

Montrose Interagency Dispatch Center 2015 Year End Report

Representing the following Cooperating Agencies

Bureau of Land Management

United States Forest Service

National Park Service

Colorado Department of Prevention and Control

Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Montrose, Ouray, Saguache & San Miguel County



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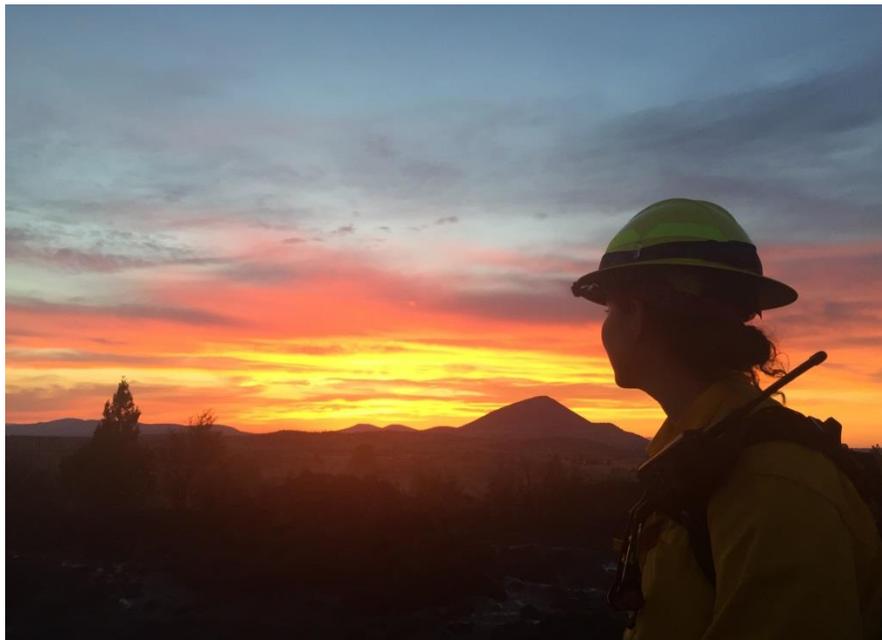
Montrose Interagency had several changes this year. The Dispatch Center hired two new employees. The Assistant Center Manager, Jason Ferguson reported to work in January. IA dispatcher Matt Heckel reported to work the end of September. Becky Jossart the Dispatch Center Manager, took a 90 day detail to NICC as the Intell coordinator. In her absence Nick Janota from Cody Interagency Dispatch filled in as the Center Manager. The Office was staffed with 4 personnel for the duration of the season.

The GMUG National Forest started the Landsend Wildland Fire Module which is managed by Josh Parr also new to the organization. The Module acquired their Type 2 status and will be working towards getting certified as a Type one module. This crew replaced a type 6 engine that was stationed at the Grand Valley Ranger District. The Plateau Valley Job Corp Crew hired a new AFMO, Pat Owens in late fall.

Southwest District BLM hired their new District FMO, Brandon Lewis. They have started a reorganization of the Fire and Fuels Program.; bringing the fuel personnel back under the fire program direction and resuming more of the BLM District fire program model.

