

Great Plains Interagency Dispatch Center

Grand Opening



River Run – Crow Creek Agency

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2012 Annual Report

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GREAT PLAINS INTERAGENCY DISPATCH CENTER 2012 YEAR END REPORT

The first ten months of 2012 were the warmest on record for the contiguous United States as a whole, and for many locations across the United States. Summer 2012 was one of the warmest ever recorded in the Black Hills region. All stations had average temperatures among the ten warmest on record with Mission, Gillette, and Newcastle setting their warmest average temperatures. The summer season was also drier than normal, but only a few stations measured one of their ten driest seasons. Sturgis and Winner set records for their driest summers. Nebraska's summer precipitation was 5.92 inches below its average of 9.46 inches, while Wyoming's precipitation was 2.30 inches below its average of 3.97, marking the driest summer on record for both states. It is predicted that areas ravaged by extreme drought over the past year are unlikely to see much relief from drought conditions for the 2012-2013 winter.

January 9th was the "BIG DAY" with the move itself going very smooth, we thank all the interagency crews that came to help move furniture, set up maps and break in the new building. It was a very exciting time, which would not have come to fruition without the support of our Board of Directors, Agency Administrators and political entities throughout the zone. Although there were a few glitches with phones and radios in the beginning, the new design proved to be extremely efficient for what became the busiest season in the centers history.

With that, fire season started early for the Great Plains zone, with our first T-3 fire, the Tower on Rosebud Agency starting February 25th. The Mallow Street fire started on March 9th and was within the city limits of Rapid City; thus prompting the mobilization of the SD National Guard for air support. For the months of February through April, typically our snowiest months of the year, the zone reported six T-4 incidents and eight T-3 incidents from southern North Dakota to Northern Nebraska. Although the month of May did bring a short breather with minimal spring rains, activity picked back up in late June with the first of several large project fires, the Dakota on June 26th and then White Draw on June 30th, both T-2 incidents. July proved to be our busiest month, mobilizing both Team B and Team C to Nebraska State and the Rosebud Agency respectively while managing 356 initial attack reports, 225 of which were actual fires and 6 of them going T-3. In addition, there was much support for incidents and aviation request to the east and west of the Black Hills.

The ongoing elevated activity and the fact that much of the zones Fire Management filled valuable positions in the Regions Type 1 and 2 IMT organizations; it was clear there was a need to create a Command and Mobilization Center in Custer, South Dakota. We initially utilized Pierson's SW T-2 IMT to manage, but later assigned Kleinman's NIMO team. The Black Hills Command and Mobilization center at its height, housed 13 crews, 25 engines and enough overhead to support 5 T-3 incidents in south western South Dakota and the western portions of the Nebraska panhandle. The concept, although new and not fully tested seemed to be one that would be attempted again if the need is to arise.

The numbers in this report will paint the picture, but 2012 fire season started with Great Plains first "Managed" T-3 incident in late March and ended with our last in late October, and was a year that still has us reeling with all we can accomplish as a team and as a fire fighting community what we will do to support each other. As the smoke clears, we should all be proud that we successfully managed 1 Command and Mobilization Center, 1 Type 1 Incident, 6 Type 2 incidents, a staggering 28 T-3 incidents and 29 T-IV incidents. That at one point, during our July siege, we supported, coordinated and flight followed over 40 pieces of aircraft with the zone. Also, looking at the statistics, it was interesting to discover that only four states out of 50 were not represented here in our zone. That we entered over 17,000 requests into ROSS and filled over 15,000. That we not only took care of our own incidents but support those in neighboring zones and Geographical areas, with every chance we could.

Last but not least by far, we must remember those we lost this year. The crew of MAFF's 7 will forever remain in our minds and our hearts. May we never forget!

FIRES AND ACRES BY CAUSE PER AGENCY AS REPORTED TO GREAT PLAINS DISPATCH, THEN REPORTED ON THE
NATIONAL SITUATION REPORT

UNIT	AGENCY/STATE	HUMAN		LIGHTNING		TOTAL		PRESCRIBE FIRE	
		FIRES	ACRES	FIRES	ACRES	FIRES	ACRES	FIRES	ACRES
SD-SDS	SD-SDS	1242	125259	135	16496	1377	141755	6	568
SD-TNC	SD-PCI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SD-BKF	SD-BKF	52	15444	100	1203	152	16647	11	6484
NE-NBF	NE-NBF	6	93	65	39779	71	39872	3	1082
NE-NES	NE-NES	8	8360	19	261207	27	269567	0	0
SD-BLM	SD-SDD	0	15	2	404	2	419	0	34
NE-MWP	NE-AFP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NE-MWP	NE-HOP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NE-MWP	SD-BDP	1	0	5	14	6	14	1	580
NE-MWP	WY-DTP	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	90
NE-MWP	SD-JCP	3	22	0	0	3	22	1	5
NE-MWP	SD-MRP	1	2	0	0	1	2	1	77
NE-MWP	SD-WCP	0	106	1	0	1	106	0	0
NE-MWP	NE-SBP	1	15	1	0	2	15	0	0
NE-MWP	SD-MOP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL	7	145	7	14	14	159	4	752
SD-GPA	SD-CCA	75	223	3	4	78	227	0	0
SD-GPA	ND-SRA	268	6141	29	1706	297	7847	9	1641
SD-GPA	SD-LBA	60	35	4	159	64	194	4	544
SD-GPA	SD-SIA	21	63	0	0	21	63	0	0
SD-GPA	SD-RBA	64	23004	210	45085	274	68089	0	0
SD-GPA	SD-CRA	156	2276	64	1463	220	3739	2	148
SD-GPA	SD-PRA	466	2571	37	37240	503	39811	9	616
SD-GPA	SD-FSA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SD-GPA	SD-YAA	62	324	0	0	62	324	7	562
SD-GPA	NE-WIA	40	3177	0	0	40	3177	5	2570
	TOTAL	1212	37814	347	85657	1559	123471	36	6081
CO-R6R	SD-HUR	2	69	0	0	2	69	6	1034
CO-R6R	SD-LCR	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	1703
CO-R6R	SD-LAR	2	113	0	0	2	113	4	378
CO-R6R	SD-MDR	6	91	0	0	6	91	14	1238
CO-R6R	SD-SLR	1	127	0	0	1	127	8	3073

