

Northern Great Plains Interagency Dispatch Center

2003 Year End Report

For the first six months of 2003, the Custer Interagency Dispatch Center was in operation and managed all local and National incidents and mobilizations. This included a fairly heavy crew mobilization to assist with the Columbia Shuttle recovery and the Aphis incident. The concept of changing from a fourth tier dispatch system to Centralized dispatching would become a reality for fire season 2003. On June 8th of 2003, the Northern Great Plains Interagency Dispatch Office began full operation as a dispatch center. We can only believe the work and dedication of the staff from the Custer Dispatch Center will not be forgotten by anyone in these parts for many years to come.

The 2002/2003 winter season proved to be a mild one, with below normal snow pack for the area, thus moving us into our fourth consecutive year of drought with a deficit of approximately five inches going into the fire season. We did receive some much needed and welcome rains in May, which is normal to the area, holding off fire season for a little over a month. For the remainder of the season, we experienced a normal weather pattern with approximately 10-12 days reaching over the 100 degree mark.

With the Center opening in June, many areas were well into their fire season. We were able to send some engines and crews to the Southwest and Southern Colorado areas before our season began.

Although we do not have a good feel for a ten year average as an Interagency Center, from what records we do have, the 2003 Fire Season was below normal in not only fire occurrence but acreage as well. We did host a Type II incident on the Southern Hills in late July, the "Red Point Fire" started by lightning, burned over 17500 acres. Then in August, the Pine Ridge Agency also hosted a Type II incident. The "Pine Ridge Complex" a complex of a number of human caused fires burned over 7100 acres. We also managed a number of Type III incidents with local resources, the latest being the "Mill Road Fire" occurring on November 20th, burning over 600 acres within the city limits of Rapid City.

The Prescribed fire program for the area seems to be an aggressive one. We are still working on a good reporting system for the area, and hope to have better statistics to report in the following years.

UNIT	AGENCY/STATE	HUMAN		LIGHTNING		WFU*		TOTAL	
		FIRES	ACRES	FIRES	ACRES	FIRES	ACRES	FIRES	ACRES
SD-SDS	STATE	36	1029	43	17603			79	18,632.00
SD-BKF	NORTH ZONE	1	0.1	25	37.26	0	0	26	37.36
SD-BKF	CENTRAL ZONE	9	474.95	23	23.3	0	0	32	498.25
SD-BKF	SOUTH ZONE	8	46	33	11047	0	0	41	11,093.00
NE-NBF	NE-NBF	5	343	34	1917	0	0	39	2,260.00
SD-NPS	NE-AFB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SD-NPS	SD-BDP	0	0	2	281	0	0	2	281
SD-NPS	WY-DTP	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
SD-NPS	SD-JCP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SD-NPS	SD-MRP	0	0	2	0.9	0	0	2	0.9
SD-NPS	NE-SBP	4	2	2	3	0	0	6	5
SD-NPS	SD-WCP	1	231	2	12	0	0	3	243
SD-BIA	SD-CCA	40	100	0	0	0	0	40	100
SD-BIA	SD-RBA	240	3230	13	500	0	0	253	3,730
SD-BIA	SD-LBA	46	59	0	0	0	0	46	59
SD-BIA	SD-SWA	18	350		15	0	0	18	350
SD-BIA	SD-SRA	227	9000	17	1000	0	0	244	10,000
SD-BIA	SD-CRA	87	949	18	104	0	0	105	1,053
SD-BIA	SD-PRA	391	9224	19	1554	0	0	410	10,778
SD-BIA	SD-YAA	10	300	0	0	0	0	10	300
SD-BIA	SD-WBA	68	1,460	1	40	0	0	69	1,500
SD-FWS	SD-HUR	6	266	0	0	0	0	6	266
SD-FWS	SD-LCR	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
SD-FWS	SD-LAR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SD-FWS	SD-MDR	1	18	0	0	0	0	1	18
SD-FWS	SD-SLR	4	605	0	0	0	0	4	605
SD-FWS	SD-WAR	1	280	0	0	0	0	1	280
NE-FWS	NW-BCR	2	7	0	0	0	0	2	7
NE-FWS	NE-CLR	10	287	1	15	0	0	11	302
NE-FWS	NE-FNR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NE-FWS	NE-NPR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NE-FWS	NE-RBR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NE-FWS	NE-VAR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WY- CNTY	WY-CRX	4	4.3	4	7.3	0	0	8	11.6
WY- CNTY	WY-WEX	10	2	17	3863	0	0	27	3,865.00

