LSD 746 MFX 399	CO-LSD	St. Martin, Beckerman	3
Reed	07/20	L	475	LSD 475	CO-LSD	Hess	4
Adobe	08/03	L	539	MFX 524 CRS 15	CO-MFX	Wheeler	5
Alkali	08/18	L	7917	MFX 7365 LSD 552	CO-MFX	Beckerman	3
Beaver Flat Tops	09/21	L	53	RTF 53	CO-RTF	Estey	3
Jack Springs	09/28	H	151	LSD 151	CO-LSD	Yeager	3

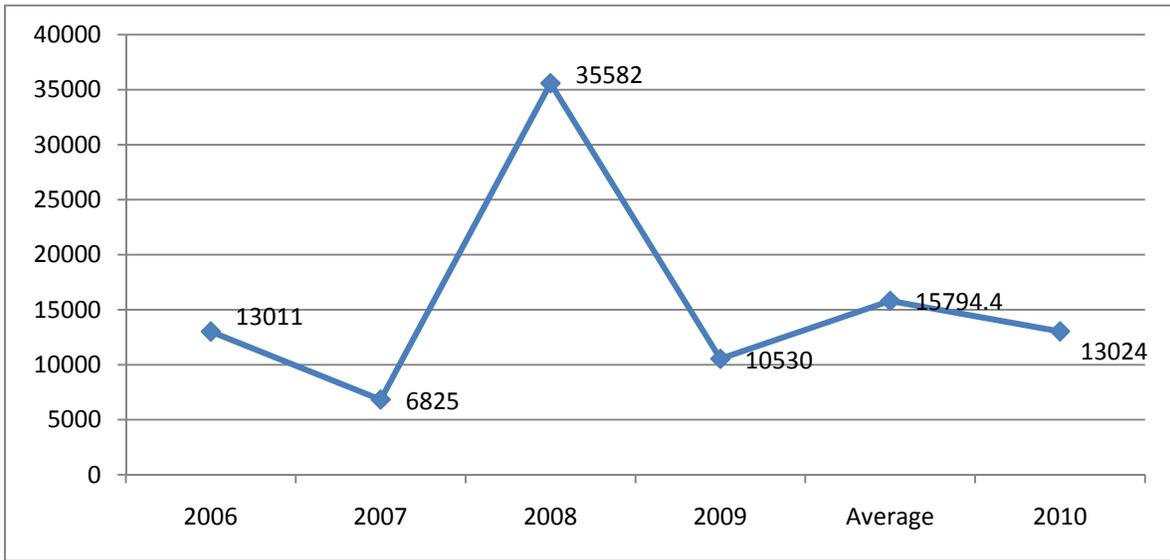
2010 Incident Action Summary



Logging Fire CO-LSD 7/20/2010



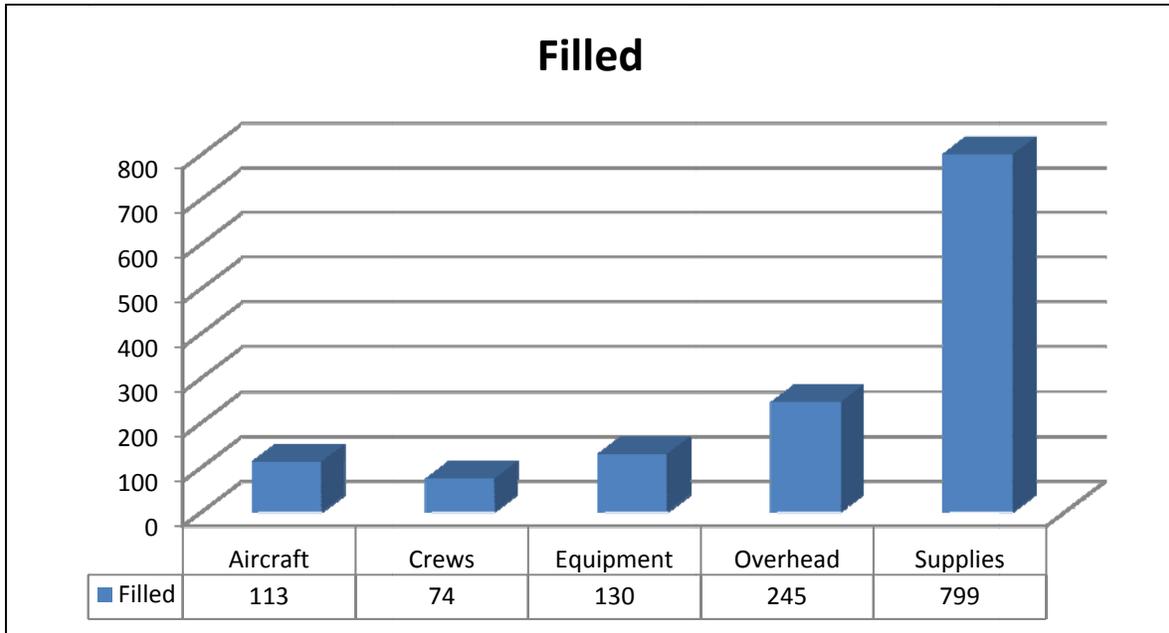
Number of Fires



Number of Acres

CRC Resource Order Statistics

2010 ROSS Resource Orders



ROSS Resource Order Requests Processed including 5 year Average

