

Great Plains Interagency Dispatch Center

2013 Annual Report



Interagency Medevac Training



SDNG training - Angostura



Atlas Clean Up



Grizzly fire



South Platte, NE flooding



Cannonball fire – NDSRA



Burning in the Hills

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GREAT PLAINS INTERAGENCY DISPATCH CENTER 2013 YEAR END REPORT

There was quite a contrast in temperatures between this spring and last. Many locations across the High Plains Region had their warmest spring on record last year, while this year, many of those same locations ranked among the coldest. Spring 2012 was characterized by an early fire season that went far into the fall; while spring 2013 had late snows and delayed green-up due to cool and wet conditions that persist throughout the summer.

With that, our zone fire season reflected the wet spring, late snows and continuous weekly thunderstorms throughout July and August. Most units experience well below a third of their average fire activity with some having no incidents to report at all. The zone had only one fire large enough to require an ICS-209 the East Argyle at just over 100 acres, which occurred in March.

However, the resources within the zone are very abundant and the rest of the region and the nation took full advantage of that. The Great Plains zone actively supports the Rocky Basin T-1 team, Teams A and B and of course Team C. We filled ten out of zone team assignments this year along with multiple crew, engine and overhead assignments, the numbers are listed later in this report.

In September the Colorado flooding occurred, which in turn flowed down stream of the South Platte River affecting Ogallala, Rosco and North Platte, NE. Although there were no requests from Great Plains, we were ready to help if needed.

Then there was the Government shutdown which affected all the federal agencies, we appreciate the states willingness to step up and help if needed. Unfortunately the Atlas winter storm occurred on Friday October 4th bringing up to 70 mph winds and anywhere for three to six feet of snow across western part of South Dakota. Crews from South Dakota Wildland fire, assisted with cleanup from that storm. Also on that day a devastating tornado hit the small town of Wayne in eastern Nebraska.

Although the season was pretty uneventful within the zone every dispatcher that wanted too, had the opportunity to take an out of zone assignment. Both Andy and Angie were instrumental in helping Rocky Mountain during their wildfire siege and during the flooding in September. Melody went to Alaska and even got to see the North Pole and Sheri was signed off as ordering manager on the East Peak fire in Colorado. All in all it was a good year! Thanks to everyone for your support, dedication and friendship.

**FIRES AND ACRES BY CAUSE PER AGENCY AS REPORTED TO GREAT PLAINS FOR THE REGIONAL
AND NATIONAL SITUATION REPORTS**

| UNIT | AGENCY/STATE | HUMAN | | LIGHTNING | | TOTAL | | PRESCRIBE FIRE | |
|---------|--------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|
| | | FIRES | ACRES | FIRES | ACRES | FIRES | ACRES | FIRES | ACRES |
| SD-SDS | SD-SDS | 337 | 3360 | 34 | 133 | 371 | 3493 | 27 | 2268 |
| SD-TNC | SD-PCI | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SD-BKF | SD-BKF | 26 | 19 | 36 | 30 | 62 | 49 | 35 | 22316 |
| NE-NBF | NE-NBF | 2 | 0 | 3 | 27 | 5 | 27 | 1 | 5 |
| NE-NES | NE-NES | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| NE-NBRI | NE-NBRI | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4235 |
| SD-BLM | SD-SOD | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 474 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NE-MWP | WY-DTP | 1 | 56 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 56 | 1 | 300 |
| NE-MWP | SD-JCP | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NE-MWP | SD-MRP | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 150 |
| NE-MWP | SD-WCP | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NE-MWP | NE-SBP | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NE-MWP | SD-MOP | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 10 |
| | TOTAL | 1 | 56 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 56 | 5 | 460 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| SD-GPA | SD-CCA | 31 | 30 | 2 | 2 | 33 | 32 | 1 | 10 |
| SD-GPA | ND-SRA | 141 | 362 | 4 | 4 | 145 | 366 | 8 | 521 |
| SD-GPA | SD-LBA | 30 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| SD-GPA | SD-SIA | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SD-GPA | SD-RBA | 140 | 58 | 0 | 0 | 140 | 58 | 2 | 30 |
| SD-GPA | SD-CRA | 94 | 163 | 12 | 20 | 106 | 183 | 0 | 0 |
| SD-GPA | SD-PRA | 127 | 101 | 7 | 7 | 134 | 108 | 4 | 159 |
| SD-GPA | SD-FSA | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SD-GPA | SD-YAA | 3 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| SD-GPA | NE-WIA | 4 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 1500 |
| | TOTAL | 570 | 745 | 25 | 33 | 595 | 778 | 18 | 2220 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| CO-R6R | SD-HUR | 1 | 70 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 70 | 0 | 0 |
| CO-R6R | SD-LCR | 1 | 355 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 355 | 0 | 0 |
| CO-R6R | SD-LAR | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 275 |
| CO-R6R | SD-MDR | 1 | 1 | 1 | 75 | 2 | 76 | 7 | 977 |
| CO-R6R | SD-SLR | 1 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 125 |
| CO-R6R | SD-WAR | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| CO-R6R | NE-CLR | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CO-R6R | NE-FNR | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CO-R6R | NE-NPR | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CO-R6R | NE-RBR | 0 | 0 | 1 | 30 | 1 | 30 | 8 | 502 |

