

# Craig Interagency Dispatch Center 2012 Year End Report



Wolf Fire August 3, 2012



## Cooperating Agencies

Bureau of Land Management

United States Forest Service

National Park Service

US Fish and Wildlife Service

Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control

Moffat, Routt, Rio Blanco, Jackson & Grand Counties

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## **Craig Interagency Dispatch Center (CRC) 2012 Year End Report**

The 2012 fire season began with an active spring season due to private burns burning out of control because of extremely dry fuels and red flag weather conditions. During the months of May and June, however, fire activity slowed down considerably as fire restrictions were put in place and the monsoonal storms were yet to arrive. The bulk of the fire load came in July and early August with 163 of the 272 total wildfires occurring during this time. From September on, fire season locally remained relatively quiet resulting in an overall average year for fire numbers and acres burned.

The first fire of the year occurred January 2<sup>nd</sup> with Moffat County resources responding to and suppressing a private burn gone array. Throughout the month of January there were a few more reports of out of control private burns, but none of which required federal assistance until the East Boone fire on March 11<sup>th</sup>. March and April continued to be a busy months for assisting counties with out of control private burns.

In July, thunderstorms kicked off the busiest period of the fire season. Most of our large fires occurred during this time including the Powell Complex which began July 17<sup>th</sup>. The Powell Complex was managed by Richardson's Type II team and was the first incident management team Craig Dispatch has hosted since 2006. Our busiest day, as far as new fire starts go, occurred July 21<sup>st</sup> with 14 new fires reported and initial attacked that day.

August continued to be a busy month, but the fire load did decrease as monsoonal storms brought much needed moisture to the district, particularly in the Piceance Basin. Our largest fire of the season occurred August 3<sup>rd</sup> with the Wolf fire, burning 5,126 acres. However, it was kept at a Type III incident management level.

Unfortunately, due to the extremely dry fuels and sensitive political climate there were very limited opportunities to manage fires for multiple objectives. The only opportunity came in April with the Middle fire, burning only .1 acre. Prescribed burning in the spring was also extremely limited due to the same constraints. The fall and winter months, however, proved to be much more conducive to prescription conditions for fuels projects for the Routt National Forest, the Kremmling Field Office, and the White River Field Office.

The active fire season nationally provided several opportunities for resources to travel off unit for fire assignments. The majority of the orders filled were for assignments within the Rocky Mountain Area as it experienced an exceptionally busy year. The Craig Hotshots, for example, did not have an assignment out of region until July 31 when they headed to Region 1.

CRC dispatchers also lent their support to the Rocky Mountain Area throughout the course of the fire season, sending dispatchers to Rocky Mountain Coordination Center, Fort Collins Dispatch, Casper Dispatch, and Pueblo Dispatch. In addition to Rocky Mountain Area dispatch center support, CRC was able to send a dispatcher to Upper Yukon Tannana (Alaska) Dispatch for a 21 day assignment.

During our busiest months, Craig Dispatch received support from numerous dispatch centers including: Grand Junction Dispatch, Cody Dispatch, Durango Dispatch, and Grass Valley (CA) Dispatch, Minnesota Fire Center, and Rocky Mountain Coordination Center. Several other support dispatchers were brought in to assist in staffing expanded dispatch during the Powell Complex. Local militia and "broken" firefighters also helped staff the center 67 nights, providing 24 hour staffing to the field resources.

A total of 858 Incident Actions were processed in 2012.

The Craig SEAT base pumped 104,241 gallons of retardant in 2012. Most of this was to support fires in our local area, but it also supported incidents in surrounding areas such as Utah and Wyoming.

In addition to supporting wildland fires, the dispatch center provided support for all agencies' prescribed fire and fuels programs. Flight following services were also provided for many non-fire programs including the Regional Forest Health Flights and Wildhorse Censuses.

Lastly, the Craig Dispatch Answering Service received a total of 1,694 incoming and outgoing calls for 2012. That is an increase of about 39 calls from 2011. The increase of only 39 calls between the 2011 and 2012 seasons is probably due to the fact that the number of days the dispatch center was staffed for 24 hours a day nearly doubled between the two years, jumping from 38 days in 2011 to 67 days in 2012.



**Brush Creek Fire July 18, 2012**

## 2012 CRC Fire Statistics

	Lightning #	Lightning Acres	Human #	Human Acres
<i>LSD</i>	50	2045	1	69
<i>WRD</i>	82	6658	3	39
<i>KRD</i>	2	0.4	4	7
<i>DSP</i>	5	0.8	0	0
<i>BPR</i>	0	0	0	0
<i>AAR</i>	0	0	0	0
<i>RTF</i>	10	13	14	8
<i>CRS/DOW</i>	5	720	5	172
<i>RBX</i>	0	86	7	2
<i>MFX</i>	0	0	5	51
<i>RTX</i>	22	1250	20	888
<i>JCX</i>	3	258	12	336
<i>GRX</i>	4	108.10	11	395
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>11138</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>1967</b>

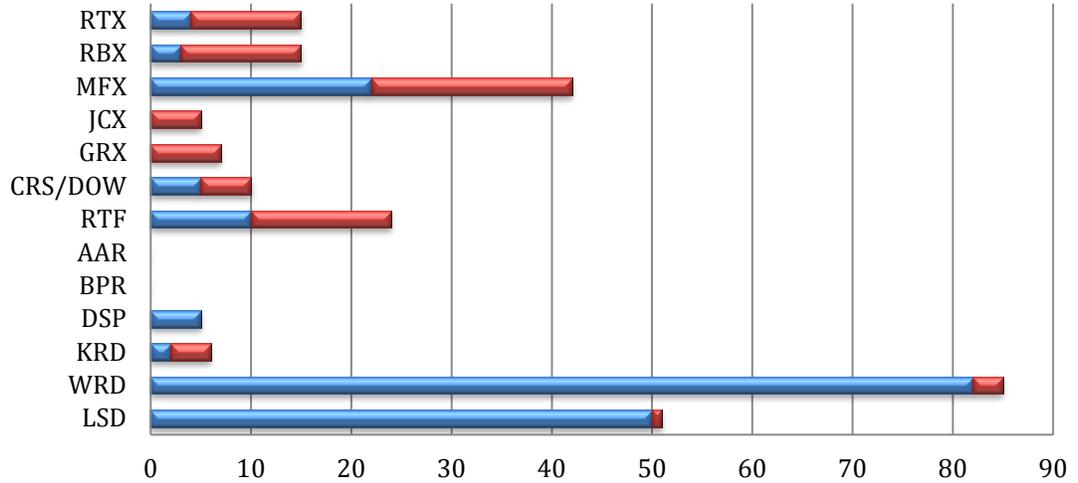
### BLM Fire Statistics by Unit

Cause	WRD		LSD		KRD		Totals	
	#	Acres	#	Acres	#	Acres	#	Acres
Human	3	39	1	69	4	7	8	115
Lightning	82	6658	50	2045	2	0.4	134	8703
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>6697</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>2114</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>8818</b>

