



2010



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Montrose Interagency

Fire Management Unit



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The Montrose Interagency Fire Management unit experienced a less normal number of fire starts this year, however we had an above average year in regards to acres and number of resource orders processed.

Temperatures and Moisture levels were average across the unit for most of the season with the exception of May which had 50% below normal precipitation amounts.

We began the year with the Beaver Fire that started on May 22th at 1400. Extremely high winds between 40-50 mph caused a power line to fall starting the fire and then continued to push the fire up the side of the San Miguel Canyon. Pechotas' Type 2 team was orders at 2400 the same day. Petchotas' team transitioned back to Local type three one May 29th at 2641 acres burned.

There were four fires Managed for Multiple Objectives (MMO) of interest. All MMO were handled at the local level with limited utilization of outside resource. The Goshorn fire on the Norwood Ranger District, Grand Mesa Uncompahgre National forest Began on June 22nd and was managed for 300 acres until July 4th when it was declared out. The Other three fires belonged to the Uncompahgre Field Office. Box Canyon began on July 5th and was managed for 140 acres. Buckhorn Road began on August 12th and was managed for 91 acres. Lion Creek Began August 12th and was managed for 685 acres.

MIFMU FIVE YEAR AVERAGE - FIRES

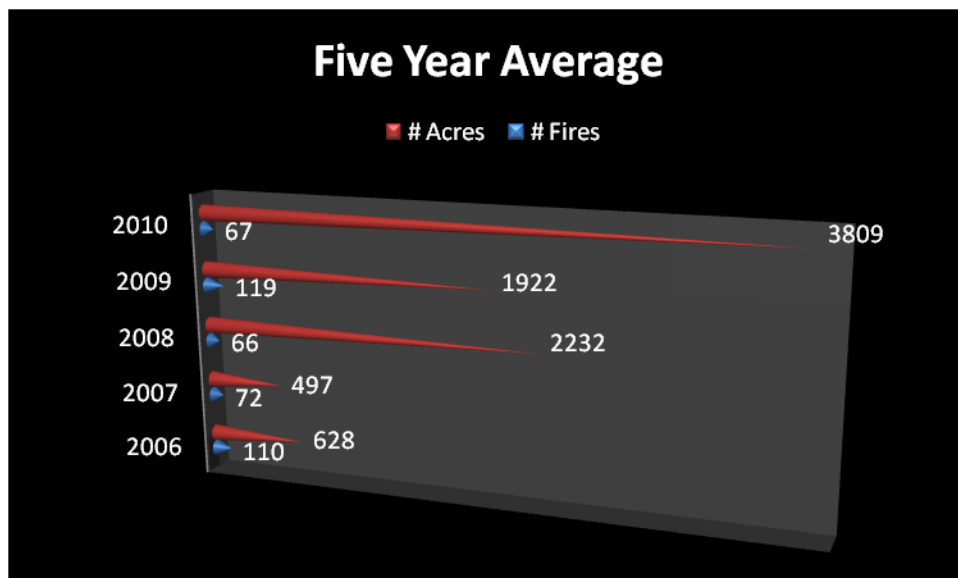
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Average	+/- AVG
# Fires	110	72	66	119	67	86.8	-19.8
# Acres	628	497	2,232	1,922	3,809	1,818	1,991