RAPID CITY TAKER BASE YEAR 2003 FLEW ON 10 FIRES, HAD 55 LOADS FOR 115,882 GALLONS WITH NO TANKERS FLYING OUT LOADED TO OTHER REGIONS.

ZEROS INDICATE NO ACTIVITY OR NO INFORMATION GIVEN BY AGENCY.

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**FIRES PER AGENCY – SUPPORTED BY GREAT PLAINS
DISPATCH – WE ISSUED GPC CODES**

AGENCY	HUMAN		LIGHTNING		TOTAL	
	FIRES	ACRES	FIRES	ACRES	FIRES	ACRES
BKF	17	511	84	11100	101	11611
SDS	37	1030	42	1251	79	2281
FWS					5	
NPS	1	1	1	12	9	
BIA					13	
NBF	6	310	33	2231	39	2541
WY					14	
TOTAL					260	
False Alarms					154	
Out of Zone					180	
TOTAL INCIDENTS					594	

Blanks indicate information not given

RESOURCE ORDERS

RESOURCE TYPE	# INCIDENTS	# REQUESTS	CANCELLED	UN-ABLE TO FILL
OVERHEAD	147	919	61	84
EQUIPMENT	70	757	55	11
AIRCRAFT	51	208	23	15
CREWS	57	164	16	8
TOTAL	325	2048	155	118

Percentage of Requests UTF'd 16%

ORDERS FILLED BY CUSTER DISPATCH – JAN 01 TO JUNE 08

TYPE	BIA	BKF	FWS	NBF	NPS	SDS
OH	4	46	3	11	12	3
CREWS	19	3	0	1	0	2
EQUIP	3	1	3	0	0	0

These numbers are included in totals for Great Plains Center

RESOURCE ORDERS BY FUNCTION – FILLED PER AGENCY

AGENCY	BIA	BKF	FWS	GPC/PVT	NBF	NPS	SDS	WY
OH	15	248	22	44	28	99	148	14
EQUIP	12	132	14	120	11	18	273	21
AC	8	14	0	0	0	2	10	3
CREWS	51	17	0	0	7	2	33	2
TOTAL	86	411	36	164	46	121	464	40

2003 Large Wildland Fire Report

Wildland Incident	Agency	Start Date	Contain Date	Cause	Acres	Incident Commander
Douglas	WY -CRX	07/16	Unknown	L	450	P. Pollat
Red Point	SD - BKF	07/21	7/30	L	17,950	T-II W. Jones
Cottonwood Creek	NE-NBF	08/03	08/03	L	1155	Childers
Burning Ground	NE-NBF	08/08	08/08	L	318	M. Erk
Hollow Horn	SD-PRA	08/11	08/11	U	1000	T. Weston
Papa	SD-PRA	08/13	08/14	U	4000	T. Weston
Pine Ridge Complex	SD-PRA	08/14	08/17	H	7105	A. Janis
Wolf	NE-NBF	08/19	08/20	L	288	S. Wheeler
Pyro	SD-PRA	08/23	08/23	H	2000	Not on 209
Blacktail	WY-WEX	08/28	08/29	L	200	Perino
Luger	ND-SRA	09/01	09/01	U	800	D. Red Dog
Pine Ridge	SD-PRA	09/05	09/05	U	1050	S. Weston
Twenty Four	ND-SRA	10/21	10/24	H	1425	S. Bailey
Mill Road	SD-SDS	11/20	11/20	H	600	R. Lehmann

H = Human Caused

L = Lightning Caused

U = Undetermined