### Private Fire Statistics by Unit

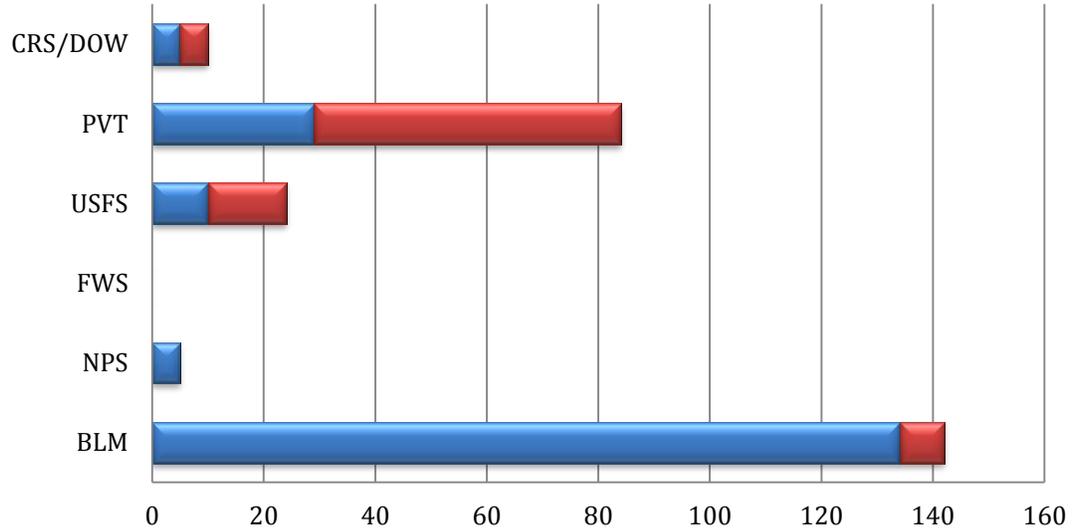
Cause	Grand Co		Jackson Co		Moffat Co		Rio Blanco Co		Routt Co		Totals	
	#	Acres	#	Acres	#	Acres	#	Acres	#	Acres	#	Acres
Human	7	2	5	51	20	888	12	336	11	395	55	1672
Lightning	0	0	0	0	22	1250	3	258	4	108	29	1616
<b>Totals</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>2138</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>3288</b>

## Number of Fires by Ignition Cause



	LSD	WRD	KRD	DSP	BPR	AAR	RTF	CRS/DOW	GRX	JCX	MFX	RBX	RTX
■ Number of Lightning Fires	50	82	2	5	0	0	10	5	0	0	22	3	4
■ Number of Human Fires	1	3	4	0	0	0	14	5	7	5	20	12	11

## Number of Fires by Agency and Cause



	BLM	NPS	FWS	USFS	PVT	CRS/DOW
■ Number of Lightning Acres	134	5	0	10	29	5
■ Number of Human Acres	8	0	0	14	55	5

## 2012 Large Fire/MMO Summary

**\*Note\*** Fires listed below were one of the following; 100 acres in Timber, 300 acres in Grass/Brush, Managed for Resource Benefit (for ICS 209 entry), or had significant resource commitment

Incident Name	Start Date	Cause	Final Acreage	Acres by Agency(s)	State & Unit	IC Name	Team Type
Toponas	3/30	Field Burning	113.6	RTX	CO-RTX	Bracegertle	
Horse	4/4	Field Burning	179	158 RBX 21 LSD	CO-RBX	Mortenson Meyer (t)	
Too Long	4/9	Field Burning	265	220 MFX 45 LSD	CO-MFX	Simpson	
Middle Creek	4/10	Field Burning	226	RTX	CO-RTX	Buffetti	
Middle*	4/23	Lightning	.1	LSD	CO-LSD	Beckerman	
Coyote Basin	5/9	Field Burning	103.5	MFX	CO-MFX	Wheeler	
Ace	6/4	Lightning	1154	LSD	CO-LSD	St. Martin	
Sand	6/19	Misc	447	MFX	CO-MFX	Johnston	
Cedar Knob	7/10	Lightning	1059.6	237.7 MFX 389.2 CRS 432.7 LSD	CO-CRS	St. Martin	
Scandinavian	7/14	Lightning	122	LSD	CO-LSD	Megel Fick (t)	
Brush Creek	7/18	Lightning	514	428 WRD 86 GFX	CO-WRD	Madrid	
Powell Complex	7/19	Lightning	901	770 WRD 131 RBX	CO-WRD	Richardson	2
Little Duck**	7/20	Lightning	738	669 WRD 69 RBX	CO-WRD	Beckerman	
61	7/20	Lightning	100	RTX	CO-RTX	Leck	
Conway	7/21	Lightning	200	LSD	CO-LSD	Shultz	
Mud Springs	7/23	Lightning	121	MFX	CO-MFX	Strohmier	
Divide	8/3	Lightning	408	248 WRD 160 MFX	CO-WRD	Bradley	
Wolf	8/3	Lightning	5126	4349 WRD 330 CRS 447 MFX	CO-WRD	Beckerman	
Encampment	8/18	Lightning	10	RTF	CO-RTF	Stanton McGuire (t) Westendorf (t)	