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		FIRES	ACRES	FIRES	ACRES	FIRES	ACRES	FIRES	ACRES
CO-R6R	SD-WAR	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	972
CO-R6R	NE-CLR	0	0	3	2524	3	2524	3	508
CO-R6R	NE-FNR	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	437
CO-R6R	NE-NPR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CO-R6R	NE-RBR	1	54	0	0	1	54	11	1674
CO-R6R	NE-VAR	0	0	4	806	4	806	2	2793
CO-R6R	ND-KUR	0	53	0	0	0	53	9	1416
CO-R6R	ND-TWR	3	113	0	0	3	113	6	1769
	TOTAL	15	620	8	3330	23	3950	81	16995
WY-CTY	WY-CRX	8	136	42	2450	50	2586	0	0
WY-CTY	WY-WEX	3	3	8	9	11	12	0	0
	TOTAL	11	139	50	2459	61	2598	0	0

Iron Shell Burnout



Longhorn Air Support

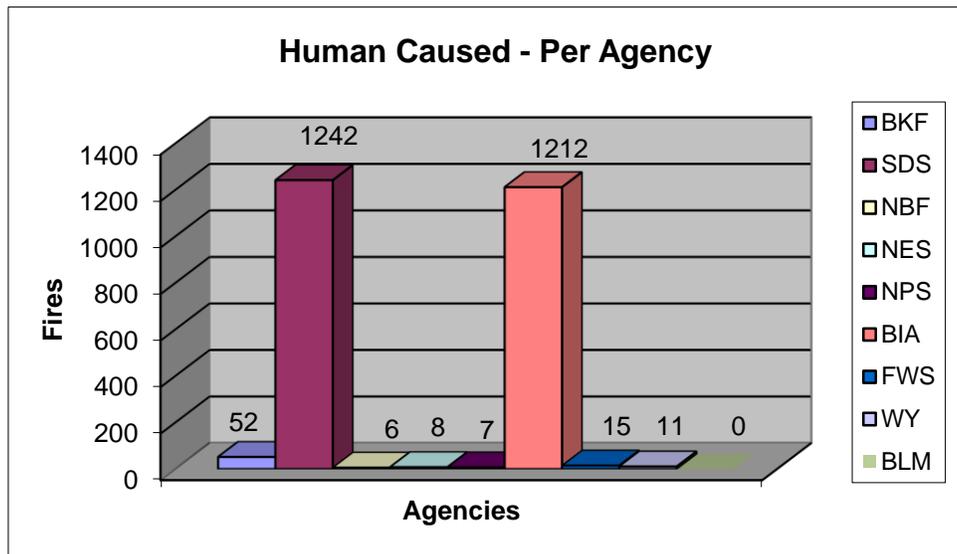


2012 FIRES AND ACRES WITHIN THE GREAT PLAINS ZONE

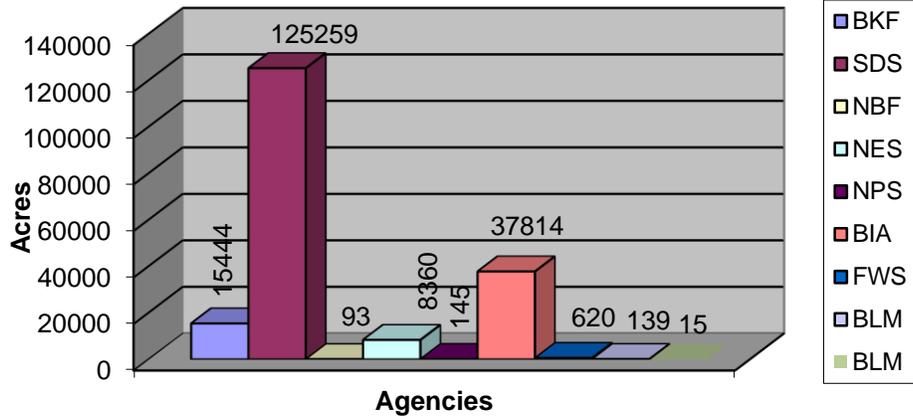
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	FIRES	ACRES	FIRES	ACRES	FIRES	ACRES
SDS	1242	125259	135	16496	1377	141755
BKF	52	15444	100	1203	152	16647
NBF	6	93	65	39799	71	39892
NES	8	8360	19	261207	27	269567
NPS	7	145	7	14	14	159
BIA	1212	37814	347	85657	1559	123471
FWS	15	620	8	3330	23	3950
BLM	0	15	2	404	2	419
WYS CO	11	139	50	2459	61	2598
TOTAL	2553	187889	733	410569	3286	598458
False Alarms					286	
TOTAL INCIDENTS					3572	