2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	AVG	2010
705	1330	476	681	865	811	1361

*Supply numbers added in 2008

**2010 ROSS Resource Order Statistics Workload
By Unit
(Does not include Initial Attack)**

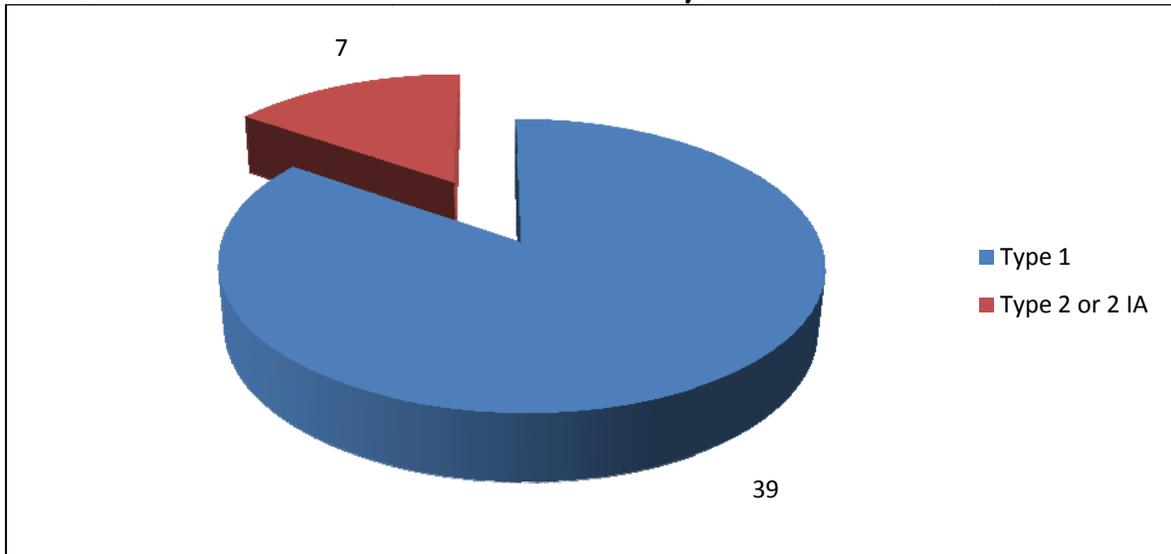
	WRD	LSD	KRD	RTF	DSP	FWS	CRD	Counties & State	Totals
Overhead	21	10	76	58	16	6	29	29	245
Crews	5	10	0	37*	0	0	9	13	74
Equipment	26	3	51	2	13	3	7	25	130
Aircraft	36	36	0	12	14	6	0	9	113
Supplies	234	328	63	117	27	0	0	30	799
Totals	322	387	190	228	62	9	57	106	1361
2009 Totals	288	72	23	54	7	17	26	362	895