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|--------|--------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------------|-------------|
| | | FIRES | ACRES | FIRES | ACRES | FIRES | ACRES | FIRES | ACRES |
| CO-R6R | NE-VAR | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CO-R6R | ND-KUR | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 20 |
| CO-R6R | ND-TWR | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | TOTAL | 6 | 438 | 2 | 105 | 8 | 543 | 19 | 1899 |
| WY-WYS | WY-CSS | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| WY-CTY | WY-CRX | 13 | 72 | 32 | 16 | 45 | 88 | 0 | 0 |
| WY-CTY | WY-WEX | 2 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| | TOTAL | 15 | 76 | 36 | 16 | 51 | 92 | 0 | 0 |

Grizzly Fire



Standing Rock



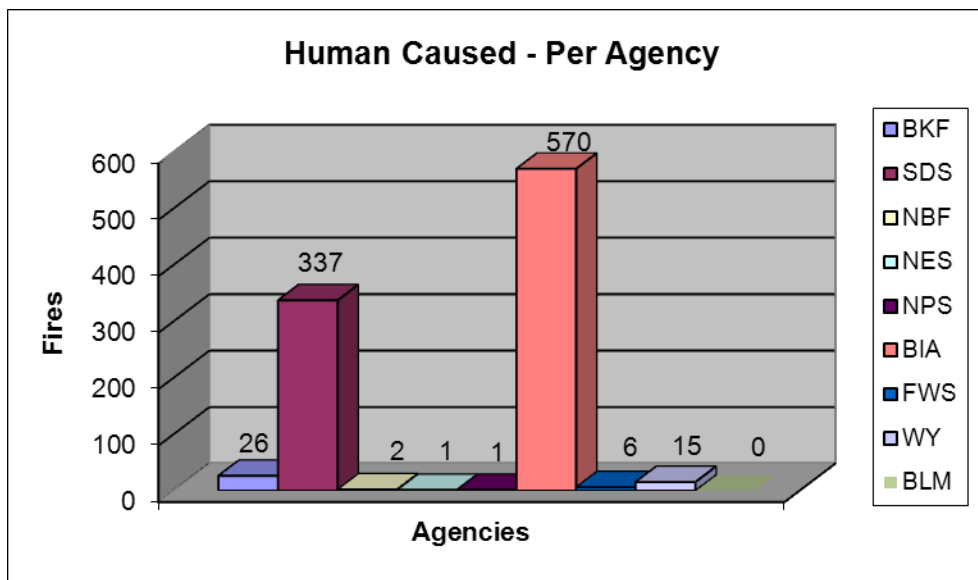
Mountain Lion Fire

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FIRES AND ACRES WITHIN THE NORTHERN GREAT PLAINS ZONE

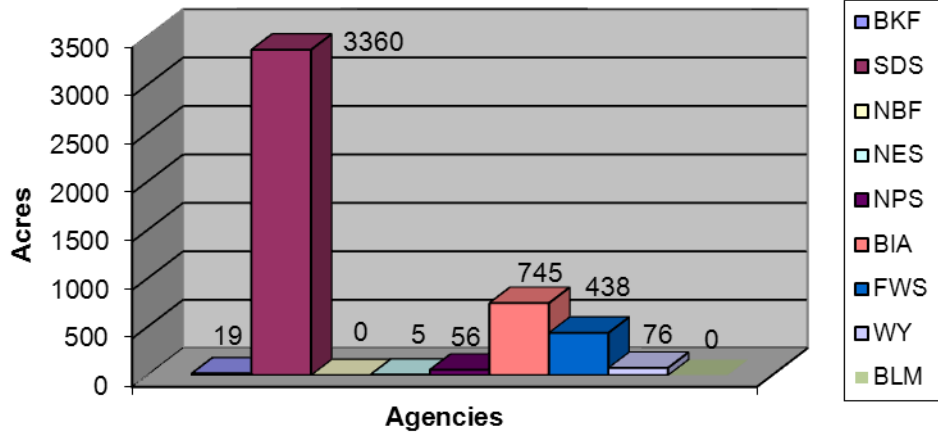
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| SDS | 337 | 3360 | 34 | 133 | 371 | 3493 |