2012 FIRES PER AGENCY SUPPORTED AND TRACKED BY GREAT PLAINS DISPATCH

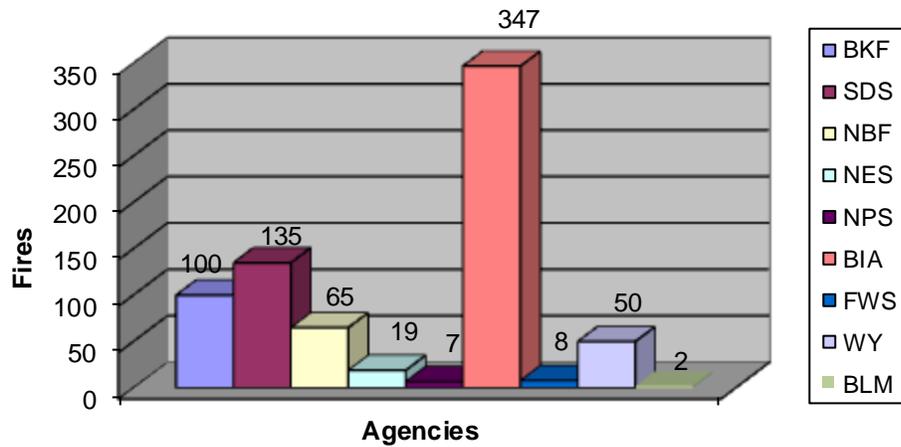
These numbers are taken from what is reported to Great Plains from the field and submitted on the National Situation report. Although Great Plains does not have the responsibility for initial attack for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, US Fish and Wildlife, the State of Nebraska and portions of South Dakota outside the Black Hills Fire Protection area, we have listed all fires equally as they still are a portion of the workload at the Center via tracking and Intelligence duties.



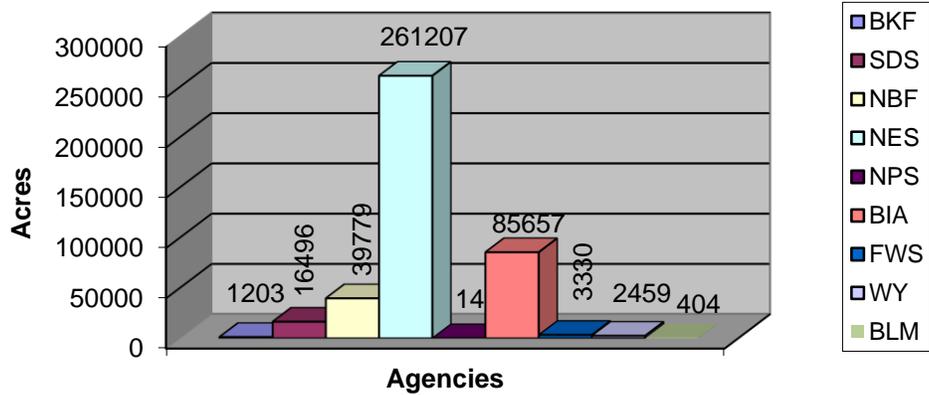
Human Caused Acres - Per Agency



Lightning Caused - Per Agency



Lightning Caused Acres - Per Agency



2012 LARGE FIRE ACTIVITY

DATE	NAME	AGENCY	ACRES	TYPE	INVOLVEMENT
02/25	TOWER	SD-RBA	4723	3	ICS-209's
03/06	NIOBRARA	NE-NES	250	4	SUPPORT
03/09	MALLOW STREET	SD-SDS	147	3	SUPPORT
03/11	SIX PACK	NE-WIA	1100	3	ICS-209's
03/12	MARCH	ND-SRA	211	3	ICS-209's
03/14	BIG LAKE	ND-SRA	114	3	ICS-209's
03/16	DUNNING	NE-NES	637	4	ICS-209's
03/17	MURRAY	SD-RBA	458	3	ICS-209's
03/27	KENNY	SD-CRA	421	4	ICS-209's
03/27	VALENTINE SOUTH	NE-VAR	850	4	SUPPORT
03/29	BAUMAN	SD-PRA	160	4	ICS-209's
03/29	APPLE	SD-BKF	546	3	MANAGED
04/25	HAY CANYON	SD-SDS	7000	3	MANAGED
04/25	WICK	SD-PRA	7665	4	ICS-209's
06/06	SHOUN DRAW	SD-SDS	602	3	MANAGED
06/15	CHASES WOMEN	SD-RBA	305	3	SUPPORTED
06/18	COTTONWOOD	NE-NES	4100	4	SUPPORTED
06/23	JOHNSON	NE-NES	100	4	ICS-209's
06/23	LITTEREL	NE-NES	300	4	ICS-209's
06/24	McKENNA SPRINGS	SD-BKF	18	3	MANAGED
06/24	CROW PEAK	SD-BKF	135	3	MANAGED
06/26	DAKOTA	SD-BKF	348	2	MANAGED
06/30	WHITE DRAW	SD-BKF	9000	2	MANAGED
07/01	CAMP FIVE	NE-NBF	394	3	MANAGED
07/02	PARKER PEAK	SD-BKF	650	3	MANAGED
07/04	GHOST	WY-CRX	1508	3	MANAGED
07/19	MYRTLE	SD-BKF	9886	1	MANAGED
07/19	CACTUS	NE-NBF	1082	4	MANAGED
07/20	LONGHORN	SD-RBA	43639	2	MANAGED
07/21	REGION 24	NE-NES	76242	2	MANAGED
07/21	MOSSAGATE	NE-NBF	4300	3	MANAGED
07/24	ASH CREEK	NE-NBF	2300	3	MANAGED
07/25	FALLS	SD-BKF	279	3	MANAGED
07/26	CRAWFORD	NE-NES	350	4	SUPPORT