Ten Year Averages

# Fires	122
# Acres	6528

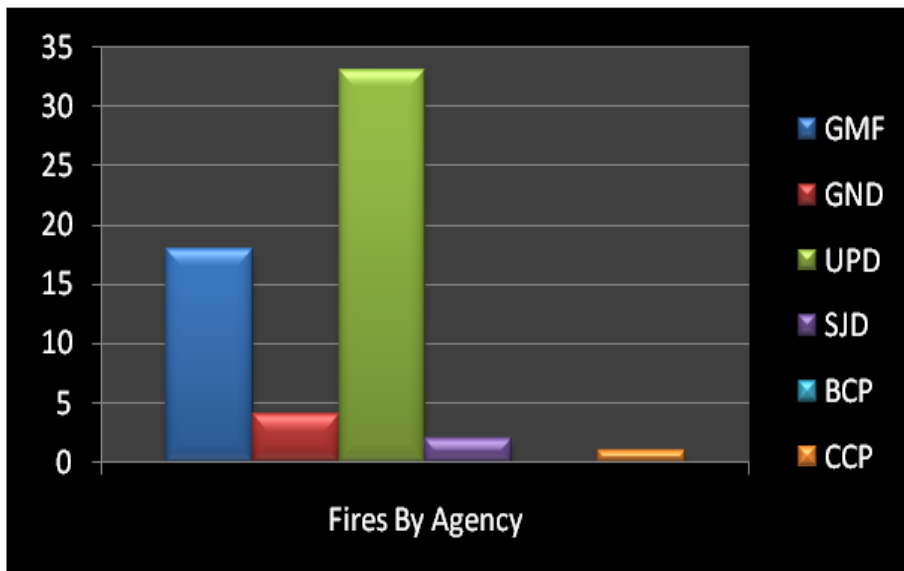
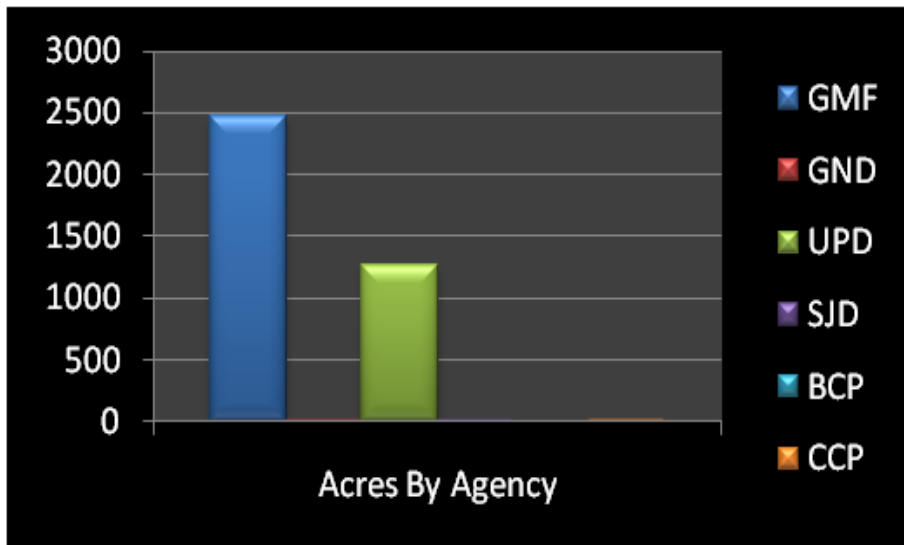
Twenty Year Average

# Fires	123
# Acres	4972



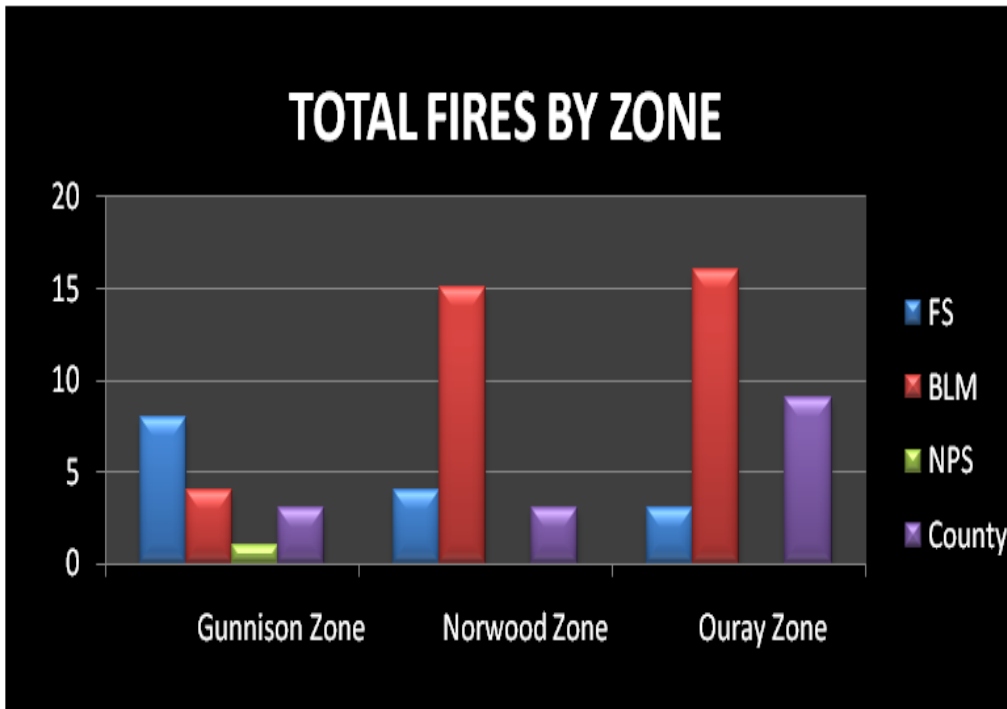
FIRES BY AGENCY

Agency	HUMAN		LIGHTNING		MMO		TOTAL	
	Fires	Acres	Fires	Acres	Fires	Acres	Fires	Acres
GMF	6	2186.5	10	2.51	2	290.25	18	2479.26
GND	2	0.35	2	3.8			4	4.15
UPD	4	423.8	25	6.02	4	831.72	33	1261.54
SJD			1	0.1	1	0.1	2	0.2
BCP							0	0
CCP	1	0.1					1	0.1
TOTAL	13	2610.75	38	12.43	7	1122.07	57	3745.25