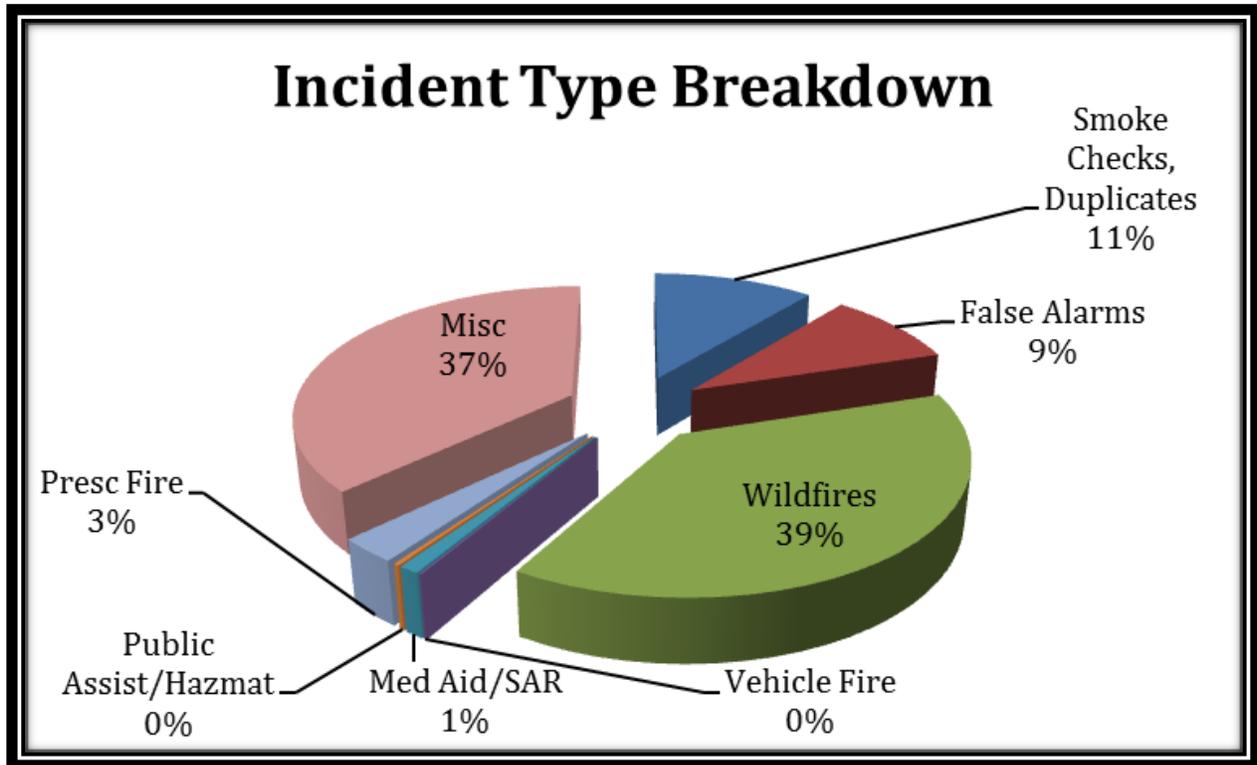
**\*MMO fire**

**\*\*Was part of the Powell Complex**



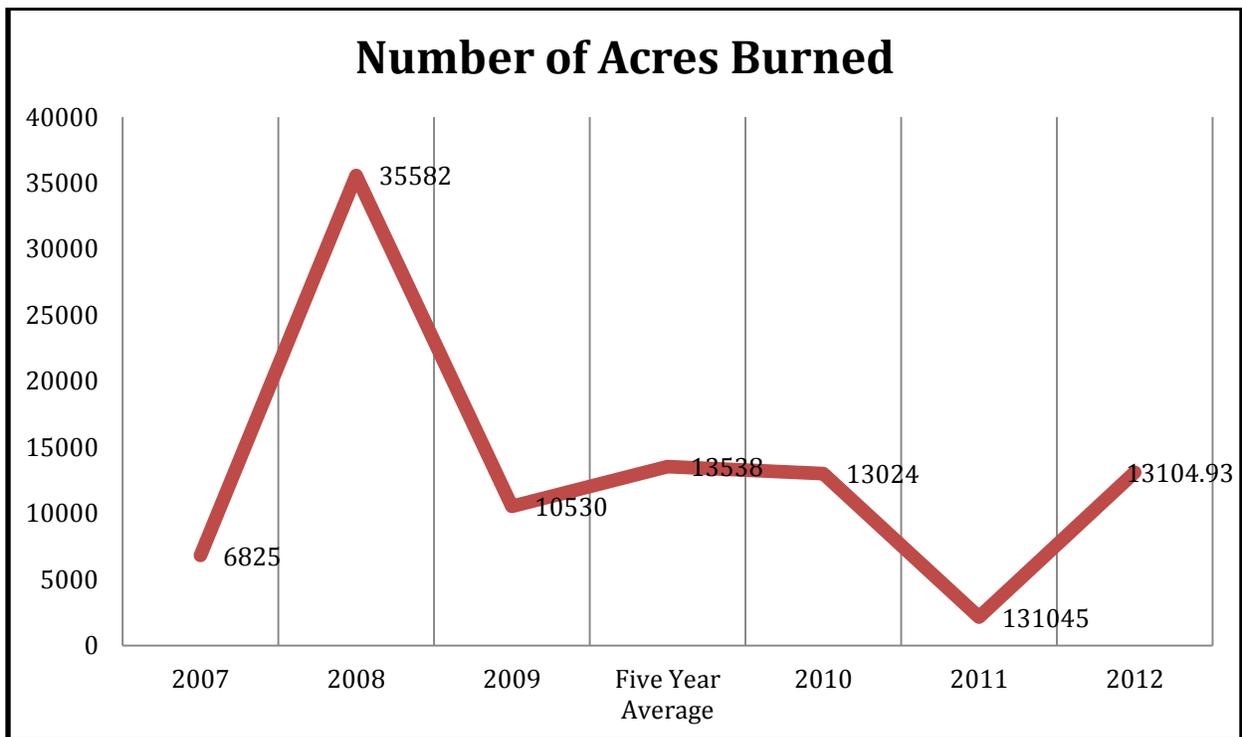
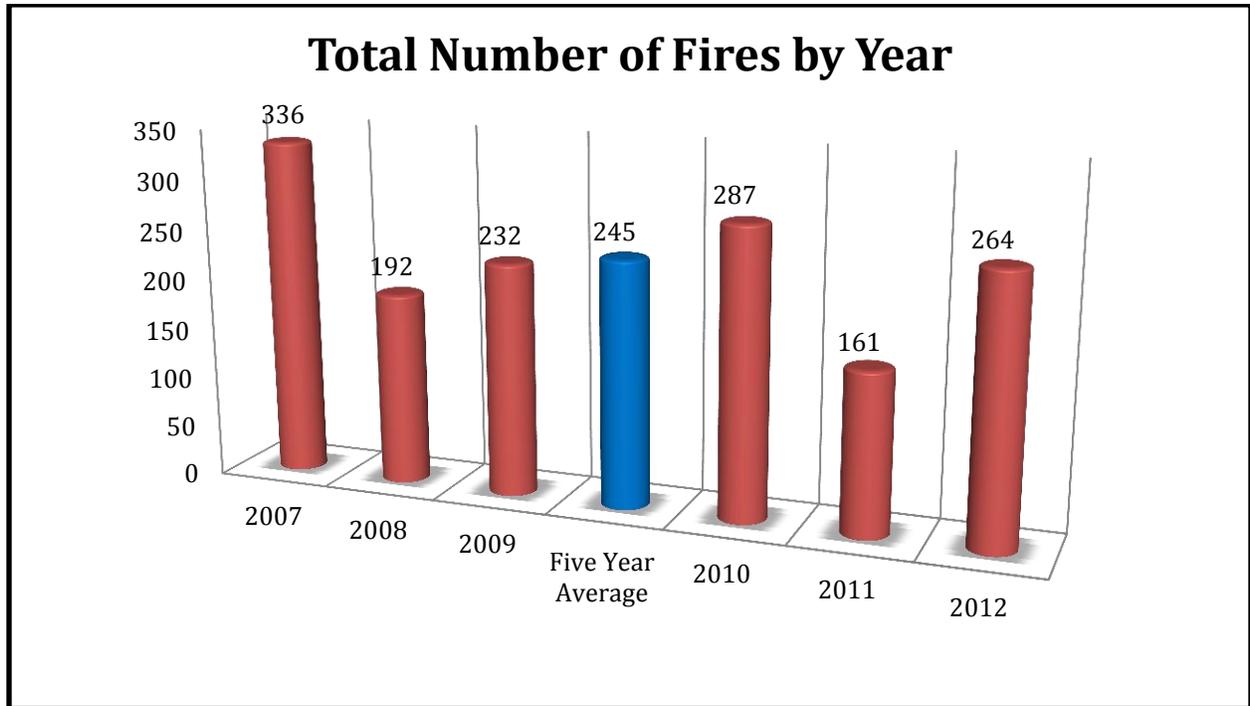
**Middle Fire April 23, 2012, the unit's only MMO fire of the year**