DATE	NAME	AGENCY	ACRES	TYPE	INVOLVEMENT
07/28	PLAINS VALLEY	SD-SDS	600	4	MANAGED
07/28	BLACK BANKS CRK	NE-NBF	638	4	MANAGED
08/02	EAGLE	SD-CRA	501	4	ICS-209's
08/02	SLEEPER	SD-CRA	450	4	ICS-209's
08/03	KEITH CO COMPLE	NE-NES	50000	4	ICS-209's
08/04	SHIRK CREEK	SD-SDS	1000	4	SUPPORTED
08/05	TURNER TATANKA	NE-NES	19000	4	ICS-209's
08/05	WEST NIKE	SD-SDS	475	3	SUPPORTED
08/08	RATTLESNAKE	NE-NES	700	4	ICS-209's
08/08	JEFFRIES	NE-NES	1200	4	ICS-209's
08/24	RUNNER	SD-CRA	363	4	ICS-209's
08/24	RBA LIGHTNING	SD-RBA	1745	3	SUPPORTED
08/24	McINTOSH	ND-SRA	2575	3	SUPPORTED
08/24	WHITNEY	NE-NES	385	5	ICS-209's
08/25	CROW FLATS	ND-SRA	650	3	SUPPORTED
08/29	REGION 23	NE-NES	86201	2	MANAGED
08/31	WELLNITZ	NE-NES	77683	2	MANAGED
09/05	LEMON BUTTE	SD-SDS	575	5	ICS-209's
09/05	ANGUS	SD-CRA	414	4	ICS-209's
09/05	KINNEY	SD-SDS	1508	3	MANAGED
09/10	KAGLKOWSKI	NE-NES	2500	4	ICS-209's
09/15	BIRD	SD-SDS	800	4	ICS-209's
09/19	HWY 20	SD-SDS	500	4	ICS-209's
09/19	TIRE SWING	SD-PRA	587	4	ICS-209's
09/19	MM 177	SD-SDS	2450	4	SUPPORTED
09/21	CORN STALK	ND-SRA	2293	3	SUPPORTED
09/26	LONGVIEW	SD-SDS	626	3	SUPPORTED
10/17	CROOKSTON	SD-RBA	14453	3	MANAGED
10/18	BEAR CREEK	NE-NES	1000	4	ICS-209's
10/18	FORK	SD-SDS	353	3	MANAGED
10/22	SPOTTED TAIL	NE-NBF	83	3	MANAGED
10/04	FILE	SD-CRA	383	4	ICS-209'S

2012 TEAM B ASSIGNMENTS

INCIDENT NAME	LOCATION	AGENCY (S)	DURATION	SIZE	INCIDENT COMMANDER
Little Sand	San Juan NF	CO-SJF	05/26-06/05	24,900	Pechota
Russell's Camp	Medbow/Route NF	WY-MBF	06/18-06/29	98, 115	Pechota
Arapaho	Albany County	WY-ALX	06/29-07/03	“ “	Pechota
Region 24 Complex	Region 24	NE-NES	07/23-07/31	76,242	Pechota
Sheep Herder Hill Complex	Natrona County	WY-NAX	09/10-09/18	15,556	Pechota

2012 TEAM C ASSIGNMENTS

INCIDENT NAME	LOCATION	AGENCY (S)	DURATION	SIZE	INCIDENT COMMANDER
Cow Camp	Medbow/Route NF	WY-MBF	06/06-06/10	8,482	Lowe
Guernsey Cow Camp Complex	Medbow/Route NF WY BLM	WY-MBF WY-BLM	06/10-06/15	2,855	Lowe
Weber	CO BLM	CO-SJD	06/23-07/05	10,133	Lowe
Long Horn Complex	SD-RBA	Rosebud Agency	07/20-07/31	43,639	Lowe
Region 23 Complex	Region 23	NE-NES	08/28-09/06	86,201	Lowe
Wetmore		CO-CNX	10/23-10/29	1.998	Esperance