MIFMU FIRES BY ZONE

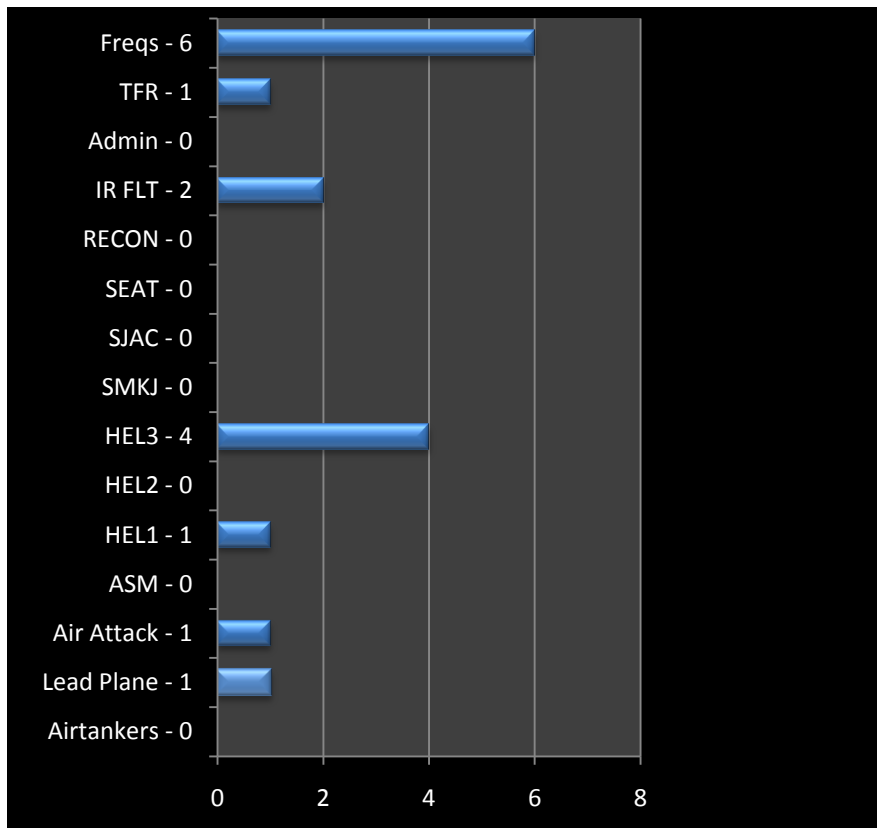
Agency	Gunnison Zone		Norwood Zone		Ouray Zone		TOTAL	
	Fires	Acres	Fires	Acres	Fires	Acres	Fires	Acres
FS	8	2	4	2476	3	.45	15	2,479
BLM	4	4	15	1164	16	96	35	1,264
NPS	1	0			0	0	1	0
County	3	22	3	0	5	10	11	33
TOTAL	16	28	22	3641	24	107		
<i>*Norwood zone includes SJD in BLM totals</i>							62	3,775



RESOURCE ORDERS

MOBILIZED RESOURCES		ORDERED RESOURCES	
Overhead	69	Overhead	132
Aircraft	2	Aircraft	23
Crew	1	Crew	8
Equipment	16	Equipment	77

AIRCRAFT ORDERS



GUNNISON RIVER CREW MOBILIZATION

Date	Incident Name	State	Unit ID
2010	Parkdale Canyon	CO	FRX
2010	Round Mountain	CO	ARF

MTC FIVE YEAR AVERAGE – RESOURCE ORDERS

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Average	+/-Avg
Overhead	168	165	185	98	201	163.4	37.6
Crew	8	7	5	13	9	8.4	.6
Equipment	16	20	78	68	93	55	38
Aircraft	22	12	11	41	25	22.2	2.8