## 2012 Incident Action Summary

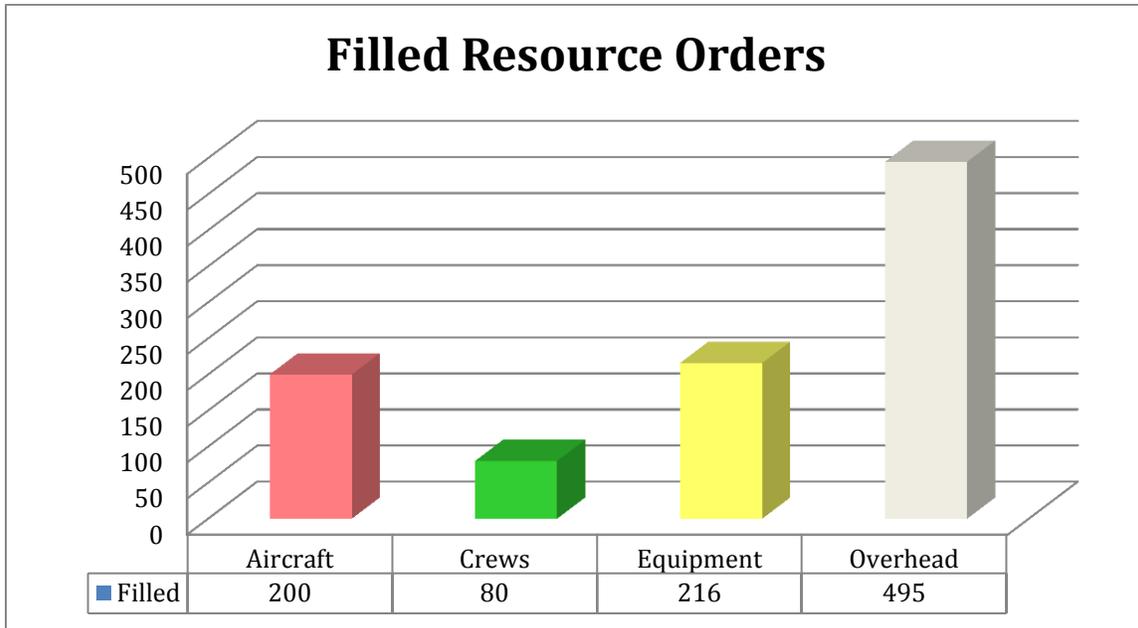


USA Fire July 10, 2012

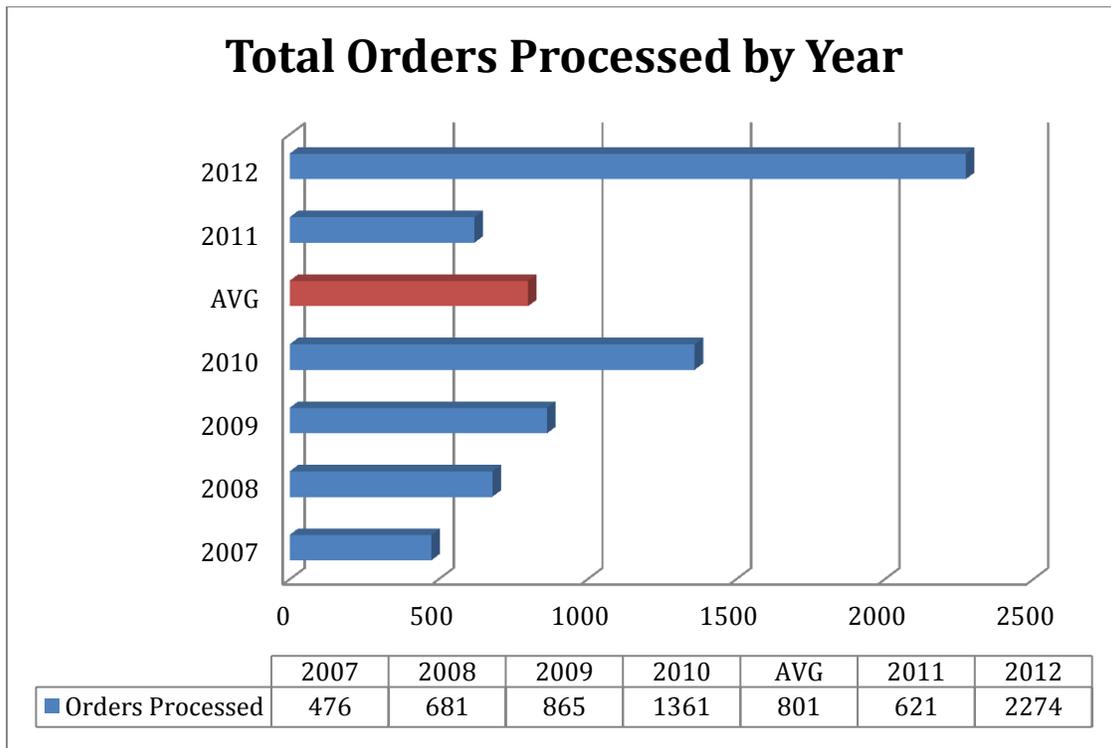
## Five Year Averages



## CRC Resource Order Statistics



## ROSS Resource Order Requests Processed Including 5 year Average



## 2012 ROSS Resource Order Statistics Workload by Unit

(Does not include Initial Attack)