| BKF | 26 | 19 | 36 | 30 | 62 | 49 |
| NBF | 2 | 0 | 3 | 27 | 5 | 27 |
| NES | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 |
| NPS | 1 | 56 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 56 |
| BIA | 570 | 745 | 25 | 33 | 595 | 778 |
| FWS | 6 | 438 | 2 | 105 | 8 | 543 |
| BLM | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| WYS CO | 15 | 76 | 36 | 16 | 51 | 92 |
| TOTAL | 958 | 4698 | 137 | 344 | 1095 | 5042 |
| False Alarms | | | | | 106 | |
| TOTAL INCIDENTS | | | | | 1201 | |

2013
FIRES PER AGENCY SUPPORTED AND TRACKED BY
GREAT PLAINS DISPATCH

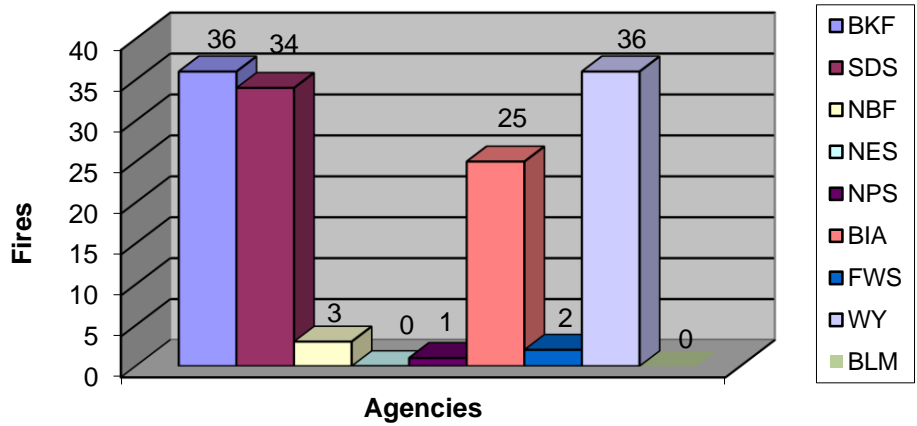
These numbers are taken from what is reported to Great Plains from the field and submitted on the National Situation report. Although Great Plains does not have the responsibility for initial attack for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, US Fish and Wildlife, the State of Nebraska and portions of South Dakota 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.