2012 AERA COMMAND TEAM ASSIGNMENT

INCIDENT NAME	LOCATION	AGENCY (S)	DURATION	SIZE	INCIDENT COMMANDER
Large Fire Support	ID-SCF	Salmon\Chalis NF	08/29-09/15	N/A	Loach

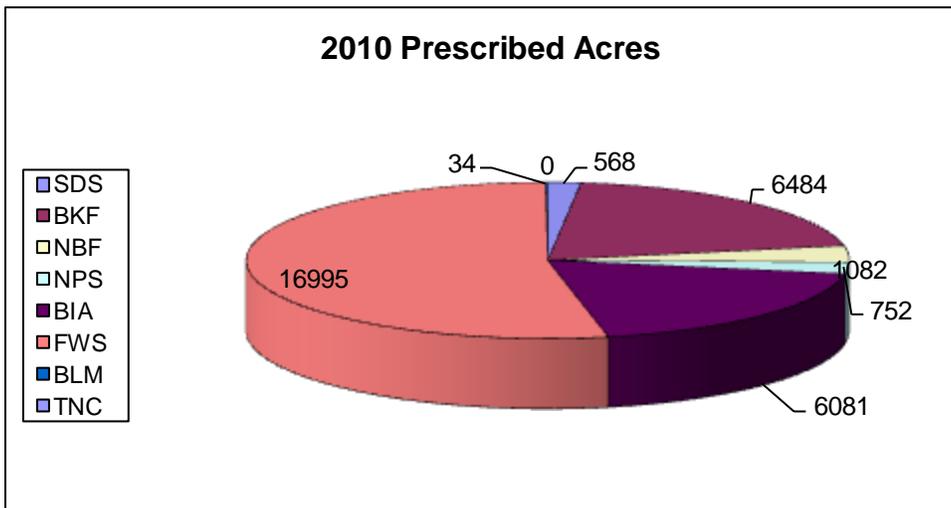
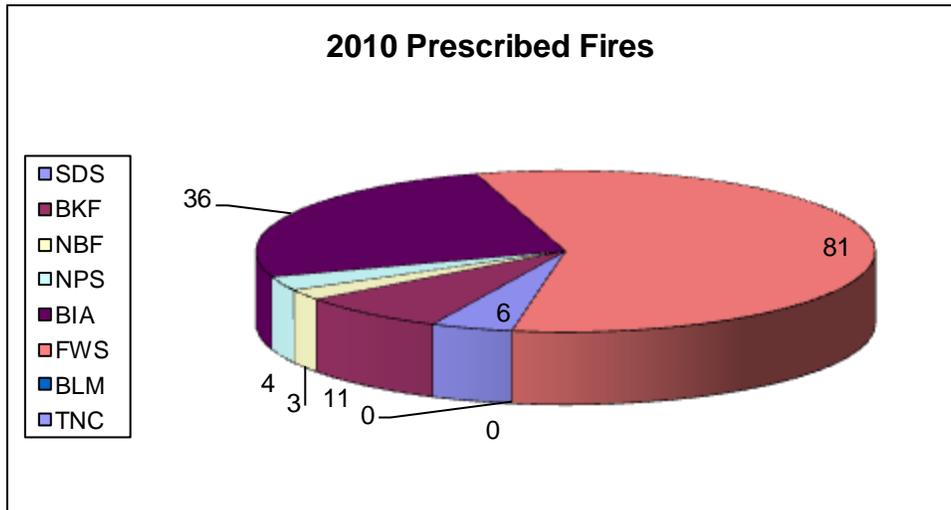
2012 TYPE II BUYING TEAM ASSIGNMENTS

INCIDENT NAME	LOCATION	AGENCY (S)	DURATION	SIZE	INCIDENT COMMANDER
Tre	NV-EFKX	COUNTY	05/23-05/27	N/A	BTL - Huether
Lost Lake	Fish Lake NF	UT-FIF	06/06-06/15	N/A	BTL - Huether
Springer	Pike/San Isabel NF	CO-PSF	06/18/06/27	N/A	BTL - Huether
White Draw	Black Hills NF	SD-BKF	07/01-07/03	N/A	BTL - Huether
Powell Complex	WY-BLM	WY-WRD	07/21-07/26	N/A	BTL - Huether
Trinity Ridge	Boise NF	ID-BOF	08/05-08/25	N/A	BTL - Huether
Wellnitz	NE-NES	NE-NES SD-PRA	09/01-09/06	N/A	BTL - Huether
Alpine Lake	Wind River Agency	WY-WRA	09/06-09/12	N/A	BTL - Huether
Sheep Herder Hill Complex	Natrona County	WY-NAX	09/12-09/15	N/A	BTL - Huether