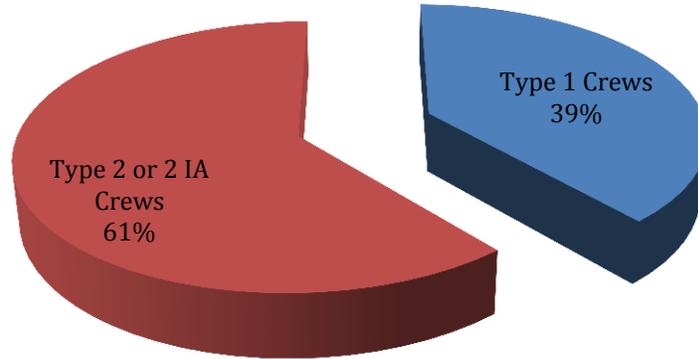
	WRD	LSD	KRD	CRD	RTF	DSP	FWS	Counties & State	Totals
Aircraft	95	10	0	0	8	3	0	16	132
Crews	42	7	0	0	4	0	0	9	62
Equipment	64	7	1	5	9	2	3	2	93
Overhead	77	2	0	6	5	8	3	5	106
<b>Totals</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>393</b>



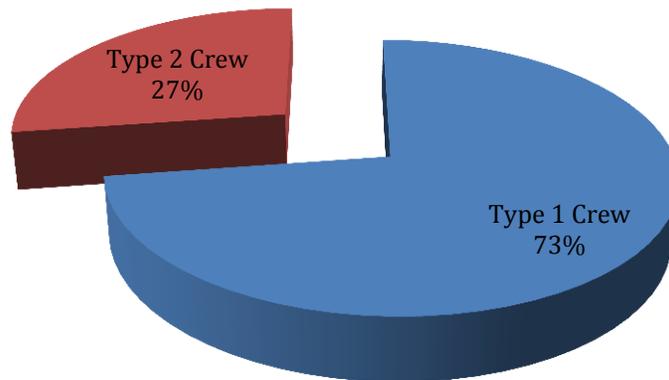
Early Season Fire, Horse, April 4, 2012

## Crew Summary

### CRC Incoming Crew Orders Filled



### CRC Out of Dispatch Area Crew Orders Filled



## Historical Crew Usage with the CRC Zone

(Includes Local and Visiting Crews, Type I and Type II)

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***	339***
2011	17****	80****
2012	61	139

\* Includes 16 crews for 111 days on Bark Beetle work

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

\*\*\* Includes 25 crews for 269 days on Bark Beetle work

\*\*\*\* Includes 4 crews for 42 days on Bark Beetle work



**Brush Creek Fire**

# **Crew Narrative**

## **Craig Interagency Hotshots**

The Craig Interagency Hotshots started the season on April 23rd with critical training and finished the year on September 20th. During this time the crew was dispatched to 20 incidents in 3 different states. The majority of the season was spent around Colorado and Wyoming. For more information please see the Craig Hotshots 2012 Season Report.

## **Green River Interagency Type 2IA Crew**

The Green River Interagency Type 2IA Crew was organized twice this season, staffed with personnel from the Northwest Colorado Fire Management Unit, Colorado State Forest Service, Wyoming High Desert District BLM, and Wyoming High Plains District. The crew supported 8 incidents in Colorado, Wyoming and Utah.

## **Medicine-Bow Routt NF Type 2IA Crew**

CRC supported the Medicine-Bow Routt (MBR) Type 2IA Crew by coordinating mobilization of personnel from the Routt National Forest. The MBR crew was mobilized to the Arapaho Fire in Wyoming and the Encampment Fire on the Routt National Forest.

## **Storm Peak Wildland Fire Module**

The Storm Peak Wildland Fire Module was organized in the spring of 2012 to serve as a highly skilled, versatile, self-sufficient/self-supporting fire crew which provides technical and ecological based expertise in the areas of: long term planning, ignitions, holding and suppression, prescribed fire preparation and implementation support, hazard fuels reduction, and fire effects monitoring. These skills will assist fire managers in implementing safe and effective fire operations to meet resource and management objectives on planned and unplanned wildfires. After Storm Peak received their 2 weeks of critical training, the module became available nationally as a trainee module and obtained 3 incident assignments in two geographic areas. The module was staffed with a permanent module leader, an acting assistant, one senior firefighter, two lead firefighters and two crewmembers.



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**Storm Peak Module**

## Equipment Summary



### Local Engines Sent Off District

Several federal and cooperator engines had off district assignments supporting neighbors, the region, and national incidents

<b>Resource</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Assignment</b>	<b>National</b>
E-1419	CO-CRD	3/29	BKF ABCD Misc SD-BKF-120006	
E-1419	CO-CRD	6/20	Willow WY-RAD-000126	
E-1419	CO-CRD	6/21	HDD WY State Severity WY-WSO-000103	
E-1419	CO-CRD	6/25	Church Camp UT-NES-000123	Yes
E-1419	CO-CRD	6/29	Little Lewis NM-LNF-000023	
E-1419	CO-CRD	9/10	Northeast Texas Fire Complex TX-TXS-012010	Yes
E-1419	CO-CRD	12/3	Fern Lake CO-RMP-000975	
E-1613	CO-CRD	9/25	South Goslin UT-ASF-000404	Yes
E-1614	CO-CRD	6/15	Mustang 2 UT-ASF-000102	Yes
E-1614	CO-CRD	8/29	Gilead WY-BHF-000520	
E-1614	CO-CRD	9/19	Okanogan Complex	Yes