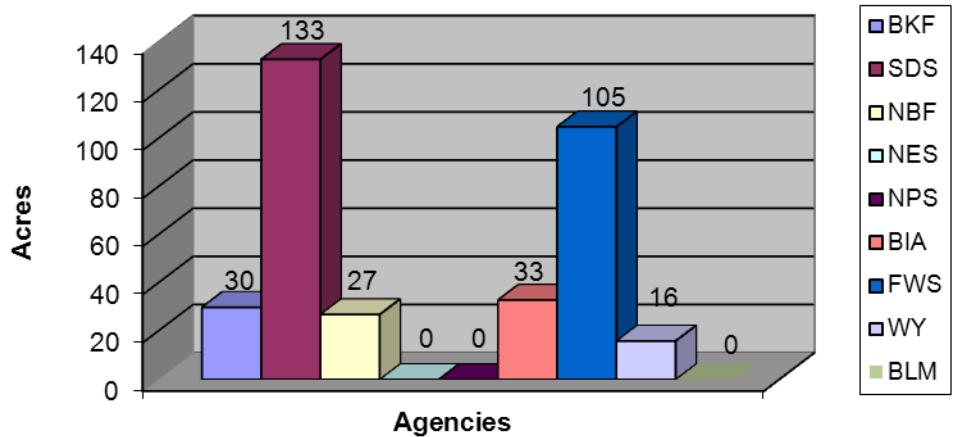
Human Caused Acres - Per Agency



Lightning Caused - Per Agency



Lightning Caused Acres - Per Agency



2013 LARGE FIRE ACTIVITY

| DATE | NAME | AGENCY | ACRES | TYPE | INVOLVEMENT |
|-------|-------------|--------|-------|------|-------------|
| 03/06 | East Argyle | SD-SDS | 107 | 4 | Managed |

2013 ROCKY BASIN TYPE- I IMT

| INCIDENT NAME | LOCATION | AGENCY(S) | DURATION | INCIDENT COMMANDER |
|---------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|--------------------|
| West Fork | San Juan NF | CO-SJF | 06/20-07/05 | Pechota |
| 210 Road | Sawtooth NF | ID-STF | 07/22-07/24 | Pechota |
| EBC Prepo | UT-R04 | EBC-USFS | 08/11-08/19 | Pechota |

2013 TEAM A ASSIGNMENTS

| INCIDENT NAME | LOCATAION | AGENCY(S) | DURATION | INCIDENT COMMANDER |
|---------------|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Big Meadow | Rocky Mtn NP | CO-RMP | 06/11-06/19 | Del Grosso |
| Wild Rose | White River Field Office | CO-WRD | 06/19-06/25 | Del Grosso |
| Fairfield | Shoshone NF | WY-SHF | 07/22-07/29 | Del Grosso |
| Red Canyon | CO-GFX | Garfield Co | 08/12-08/17 | Del Grosso |
| ONC Staging | CA-ONC | CA-ONC | 08/19-08/26 | Del Grosso |
| LRX Support | CO-LRX | Larimer Co | 09/12-09/23 | Del Grosso |

2013 TEAM C ASSIGNMENTS

| INCIDENT NAME | LOCATION | AGENCY(S) | DURATION | INCIDENT COMMANDER |
|---------------|-----------------|-----------|-------------|--------------------|
| East Peak | Huerfano County | CO-HUX | 06/20-06/30 | Esperance |