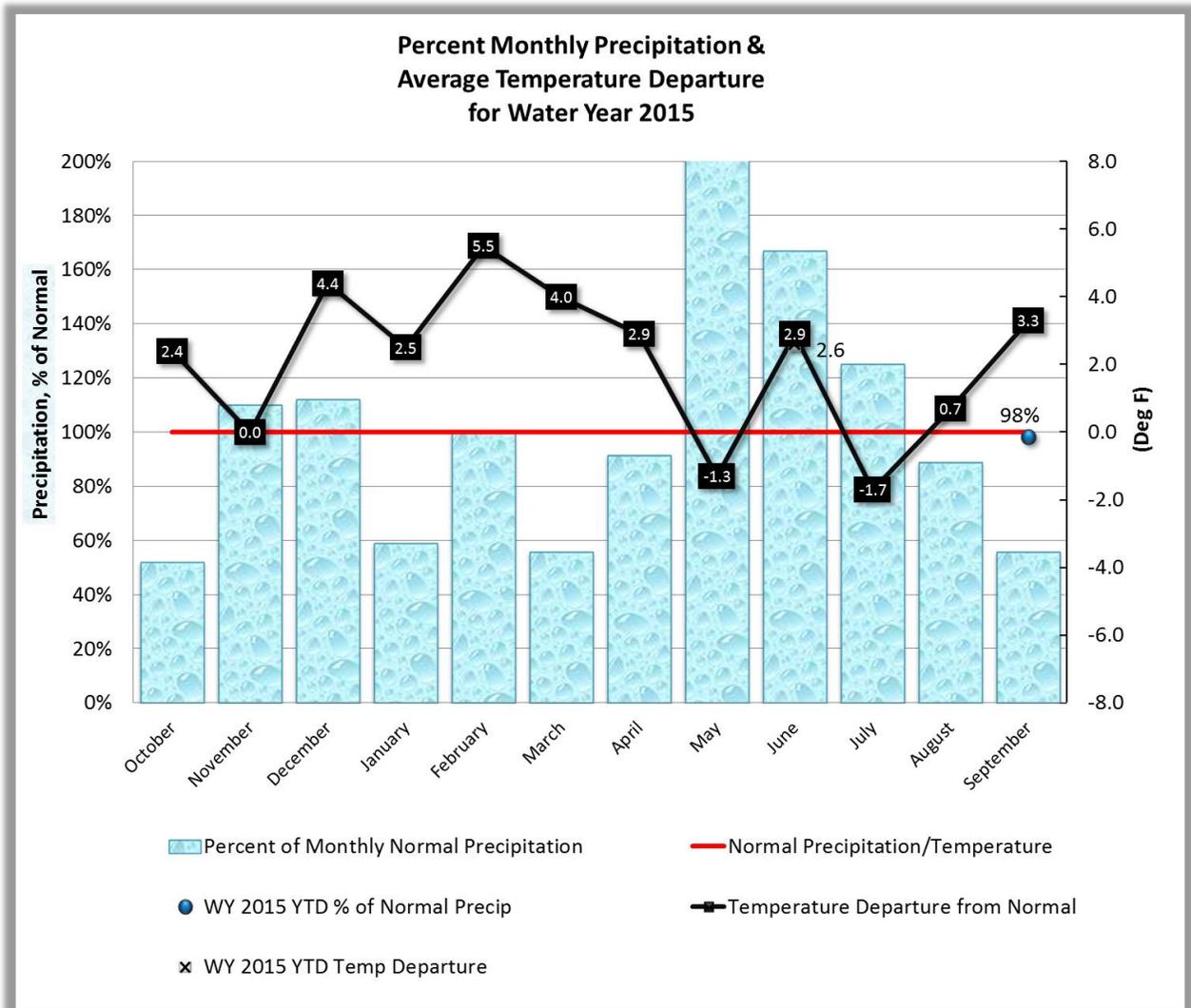
National Park Service hired a new FMO Andy Bundshuh.

The Colorado Department of Fire Prevention and Control hired a career seasonal Helicopter Manager, Steve Winslow and an Assistant Manager. Staffing continued to be an issue but they keep making strides forward in filling their organization.



The Dispatch Center had its third year in a row with below average IA responses. The federal agencies had 34 recordable fires for 4.5 acres.

Weather began with spring being dry with ERC indices running high. By late April the rain showers began and continued through the first of July. The response area began to see a drying trend in late June through mid-July. The monsoonal moisture began to move into the area mid-July lasting through August. September began to dry out but very few starts occurred during this time period as we received very little lightning. Unseasonable hot and dry conditions continued through October before the indices began to fall into the normal range again as the unit began receiving snow showers.