2012 PRESCRIBED/PILE BURNING ACTIVITY

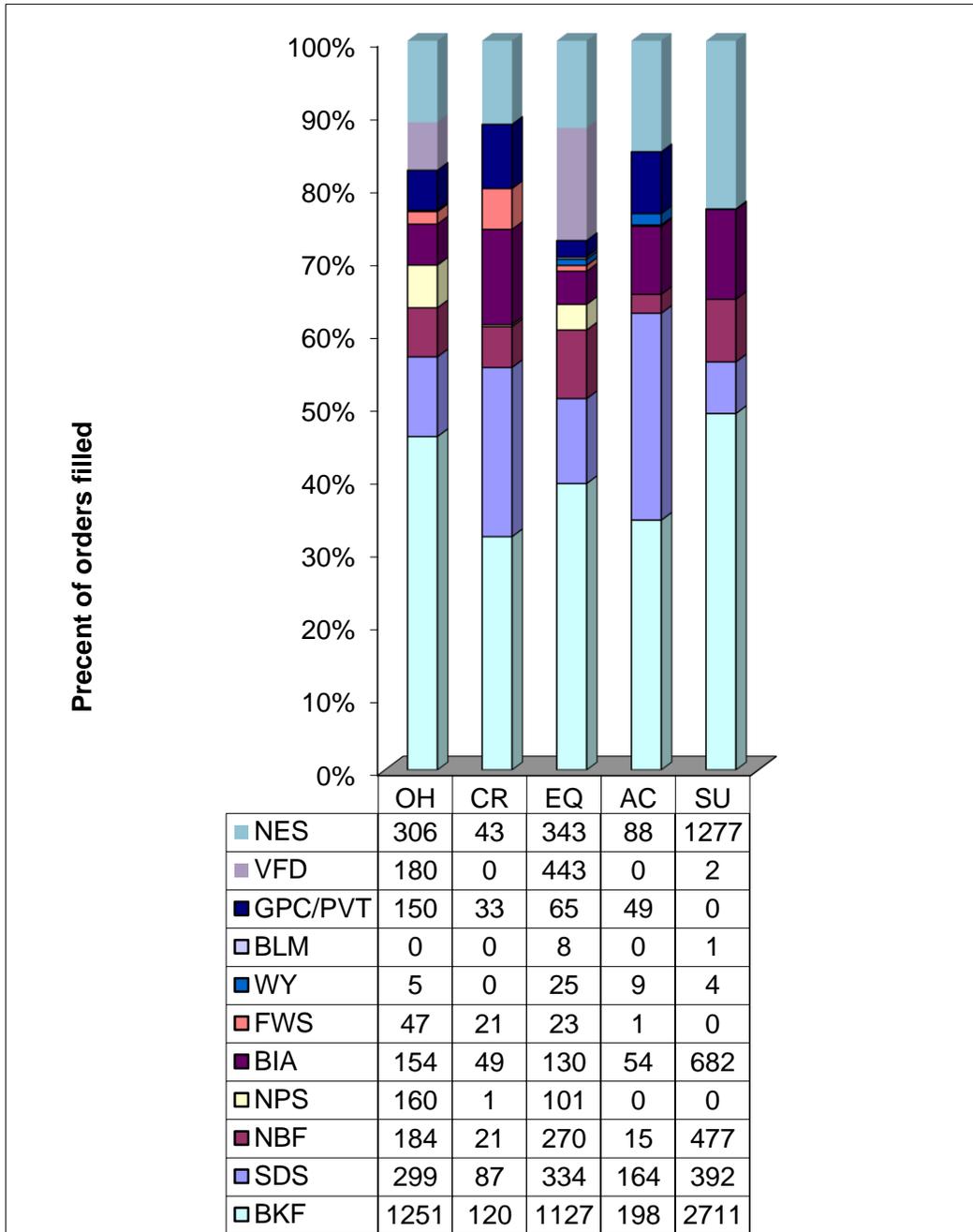
Due to the early and persistent start of fire season, the prescribed fire statistics are considerably lower this year.

Agency	Number of Fires	Acres
SDS	6	568
BKF	11	6484
NBF	3	1082
NPS	4	752
BIA	36	6081
FWS	81	16995
BLM	0	34
TNC	0	0
Total	141	31996