2013 AREA COMMAND TEAM ASSIGNMENT

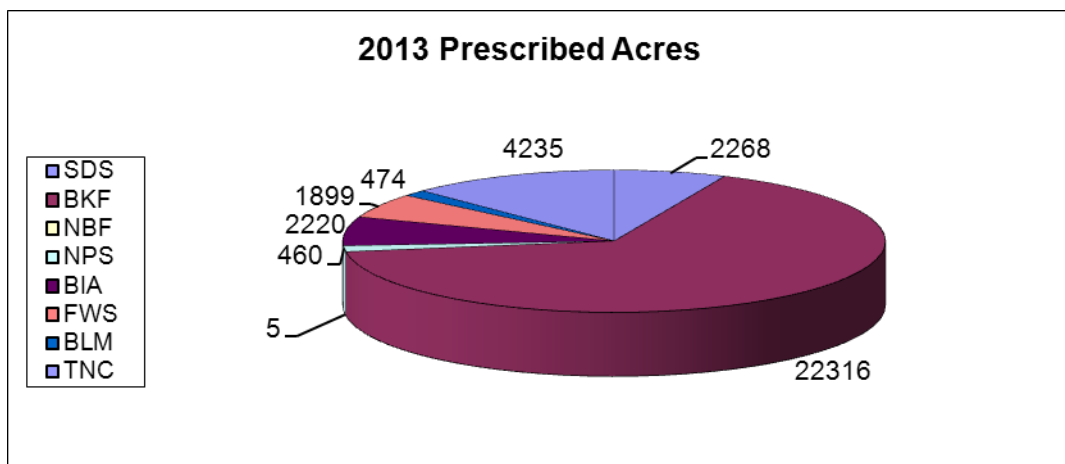
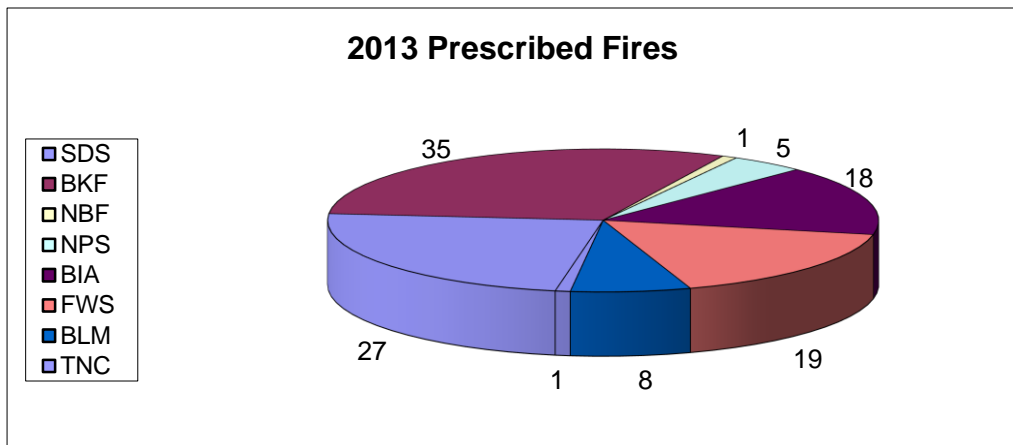
| INCIDENT NAME | LOCATION | AGENCY(S) | DURATION | INCIDENT COMMANDER |
|----------------------------|----------|------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| R2 Regional Office Support | CO-RMC | Rocky Mountain Region - USFS | 06/21-07/06 | Loach |

2013 TYPE II BUYING TEAM ASSIGNMENTS

| INCIDENT NAME | LOCATION | AGENCY(S) | DURATION | BUY TEAM LEAD |
|---------------|----------|-----------|----------|---------------|
| None | | | | Huether |

2013 PRESCRIBED/PILE BURNING ACTIVITY

| Agency | Number of Fires | Acres |
|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| SDS | 27 | 2268 |
| BKF | 35 | 22316 |
| NBF | 1 | 5 |
| NPS | 5 | 460 |
| BIA | 18 | 2220 |
| FWS | 19 | 1899 |
| BLM | 8 | 474 |
| TNC | 1 | 4235 |
| Total | 113 | 29642 |