* Includes T1 crew orders for Bark Beetle work



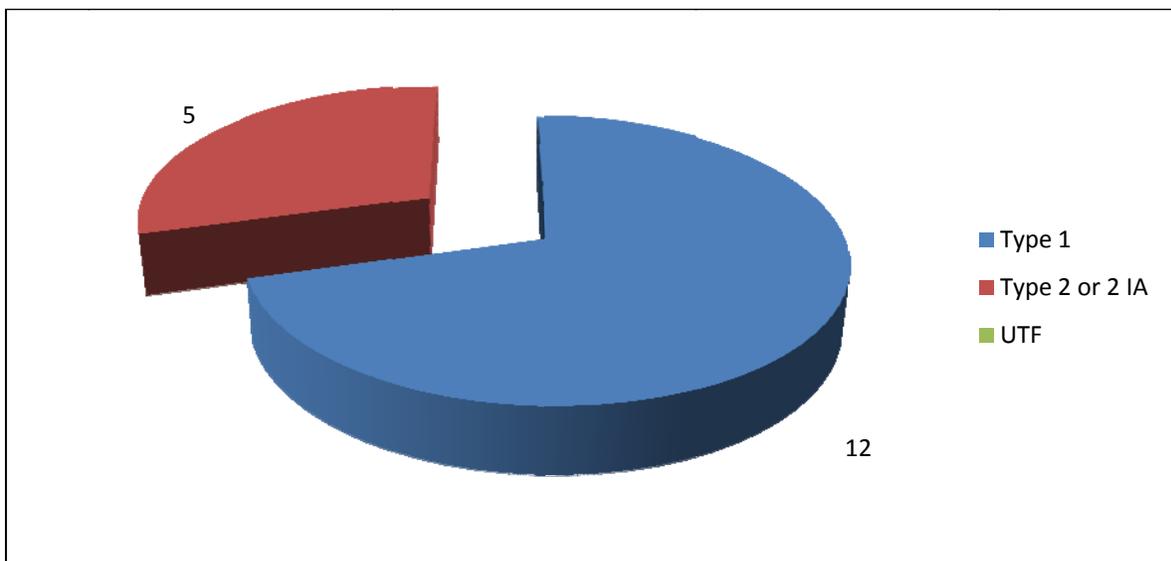
Three C's CO-LSD July 23, 2010

Crew Summary



CRC Incoming Crew Orders Filled

20 Type 1 Crew orders were for RTF Bark Beetle
5 Type 2 or 2 IA were for RTF Bark Beetle



CRC Out of Dispatch Area Crew Orders Filled

3 Type 1 Crew Mobilizations were National
3 Type 2 or 2 IA Mobilizations were National



Green River Crew- Round Mtn

**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**
2010	53***	Pending

* Includes 16 crews for 111 days on Bark Beetle work

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

*** Includes 25 crews for ? days on Bark Beetle work

Craig Interagency Hotshots

The Craig Interagency Hotshots started the season on April 26th with critical training and finishing the year on September 23rd. During this time the crew was dispatched to twenty one incidents in four different states and completed one 14-day assignment. The majority of the season was spent in Northwest Colorado. For more information see the Craig Hotshots 2010 Season Report.

Green River Interagency Type 2 Crew

The Green River Interagency Type 2 Crew was a new joint venture with personnel from NWCFMU, Colorado State Forest Service and Wyoming's High Desert District BLM. In June the crew went to the Parkdale Canyon fire then was reassigned to Round Mtn out of Fort Collins Dispatch Zone. In August the Green River Crew went to the Hurd fire in Idaho for a 14 day assignment.

Medicine-Bow Routt NF Type 2 Crew

CRC supported the MBR Type 2 Crew with coordinating mobilization of personnel from the Routt NF. The MBR crew Supported Bark Beetle work in addition to an assignment to Idaho for the Hurd fire in late August.