Montrose Dispatch Statistics

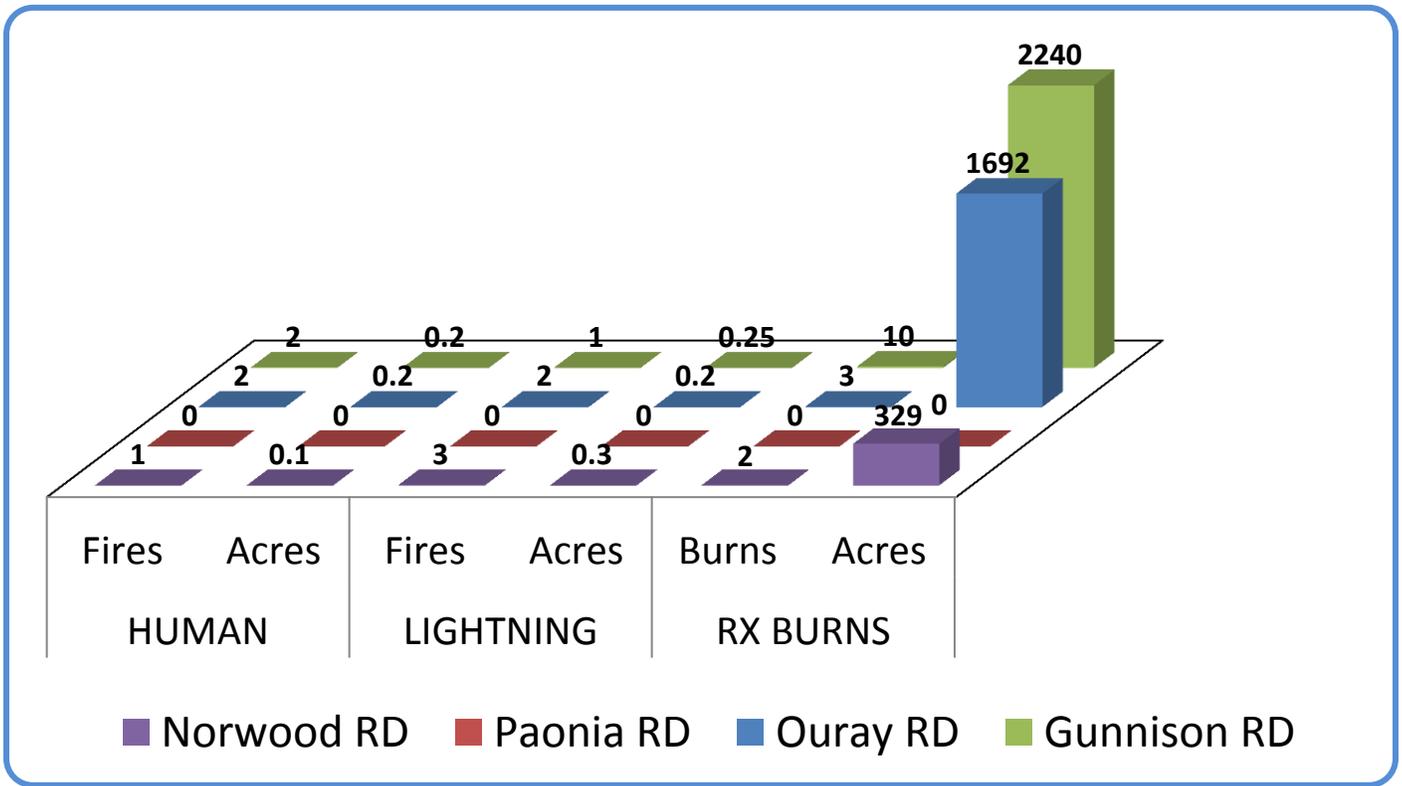
RESOURCE ORDERS NON LOCAL INCIDENTS		
	ORDERS	Incidents
OVERHEAD	178	84
EQUIPMENT	13	12
Crew	5	5
Aircraft	8	8
Wildland Fire Module	3	3
Totals	207	112