			WA-OWF-000610	
E-1614	CO-CRD	9/23	Goat WA-OWF-00649	Yes
E-1642	CO-CRD	6/29	Wolf Den UT-VLD-000133	Yes
E-1642	CO-CRD	8/17	2012 WID Severity NV-WID-020075	Yes
E-1642	CO-CRD	8/19	Felix NV-WID-020282	Yes
E-1642	CO-CRD	8/24	MM 65 NV-WID-020288	Yes
E-1642	CO-CRD	8/26	Cherry NV-WID-020291	Yes
E-1642	CO-CRD	8/29	Danner Loop OR-VAD-000157	Yes
E-1642	CO-CRD	9/8	Southeast Texas Fire Complex TX-TXS-012009	Yes
E-1644	CO-CRD	3/30	Gill Creek CO-GMF-000047	
E-1644	CO-CRD	6/4	West Texas I.A. TX-TXS-011004	Yes
E-1644	CO-CRD	6/18	Russels Camp WY-MBF-012096	
E-1644	CO-CRD	6/29	Arapaho WY-ALX-012131	
E-1644	CO-CRD	9/20	Middle Elk CO-WRF-000711	
E-1610	CO-BPR	4/3	Mortenson Lake- Wyoming Toad Broadcast WY-SER-000029	
E-1610	CO-BPR	6/5	Murphy AZ-CNF-011057	Yes
E-617	CO-RTF	3/28	Telephone Fire WY-MBF-012020	
E-617	CO-RTF	4/4	Mortenson Lake- Wyoming Toad Broadcast WY-SER-000029	
E-617	CO-RTF	6/4	Stuart Hole CO-ARF-000305	
E-617	CO-RTF	6/11	High Park CO-LRX-000329	
E-617	CO-RTF	7/28	Arapaho WY-ALX-012131	
E-617	CO-RTF	8/27	Roach CO-ARF-000838	
E-617	CO-RTF	9/10	MedBow Routt Support	

			WY-MBF-012381	
E-617	CO-RTF	9/12	Reservoir WY-BHF-000390	
E-617	CO-RTF	9/21	Condon Mountain MT-FNF-000017	Yes
E-617	CO-RTF	10/29	San Juan NF ABCD Misc CO-SJF-000007	
E-618	CO-RTF	3/28	Telephone Fire WY-MBF-012020	
E-618	CO-RTF	5/2	Trans Pecos Complex TX-TXS-011024	Yes
E-618	CO-RTF	8/18	DNRC ELO MT-EAS-000002	Yes
E-618	CO-RTF	8/24	First MT-MCD-000148	Yes
E-618	CO-RTF	8/30	Rough MT-MCD-000152	Yes
E-618	CO-RTF	10/18	Fork SD-SDS-121336	
E-618	CO-RTF	11/28	Fern Lake CO-RMP-000975	
E-681	CO-DSP	4/25	Potholes UT-ASF-000029	Yes
E-681	CO-DSP	6/15	Mustang 2 UT-ASF-000102	Yes
E-681	CO-DSP	6/29	Wolf Den UT-VLD-000133	Yes
E-681	CO-DSP	7/6	Honey Prairie GA-OKR-000001	Yes
E-8601	CO-DSP	6/27	Pole Creek UT-UOA-000087	Yes
E-619	CO-CSFS	6/10	High Park CO-LRX-000329	
E-619	CO-CSFS	6/15	Honey Prairie GA-OKR-000001	Yes
E-619	CO-CSFS	6/26	Flagstaff CO-BLX-000437	
E-472	CO-EGCX	6/24	2012 ARF ABCD Misc. CO-ARF-000001	
E-367	CO-GRLX	3/27	Lower North Fork Co-JEX-000176	
E-367	CO-GRLX	8/14	SHF August Lightning CA-SHF-002532	Yes
E-367	CO-GRLX	8/18	Bagley CA-SHF-002744	Yes
E-367	CO-GRLX	9/15	Southeast Texas Fire Complex TX-TXS-012009	Yes

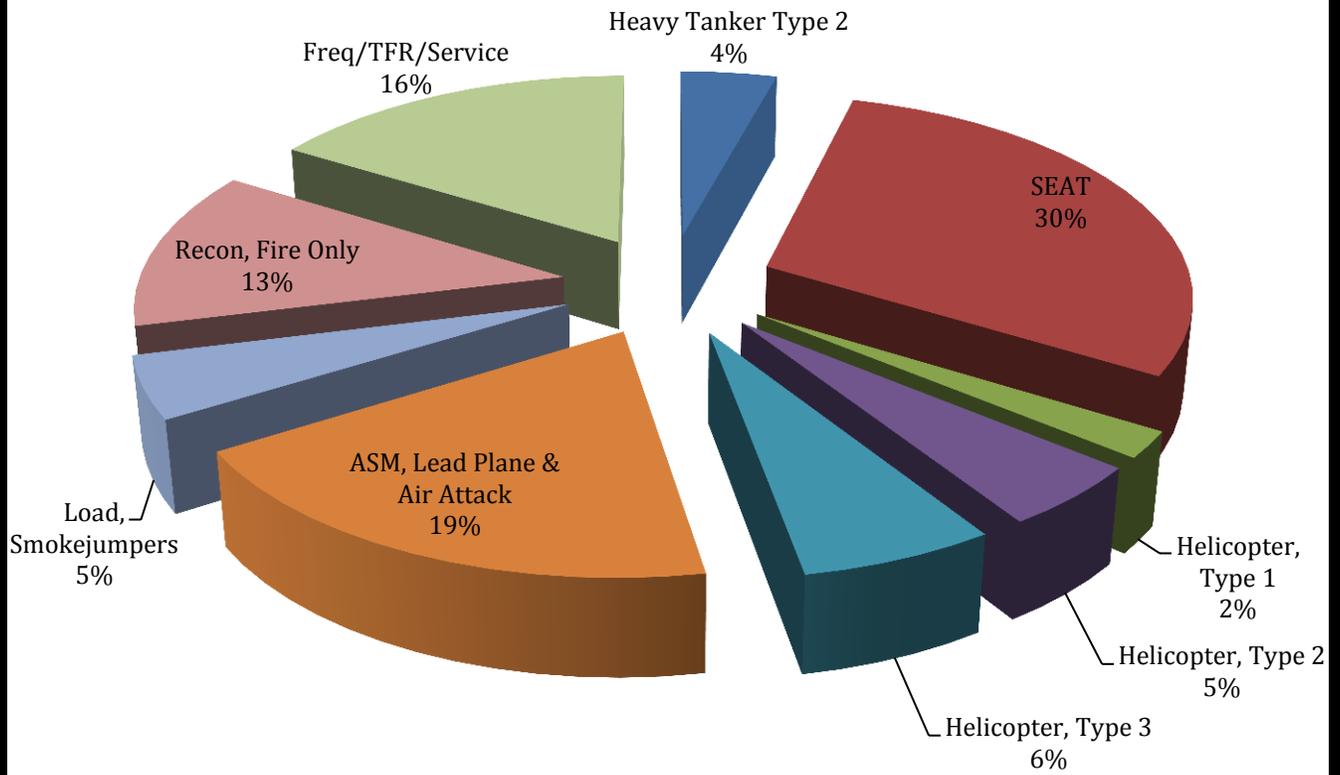
E-423	CO-MFX	6/20	Willow WY-RAD-000126	
E-624	CO-MFX	6/20	Willow WY-RAD-0001126	