Equipment Summary

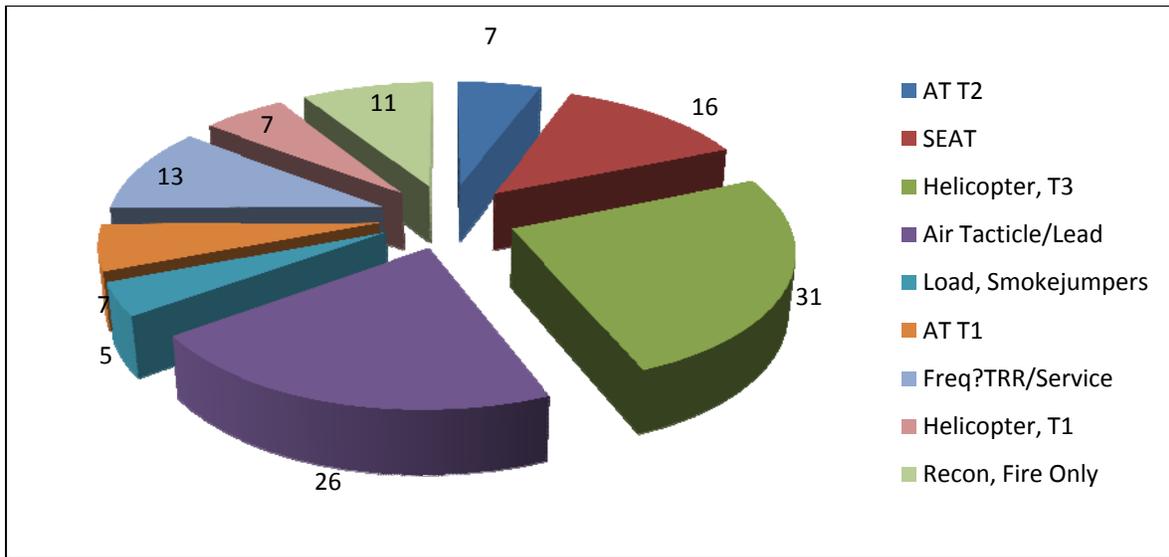


Local Engines Sent Off District

Several federal and cooperator engines had off district assignments supporting neighbors and the region. One engine (E-619) had a short national assignment to Idaho.

Resource	Unit	Date	Assignment	National
E-1610	CO-BPR	7/3	Arsenal Severity CO-RMR-228	
E-1610	CO-BPR	9/1	South Central CO-RMR-069	
E-619	CO-CRS	10/4	Churches Park CO-ARF-677	
E-1644	CO-CRD	6/19	Water Creek CO-GWD-136	
E-1419	CO-CRD	6/20	Water Creek CO-GWD-136	
E-1642	CO-CRD	8/12	Echo Lake CO-GRD-347	
E-1644	CO-CRD	8/12	Echo Lake CO-GRD-347	
E-1614	CO-CRD	9/2	Deep Creek RX WY-RAD-360	
E-1419	CO-CRD	9/12	Chaffee Creek RX CO-UPD-216	
E-1642	CO-CRD	9/19	Dry Gulch WY-RAD-434	
E-619	CO-CRS	8/27	Middle Butte ID-INE-10027	Yes
Tender 463	East Grand FPD	9/7	Four Mile Canyon CO-BLX-321	
Tender 7-7	West Routt FPD	9/7	Four Mile Canyon CO-BLX-321	