LOCAL AIRCRAFT ORDERS	
DFPC MMA	2
DFPC Type3 Helicopter	9
Fix wing recon	1

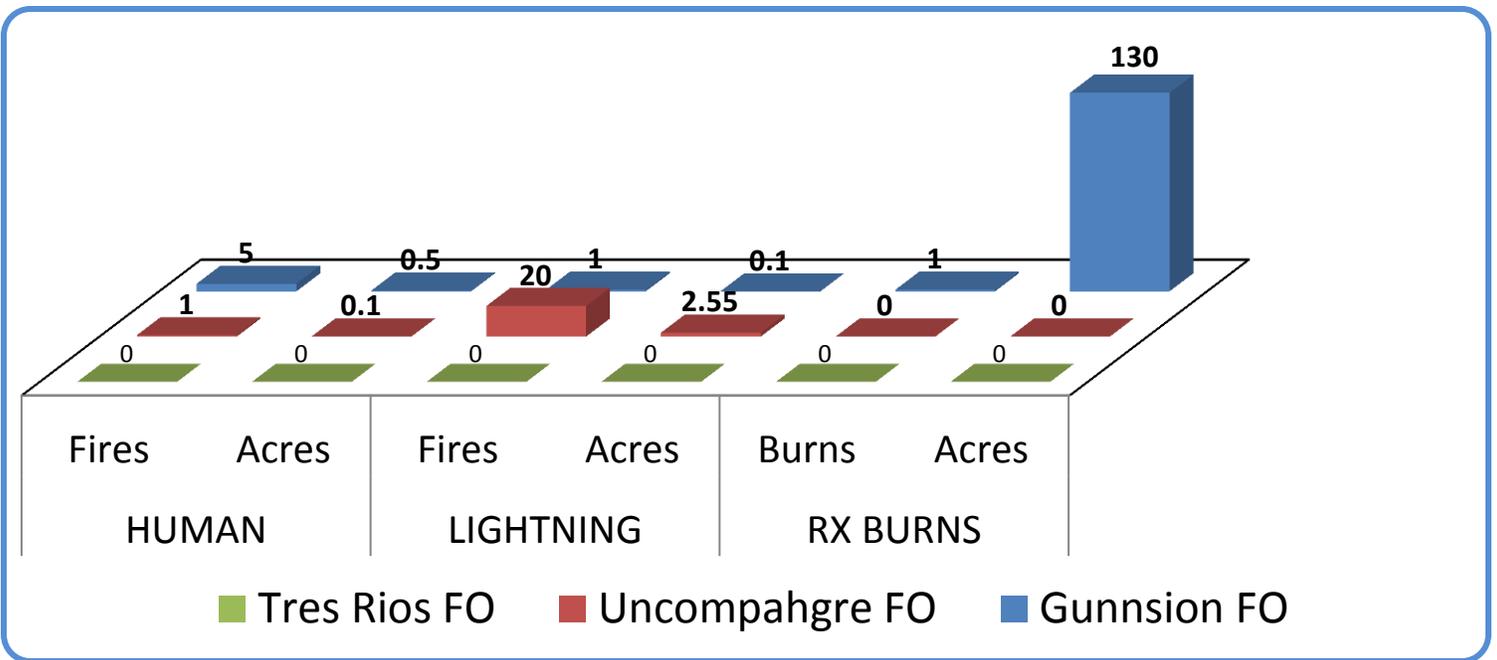
GMUG NATIONAL FOREST

Agency	HUMAN		LIGHTNING		RX BURNS		TOTAL		FALSE ALARM
	Fires	Acres	Fires	Acres	Burns	Acres	Fires	Acres	
Ouray RD	2	0.2	2	0.2	3	1692	4	0.4	4
Paonia RD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Gunnison RD	2	0.2	1	0.25	10	2240	3	0.45	1
Norwood RD	1	0.1	3	0.3	2	329	4	0.4	4
Grand Valley RD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	5	0.5	6	0.75	15	4261	7	1.25	12



SOUTHWEST DISTRICT BLM

Agency	HUMAN		LIGHTNING		RX BURNS		TOTAL		False Alarm
	Fires	Acres	Fires	Acres	Burns	Acres	Fires	Acres	
Gunnsion FO	5	0.5	1	0.1	1	130	6	0.6	2
Uncompahgre FO	1	0.1	20	2.55	0	0	21	2.65	17
Tres Rios FO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	6	0.6	21	2.65	1	130	27	3.25	19



NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Agency	HUMAN		LIGHTNING		RX BURNS		TOTAL		False Alarm
	Fires	Acres	Fires	Acres	Burns	Acres	Fires	Acres	
Black Canyon NPS	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0
Curecanti NPS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0

5 year Averages

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Average	+/- AVG
# Fires	73	135	78	44	34	72.8	-17.6
# Acres	1832.9	475.03	475.03	97.35	4.5	576.962	-101.932

COUNTY FIRES

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Delta	3	284
Gunnison	0	0
Montrose	38	190.3
San Miguel	7	22.25
Ouray	0	0
Hinsdale	0	0
Saguache	0	0

Only three counties reported any fires to CO-MTC.

County Fires Federal response	Fires	Acres	False Alarm
Delta	1	273	1
Gunnison	0	0	0
Montrose	8	8.3	4
San Miguel	0	0	0
Ouray	0	0	0
Hinsdale	0	0	0
Saguache	0	0	0