**Both images are from the Brush Creek Fire July, 18, 2012**

# 2012 Aircraft Summary

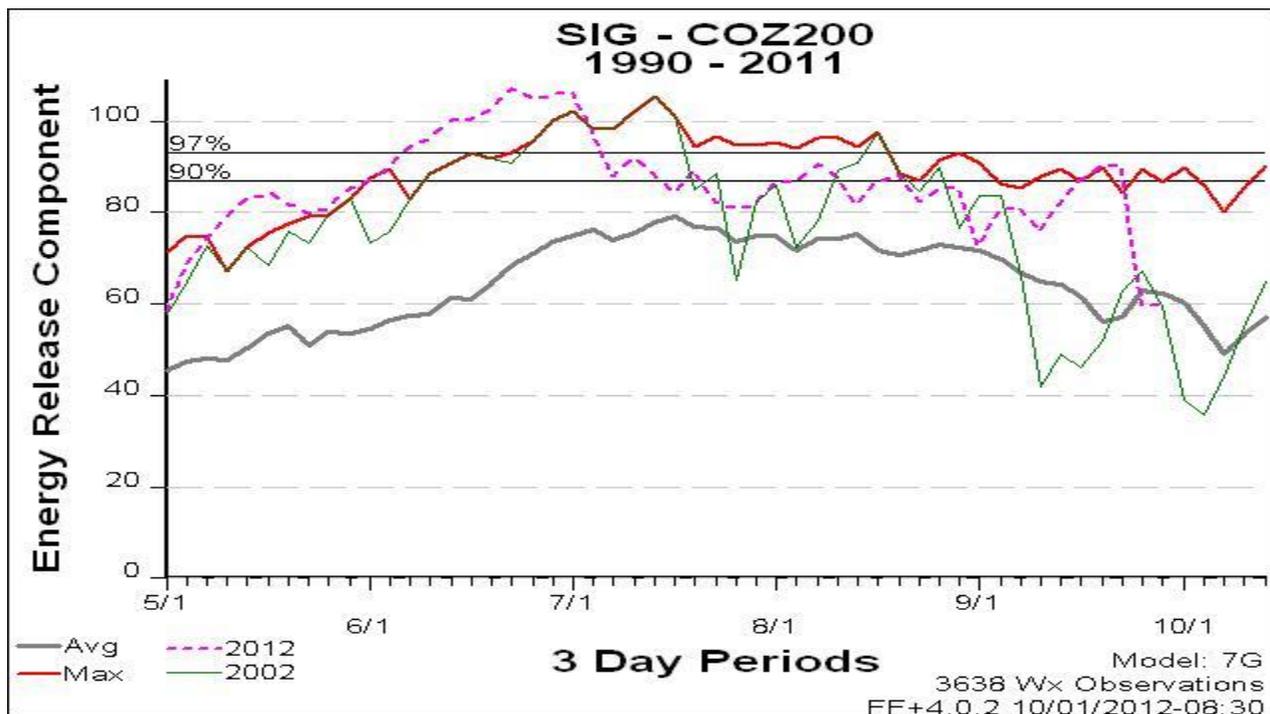
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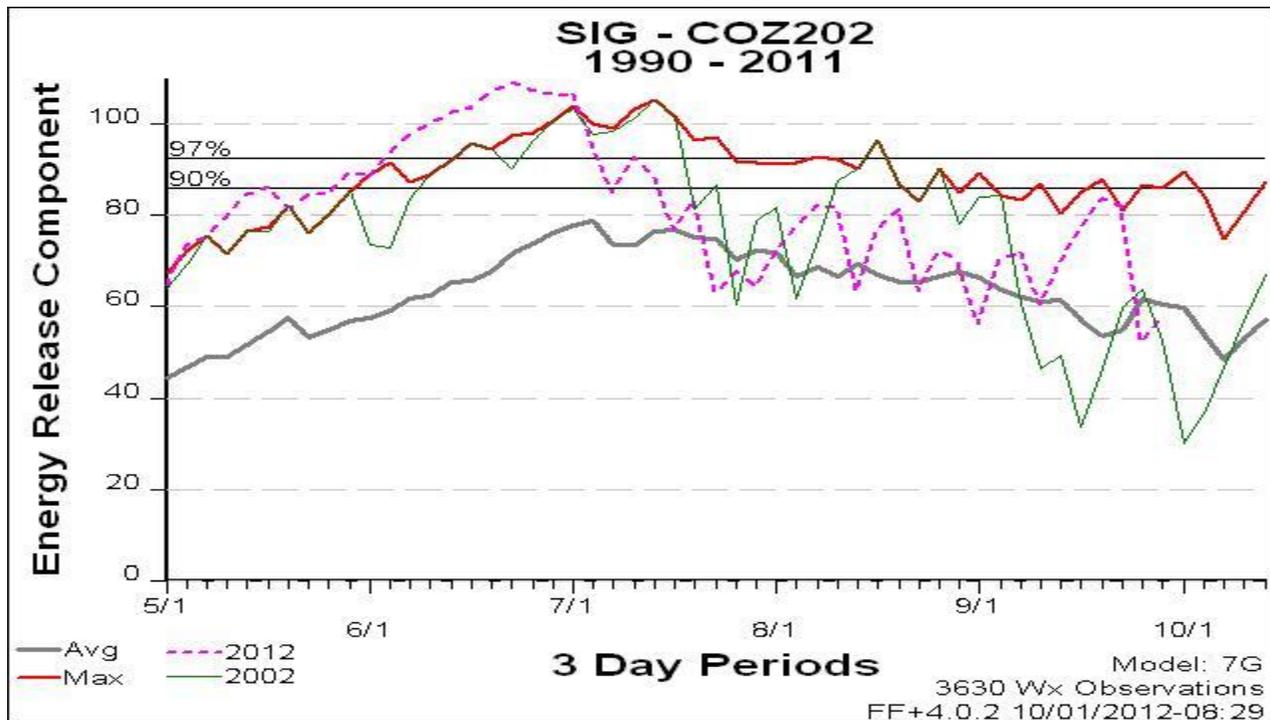
Powell Complex July 19, 2012