2010 Aircraft Summary

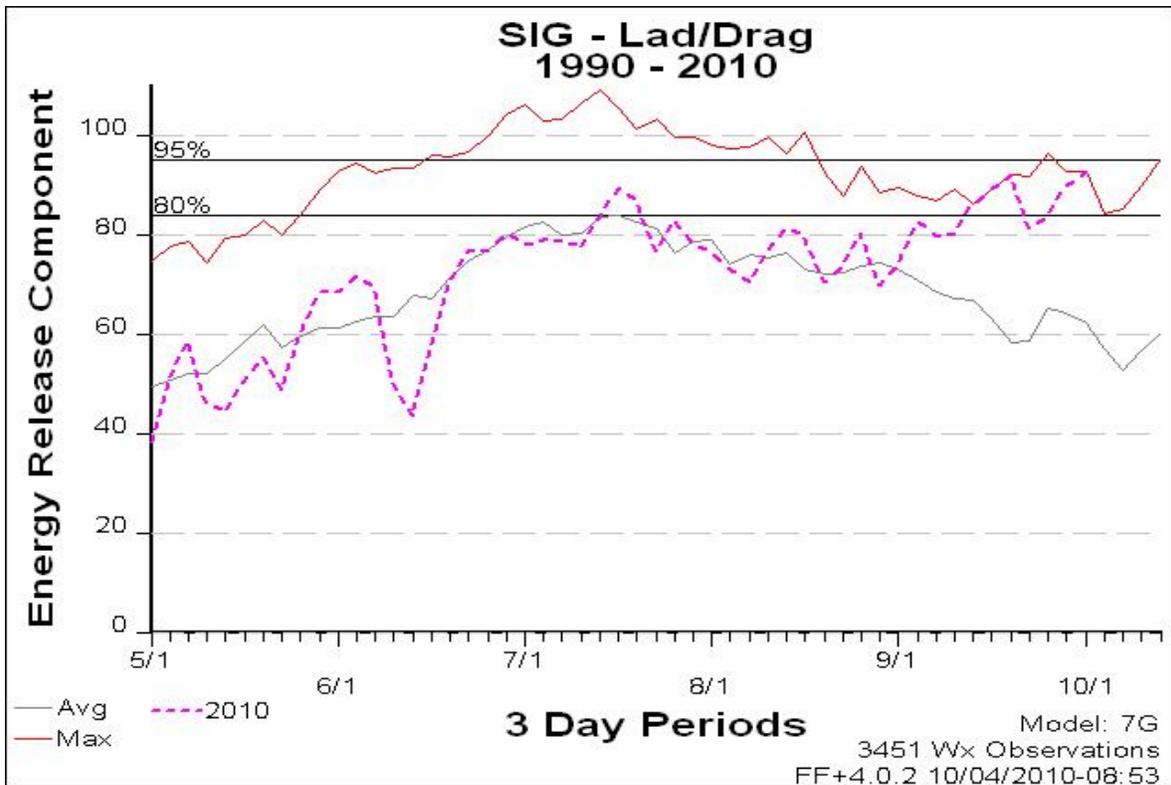
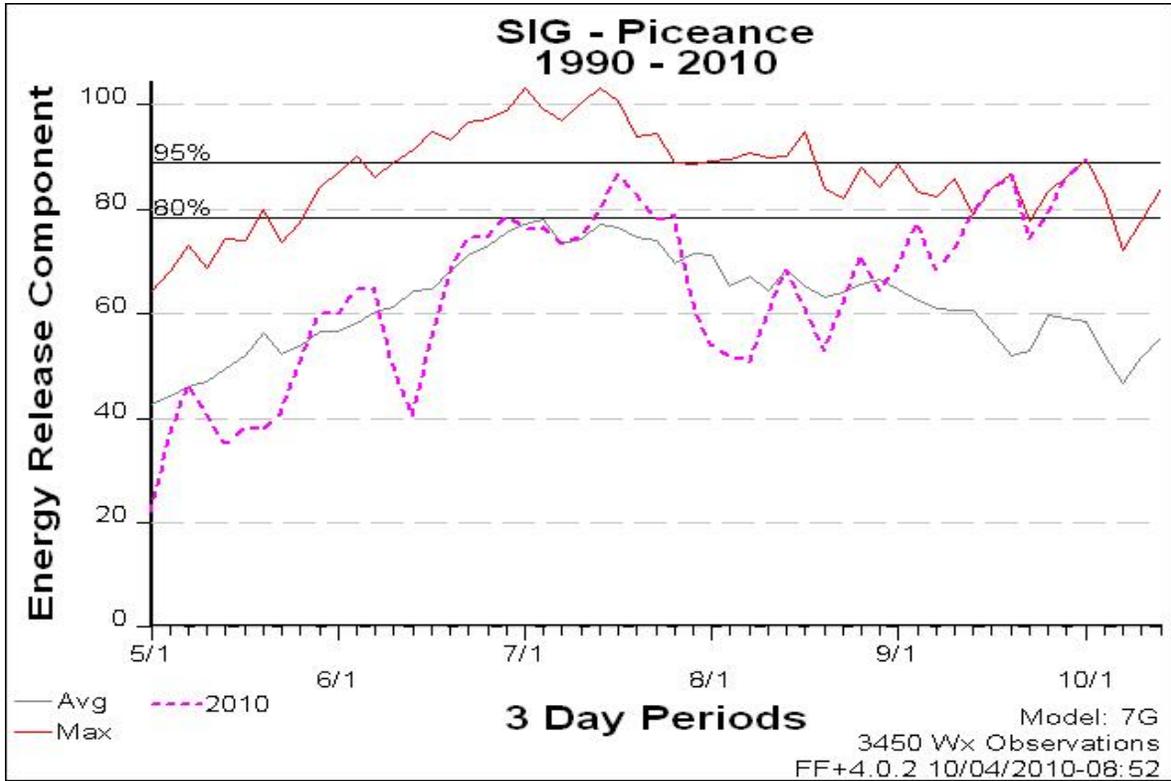