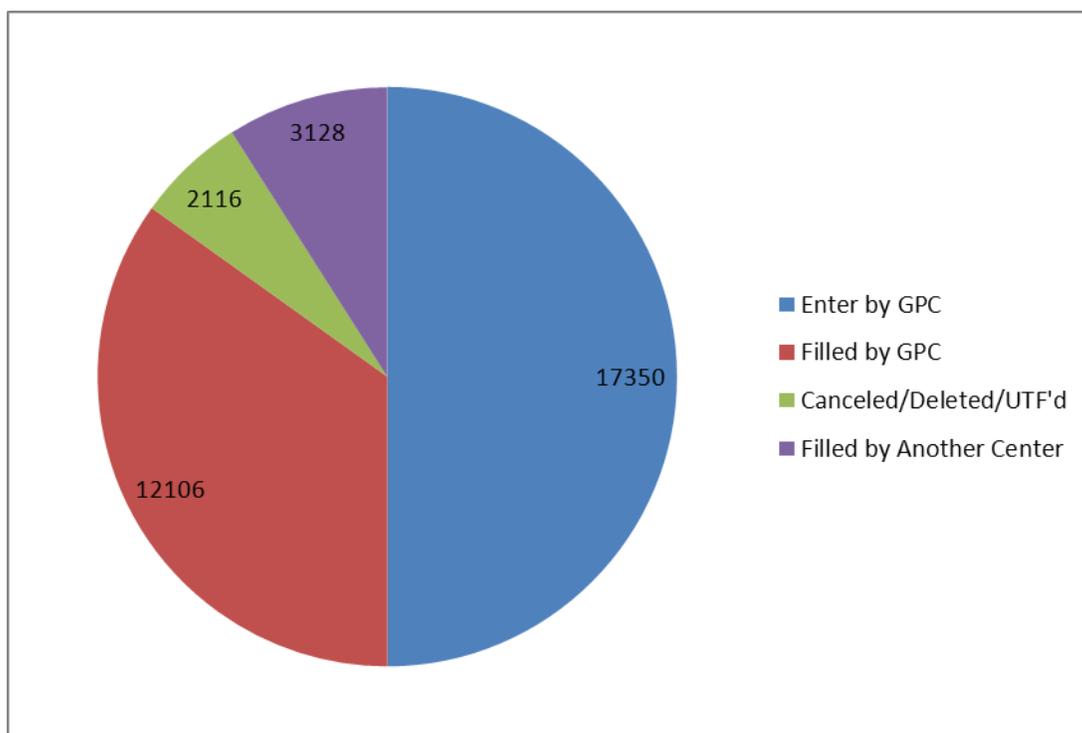
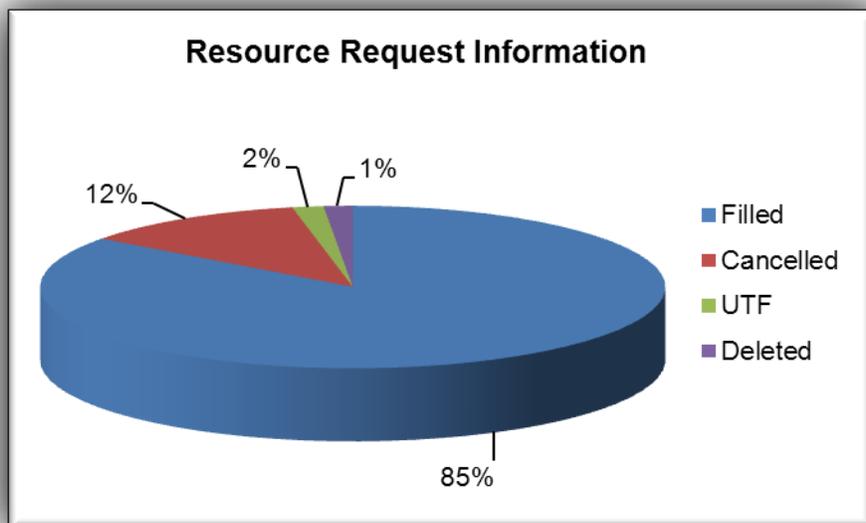


**RESOURCE ORDERS BY FUNCTION – FILLED PER AGENCY
RESOURCES ORDERED THROUGH GPC**

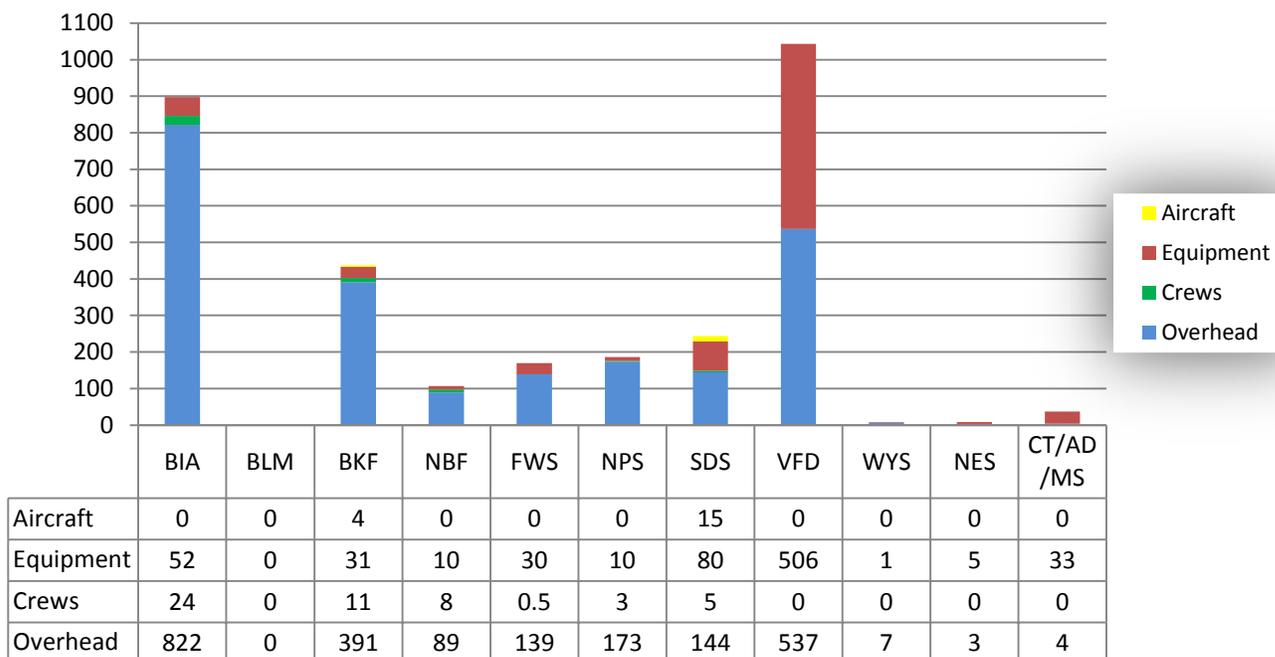
RESOURCE TYPE	FILLED	CANCELED	UTF	DELETED
AIRCRAFT	578	58	77	2
CREWS	375	58	19	3
OVERHEAD	2736	285	93	15
EQUIPMENT	2869	525	20	24
SUPPLIES	5548	747	21	169
TOTAL	12106	1673	230	213



BREAKDOWN OF ORDERES ENTERED AND FILLED



Resources Stated in ROSS



CT/AD/MS = Contracts, AD's and miscellaneous such as NWS, etc.