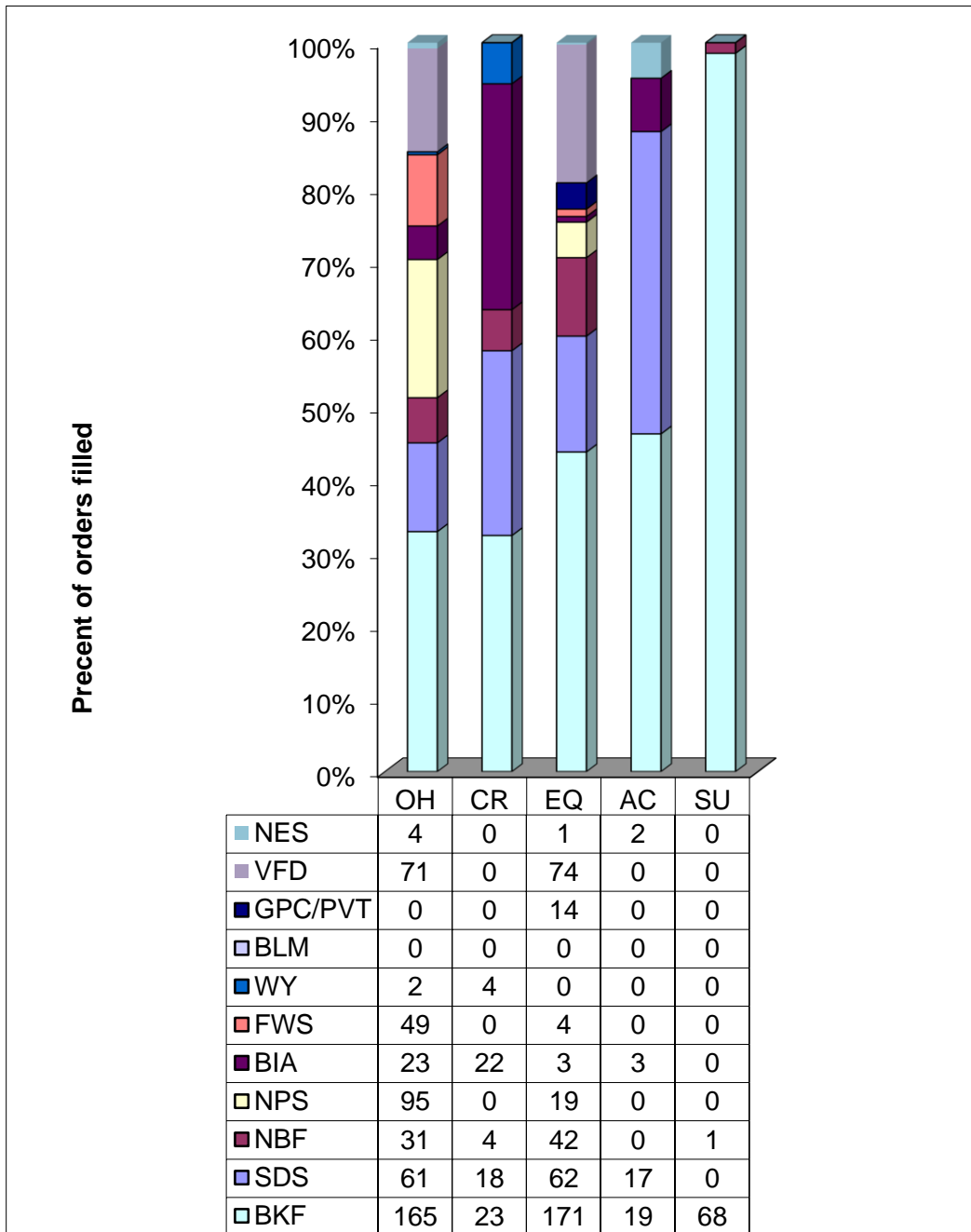
2013 Bureau of Land Management Information

As part of the annual operating plan between South Dakota Bureau of Land Management (SD-SOD) and the State of South Dakota Division of Wildland Fire (SD-SDS), all fire suppression activities are the responsibility of SD-SDS, therefore suppression information and numbers are lumped into the SD-SDS statistics. However, prescribed fire is not part of the agreement; therefore information given to Great Plains Dispatch for RX within the zone is posted on the GPC Situation Report.

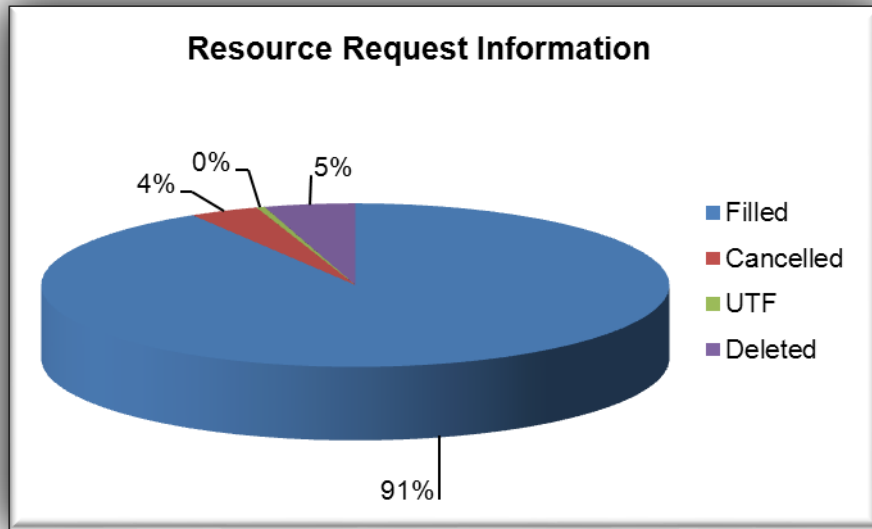
RESOURCE ORDERS BY FUNCTION – FILLED PER AGENCY RESOURCES ORDERED THROUGH GPC

| RESOURCE TYPE | FILLED | CANCELED | UTF | DELETED |
|---------------|-------------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| AIRCRAFT | 41 | 4 | 1 | 0 |
| CREWS | 71 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| OVERHEAD | 501 | 18 | 4 | 1 |
| EQUIPMENT | 390 | 13 | 0 | 4 |
| SUPPLIES | 69 | 5 | 0 | 35 |
| TOTAL | 1072 | 42 | 5 | 40 |