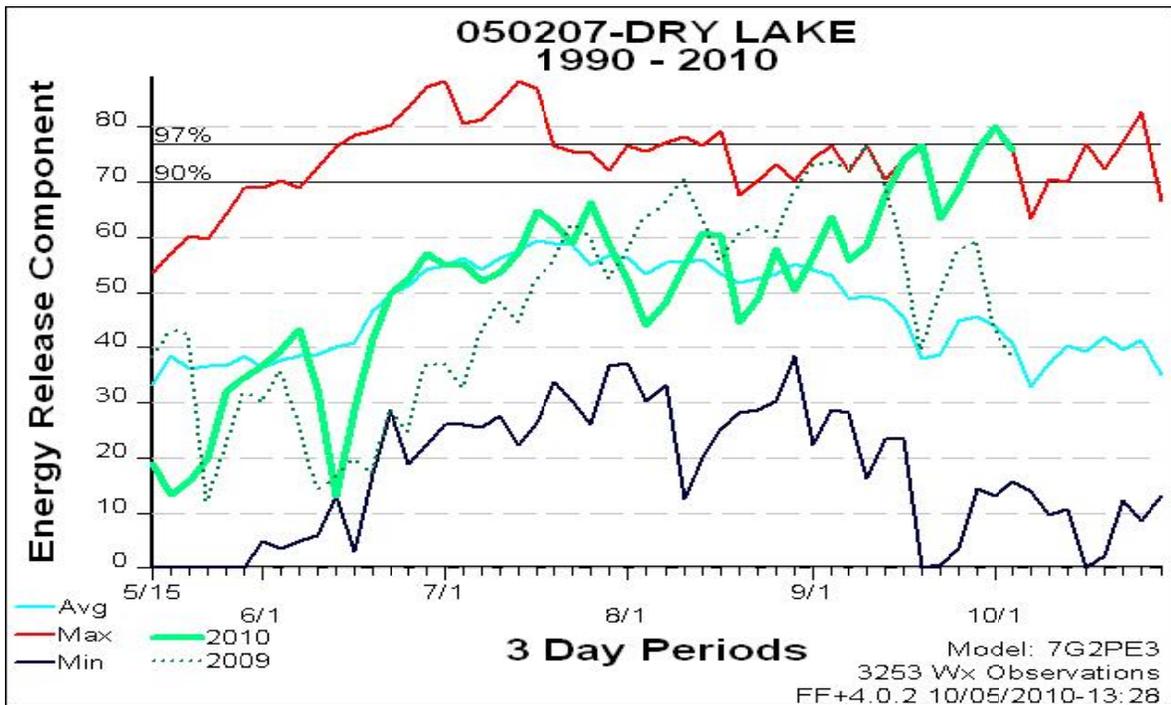
Other Aircraft Support was provided to:

-Forest Health Flight Following 52 hours

-WRD Wildhorse Assesment Planning & Flight Following 10 days








 Thanks Firefighters!
 