Fuels Accomplishments

	Mechanical		Prescribed Fire	Other/MMO		TOTALS	
	WUI	Non-WUI	WUI	Non-WUI	WUI		Non-WUI
Uncompahgre FO	1129	366	257	500	141	837	3230
Gunnison FO	71	401	134	310			916
Curacanti RA		20				20	40
Black Canyon NP		20				20	40
Gunnison RD	156		444	457		0.25	1057.25
Ouray RD	105.4		190	1173			1468.4
Paonia RD	78			585		92	755
Norwood RD				250	300		550
TOTALS	1539.4	807	1025	3275	441	969.25	8056.65

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2009 Training Summary

For 2010 the Montrose Interagency Fire Management Unit (MIFMU) issued a total of 220 Incident Qualification Cards (red cards). Approximately 30 new position taskbooks were initiated in 2010 covering all facets of the Incident Command System (ICS). A total of 31 taskbooks were completed this season.

The following is a breakdown of taskbook totals by unit:

	Active Taskbooks	Certified Taskbooks
BLM	23	14
USFS	20	15
NPS	5	2
Totals	48	31

MIFMU has a very active training program; including on-the-job and local, state, regional and national classroom settings. Over 100 nominations were processed for training for 2010. MIFMU sponsors, coordinates and instructs numerous courses throughout the Rocky Mountain Region each year.

The Interagency Qualifications Review Committee met to review taskbooks of Single Resource Bosses, Unit Leaders and above to determine personnel qualifications and taskbook completions.

The committee reviews the Incident Qualifications Card System (IQCS) cards each year for validity. After this review, unit shortage categories are determined and positions within these categories are focused on for training and further qualification.

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2010 Notable Accomplishments

Wildfire Prevention Guide

The Wildfire Prevention Guide for the Montrose Interagency Fire Management Unit (MIFMU) was developed as an interagency wildfire prevention resource for the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests (USFS); Gunnison and Uncompahgre Field Offices (BLM); Curecanti National Recreation Area and Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park (NPS). The intent of the plan is to create a single, integrated guide that provides instructions and strategies for managing prevention, mitigation, and education activities in the Montrose Interagency Unit Fire Management Unit.

Monthly Newsletters

A monthly newsletter (*MIFMU Monthly*) was produced to inform both internal and external stakeholders of the activities and accomplishments of the fire program. The newsletter is available on the MIFMU website.

Community Assistance (CA)

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has been working cooperatively with fire departments, local governments, community service organizations, educational institutions and non-profit organizations throughout Colorado to help mitigate fire hazards, along with providing fire safety education and training and planning for catastrophic wildfire events, within, or in the vicinity of lands within the State of Colorado managed by the Bureau of Land Management. In 2010, MIFMU was able to provide **\$101,000.00** to a regional wildfire council in support of implementation of fuels projects on private lands as well as a regional coordinator to assist local government with implementation of their Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPPs).

Rural Fire Assistance (RFA)

The Rural Fire Assistance (RFA) program provides funding to improve the capacity and capabilities of rural and volunteer fire departments (RFDs) that protect rural communities and play a substantial cooperative role in the suppression of wildland fires within, or in the vicinity of lands managed by the Department of Interior (DOI). In 2010, MIFMU was able to provide **\$88,240.00** to 12 fire districts/cooperators to purchase items such as fire shelters, personal protective equipment (PPE), and radios.

Ready Reserve Program (RRP)

The purpose of the Ready Reserve Program (RRP) is to increase wildland fire operational safety, effectiveness, and capacity of rural fire departments serving as cooperators with the DOI. In 2010, MIFMU received **\$5000.00** in RRP funding to provide wildland fire training courses to local cooperators. Several NWCG courses were offered including

Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPPs)

The Healthy Forests Restoration Act (HFRA) of 2003 supports the role of communities in federal land management planning by providing an opportunity to influence where and how federal agencies implement

fuel reduction projects on federal lands. A Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) is the most effective way to take advantage of this opportunity. In Colorado, Senate Bill 09-001 required the Colorado State Forest Service to revise the minimum standards for CWPPs, ensure that County Commissioners determine the fire hazard areas in their counties, that those counties complete a CWPP within 180 days of identifying their fire hazard.

MIFMU staff assisted our county partners in identifying approximately **\$180,000.00** to help fund five county-wide CWPPs through Title III of the Secure Rural Schools Act. Additionally, more than **\$45,000.00** in Community Assistance funding was used in fund both county and local CWPPs.

Completed in 2010:

Hinsdale County CWPP

Ohio City CWPP

Upper Crystal River CWPP

Wilderness Streams CWPP

Gunnison Highlands CWPP

In progress/to be completed in FY11:

Delta County CWPP

Gunnison County CWPP

Montrose County CWPP

Ouray County CWPP