There was a 90% decrease in the number of orders filled between 2012 and 2013



BREAKDOWN OF ORDERES ENTERED AND FILLED

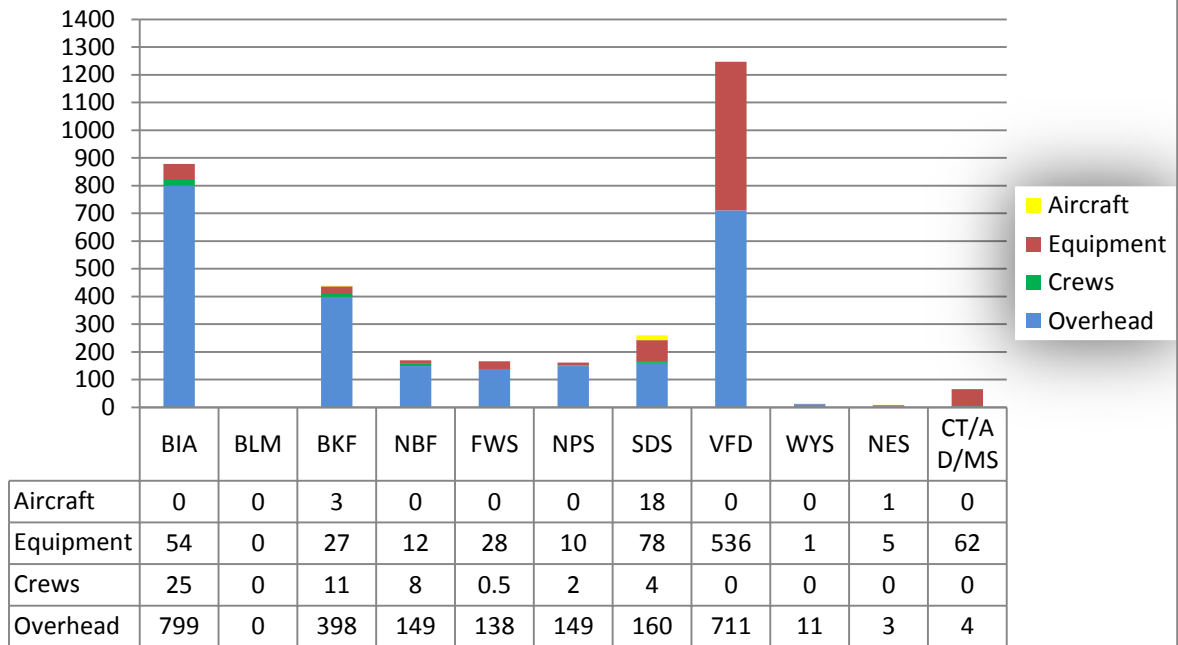


Curt Fire



Gobblers Knob Fire

Resources Stated in ROSS



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



West Fork Fire – One of many we supported in Southern Colorado

2013 Great Plains Air Operations

Rapid City Air Tanker Base (KRAP ATB)

The Rapid City Air Tanker Base began operation on June 1st with a full service contract. However, with our lack of fire activity the tanker base hosted no aircraft on the ramp. The base was staffed through mid-September

SEAT program and utilization of Cross Boundary funding South Dakota Wildland Fire Suppression, Nebraska State Forestry and Nebraska Emergency Management

Through the utilization of cross boundary funding, South Dakota Wildland Fire Suppression worked with Nebraska State Forestry and Nebraska Emergency Management to build three SEAT bases in Nebraska this year. The Valentine SEAT Base project began in early spring at Miller Field in Valentine, Nebraska and was completed in August. The first load of retardant pumped was used on the Cascade fire in south west South Dakota approximately one month after completion. The Chadron SEAT base was a little behind schedule but was tested in late September and will be ready for the 2014 fire season. The Alliance SEAT base was also built this fall and will be tested, should be ready for the 2014 fire season as well.