Region 23 Burnout



Wellnitz



2012 Northern Great Plains Air Operations

The Rapid City Air Tanker Base (RAP ATB) was in full operation from June 1st through October 15th for the 2012 fire season. Once again we had a very active July and August, the ICL crew performed their contract duties well and the tanker base received good support from Fire Management on the forest. Additional support included personnel from our local partners along with personnel ordered in from out of the area for assignments. On August 1st the Rapid City tanker base was approved for the landing and loading of MAFF's.

Number of air tankers LAT mission flown out of RAP ATB	= 114
Number of SEAT missions flown out of RAP ATB	= 34
Total number of air tankers flown out of RAP ATB	= 148
Gallons of LC-95A retardant delivered by LATs	= 271,744
Gallons of LC-95A retardant delivered by SEATs	= 21,633
Total gallons of LC-95A retardant delivered to wildland fires	= 293,377
Number of wildland fires RAP ATB supported	= 33

Expanded SEAT program for South Dakota Wildland Fire Suppression

Tanker 466 was based out to Hot Springs, South Dakota for 103 days this season, flying on multiple incidents throughout the Black Hills, western South Dakota and Nebraska.

Total number of Flight hours = 114.2
Sorties Flown = 1315
Total Retardant delivered = 65,750 gallons
Total Water delivered = 5,500 gallons
Total Foam delivered = 1,000 gallons

Tanker 401 was assigned the Standing Rock Agency was based out of Mobridge, SD.

Total number of Flight hours = 59.8
Number of fires supported = 46
Gallons of water delivered = 63,125

Tanker 475 was also assigned out of Pierre for the Cheyenne River Agency

Interagency Helicopter Program H-7TA

Helicopter 7TA had a 90 day Mandatory Availability period and was extend 62 day past that MAP for a total of 152 days on contract.

Total number initial attacks for the season	= 66
Total number of large fires for the season	= 6
Total gallons of water/retardant dropped	= 101,044
Total Fire Flight hours	= 169.2
Total non-fire Flight hours	= 2.1
Total Flight hours for the season	= 171.3
Number of personnel transported	= 315
Number of person days on fires	= 600
Total pounds of cargo internal/external	= 11,836
Total Contract cost	= \$758,856.16

South Dakota State Air Attack

For the 2012 Fire season South Dakota Wildland Fire, through the Governor's office, was able to utilize two King Air platforms for the zone. LaVerne Hermanson was the Air Attack Group Supervisor. Over the years, this resource has become a great asset to the cooperators in the zone, with quick mobilization and qualified pilots.

AA -0SD	
Total number of Flight hours	= 306.4
Number of fires supported	= 45
AA-3SD	
Total number of Flight hours	= 15
Number of fires supported	= 1

Reconnaissance and Detection Flights

The lightning activity in the Great Plains zone picks up dramatically in the July and August. It has proved beneficial to put up a detection flight following a night of such storms.

Total number of flights	= 5
Total number of flight hours	= 22.6

National Type I Exclusive Use Contract H-N161KA

The 2012 Exclusive Use Type 1 contract mandatory availability period (MAP) ran 90 days from June 11th to September 8th. The aircraft began the first three weeks of the MAP on the western slope of Colorado responding to initial attack incidents and then finished on the Waldo Canyon fire in Colorado Springs. It then returned to the Custer County airport, its designated host base assigned to BKF Severity. The next six weeks the aircraft responded to 7 interagency initial attack incidents, and was assigned to three large fires one in South Dakota and two in Nebraska. The remaining MAP time was spent on the Trinity Ridge fire in Region 4.

Total number initial attacks for the season	= 13
Total number of large fires for the season	= 7
Total gallons of water/retardant dropped	= 1,380,601
Total Fire Flight hours	= 205.9
Total non-fire Flight hours	= 19.3
Total Flight hours for the season	= 225.2
Availability Period cost was	\$1,129,211
Total Cost for the 2012 contract was	\$1,623,870

South Dakota National Guard Support

Once again this year, the SDNG has proven to be a great partner and cooperater to fire and resource management within this zone; working well together to accomplish training for both guard personnel and firefighters. We held our second annual field training in conjunction with **Black Hill Life Flight**, working on hoist operations, patient packaging and daisy chains. We plan to host this training each year as it has proven to be very beneficial.

The SDNG also assisted the interagency wildland fire community with several initial attack and large fire incidents across the zone.

Number of fires supported	= 18
Number of flight hours	= 216.3
Number of water drops	= 1,226
Total number of gallons	= 590,340