# ERC Charts

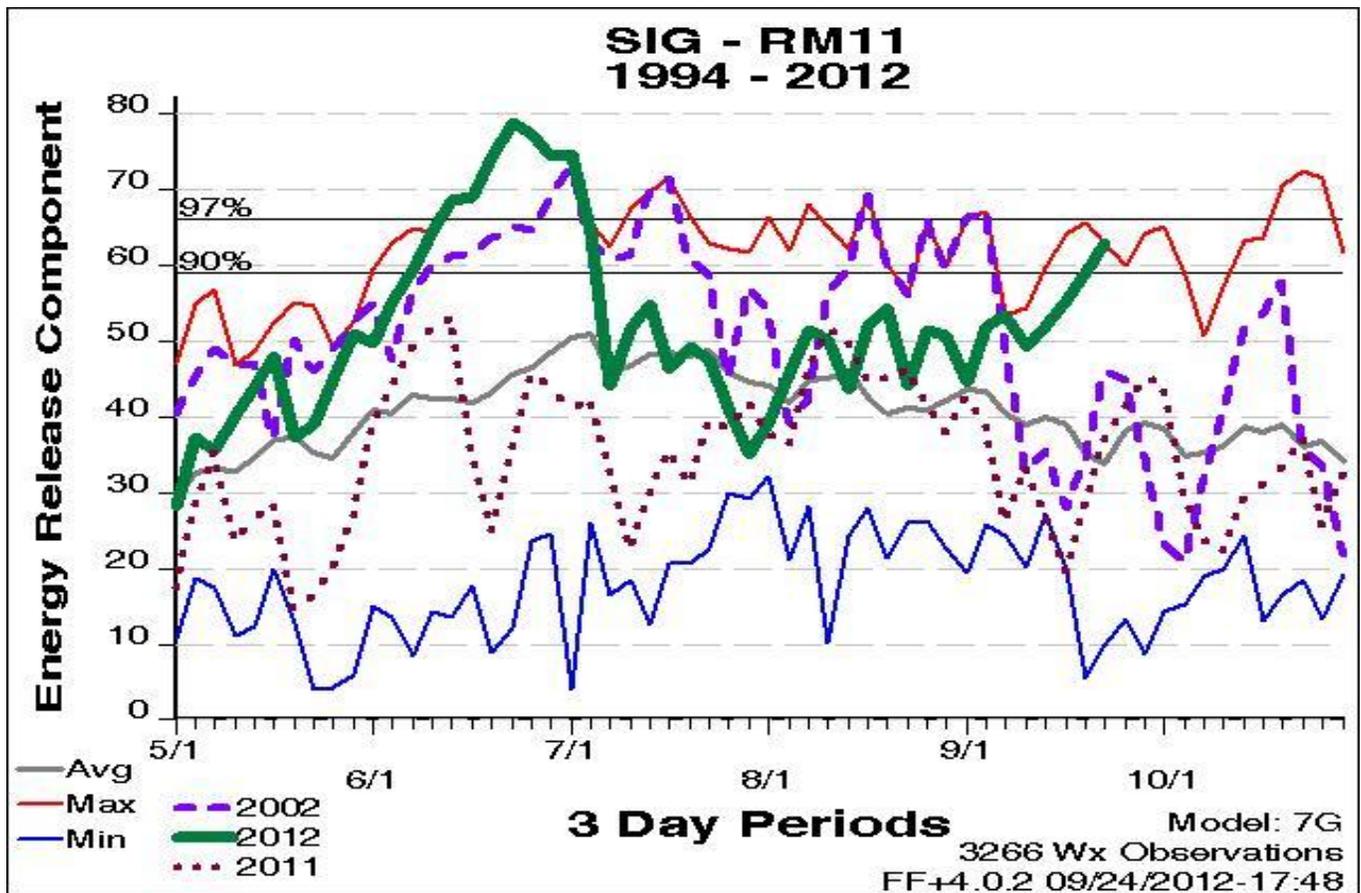
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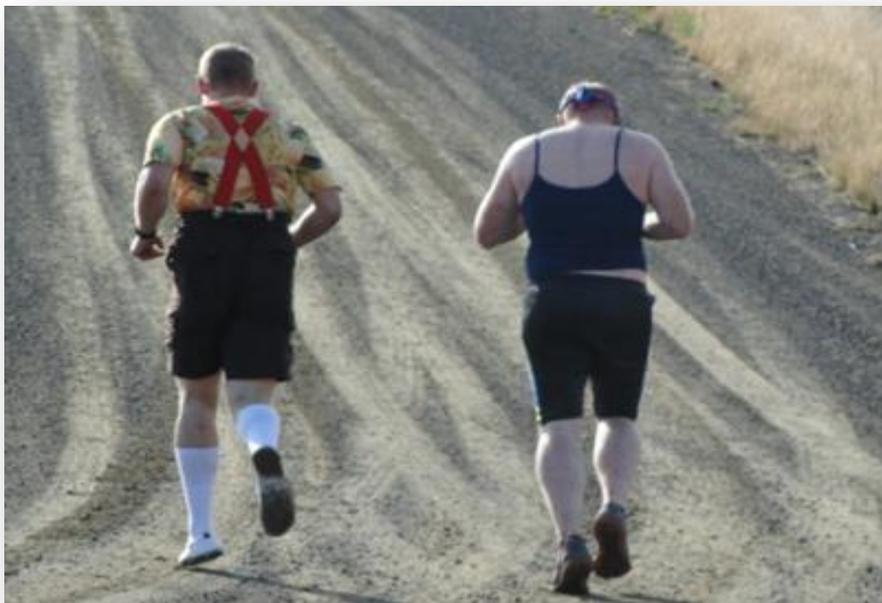
## 2012 South Zone



## 2012 East Zone



**Thank You Firefighters!**



Crew Members competing in the Jane Fonda Triathlon