In addition, Nebraska Emergency Management and Nebraska State Forestry secured funding to contract a SEAT from July 15th through mid-September this year. Along with that funding came two positions with the State Forestry to manage those SEAT bases in the summer and develop training programs in the off season. Great team work and Interagency partnerships!!

T-463 – Was order on July 15th on a Nebraska contract for 70 days of service in Valentine, NE.

Total number of Flight hours = 4.99

Total Retardant delivered = 4950 gallons

T-463 also spent four days in July at the Rawlins SEAT base attached to the Fairfield fire.

T-466 - Was based out of Hot Springs, SD, beginning July 1st for a 70 day contract.

Total number of Flight hours = 2.33

Total Retardant delivered = 3250 gallons

Total Water delivered = 550 gallons

Gallons of retardant for out of zone fires = 550 gallons

T-466 - was also based in Mobridge, SD for the Standing Rock agency (ND-SRA) for seven days in April and the first two weeks in May.

T-879 - was base out of Mobridge, SD the first half of September.

- Total number of Flight hours: 5.64
- Sorties Flown: 7 (on six fires)
- Total Foam delivered = 3500 gallons

Interagency Helicopter Program H-7TA

Helicopter N357TA flew the MAP Days with no extension

| | |
|---|---------------|
| Total number initial attacks for the season | = 34 |
| Total number of large fires for the season | = 46 |
| Total gallons of water/retardant dropped | = 27823 |
| Total Fire Flight hours | = 185.9 |
| Total non-fire Flight hours | = 5.7 |
| Total Flight hours for the season | = 191.4 |
| Number of personnel transported | = 714 |
| Number of person days on fires | = 512 |
| Total pounds of cargo internal/external | = 46290 |
| | |
| Total Contract cost | = \$578761.84 |

South Dakota State Air Attack

Although there was not much need for the South Dakota Air Attack this season it has and always will be an invaluable resource for the zone. They were requested for a few fires in the hills, some detection/recon and State Severity.

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Total number of fires | = 3 |
| Total number of detection/recon | = 2 |
| Total number of severity requests | = 2 |
| Total number of flights | = 15 |
| Total number of flight hours | = 17.7 |
| Total cost of | = \$30,550. |

Reconnaissance and Detection Flights

For detection flights this year we only flew two and they are listed with the SD State Air Attack statistics. Both flights were flown after the aircraft had already been ordered on either a fire as Air Attack or for state Severity. We did fly two flights for the Grizzly fire as a precaution for the fire fighters on the ground, those statistics are listed below

| | |
|------------------------------|-------|
| Total number of flights | = 2 |
| Total number of flight hours | = 4.2 |

National Type I Exclusive Use Contract H-N161KA

The 2013 Exclusive Use Type 1 contract mandatory availability period (MAP) ran 90 days from early June to mid-September. The aircraft began its period in New Mexico and then moved into Colorado. Grady Wilson off the Kisatchie National Forest was the Helicopter manager, with Great Plains sending relieve managers as needed. The aircraft never made it to the zone due to lack of activity.

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 and field personnel. We held our third annual field training in conjunction with **Black Hill Life Flight**, working on hoist operations, patient packaging and daisy chains. South Dakota Wildland fire also worked with the SDNG at Angostura Reservoir to assist in carding of the ships and pilots.

The SDNG also assisted the interagency wildland fire community with a few initial attack incidents within the zone.

| | |
|---------------------------|--------|
| Number of fires supported | = 2 |
| Number of flight hours | = 2 |
| Number of water drops | = 7 |
| Total number of gallons | = 2940 |

During the Grizzly fire, the SDNG remained on standby while crews where in the wilderness. This was a precautionary measure taken by fire managers, in the event there was an incident which needed quick medical attention and extraction capabilities.

North Dakota National Guard

On June 27, the North Dakota National Guard performed bucket work with helicopters as part of their carding process, south of Cannonball, ND



Jim Fournier, Mike Merriman & Nate Nash

Valentine test

T-463 at Valentine