

Craig Interagency Dispatch Center 2013 Year End Report



Citadel Fire July 30th, 2013

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Cooperating Agencies

Bureau of Land Management

United States Forest Service

National Park Service

US Fish and Wildlife Service

Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control

Moffat, Routt, Rio Blanco, Jackson & Grand Counties

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Craig Interagency Dispatch Center (CRC)

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With 227 fires this fire season, Craig Dispatch achieved a perfectly average fire season in number of fires (the five year average for fire occurrence on our unit is 227). Total acres came in somewhat lower, with this year's 6,049 acres well under the five year average of 14,880. Way to keep 'em small, everybody!

Fire season got off to a slow start due to significant precipitation in the form of rain and a couple of heavy snows during the month of May. Activity picked up in early June as fuels dried rapidly due to increasing temperatures and an abrupt drop-off in rainfall. The bulk of the fire load developed (typically) from June through August, with 191 wildfires occurring during this time.

August was our busiest month with 78 fires. In September, thunderstorm activity moved through the area accompanied by heavy localized rains for most of the month, reducing fire occurrence and behavior significantly with only 22 class "A" fires reported.

On October third, up to six inches of widespread snow blanketed the dispatch area—our "season ending event"—which was fortunate, as on October 1st, the Federal Government shutdown had begun, leaving only skeleton crews of personnel available to coordinate emergency response nationwide. The shutdown and employee furlough persisted until the President signed a Continuing Resolution late on October 16th, and employees began returning to work on October 17th.

An active fire season nationally provided many opportunities for resources to travel out of region on fire assignments. CRC resources also offered their support throughout the Rocky Mountain Area over the course of the fire season, and for flood support on the Front Range late in the year, with miscellaneous overhead and a Regular Crew.

During our busiest times, we received dispatch support from numerous other centers including: Ft. Collins, Grand Junction, Rawlins, and Great Plains Dispatch Center in the Rocky Mountain Region, and Monte Vista (CA), Grangeville (UT), Billings (MT), and OIC (OH) Dispatch Centers Nationally. Expanded Dispatch was opened twice, once for the Wild Rose and Collins fires (June 19th-27th) and once for the East Tschuddi and Citadel fires (July 21st- 28th). Local militia and "broken" firefighters also helped staff the center throughout fire season. Our thanks go out to everyone who offered us a helping hand when we really needed it!

In addition to supporting wildland fires, the dispatch center provided support for all agencies' prescribed fire and fuels programs. Flight-following services were also provided for non-fire programs such as Regional Forest Health Flights.

A total of 478 incident actions were processed. This number may seem low compared to previous years; however in the spring we began running a monthly rather than a daily IA number for general business, which lowered that total significantly.

The answering service processed a total of 767 incoming and 236 outgoing calls in 2013, for a total of 1003 calls. The center was staffed 24 hours for approximately 15 days last season.

2013 CRC Fire Summary

All Agency Fire Statistics by Unit and Cause

JURISDICTION	LIGHTNING		HUMAN		TOTAL	
	FIRES	ACRES	FIRES	ACRES	FIRES	ACRES
LSD	52	479.2	1	0.1	53	479.3
WRD	101	3967.4	3	3.05	104	3970.45
KRD	3	1.1	2	1.8	5	2.9
DSP	9	353.2	2	0.2	11	353.4
BPR	0	0	0	0	0	0
ARR	0	0	0	0	0	0
RTF	7	.7	5	.6	12	1.3
STATE	4	119.6	1	704	5	823.6
RBX	2	0.2	1	4	3	4.2
MFY	18	95.46	6	2.25	24	97.71
RTX	1	7.0	2	306.2	3	313.2
JCX	2	0.6	2	0.75	4	1.35
GRX	1	0.1	2	1.1	3	1.2
TOTAL	200	5025	27	1024	227	6049

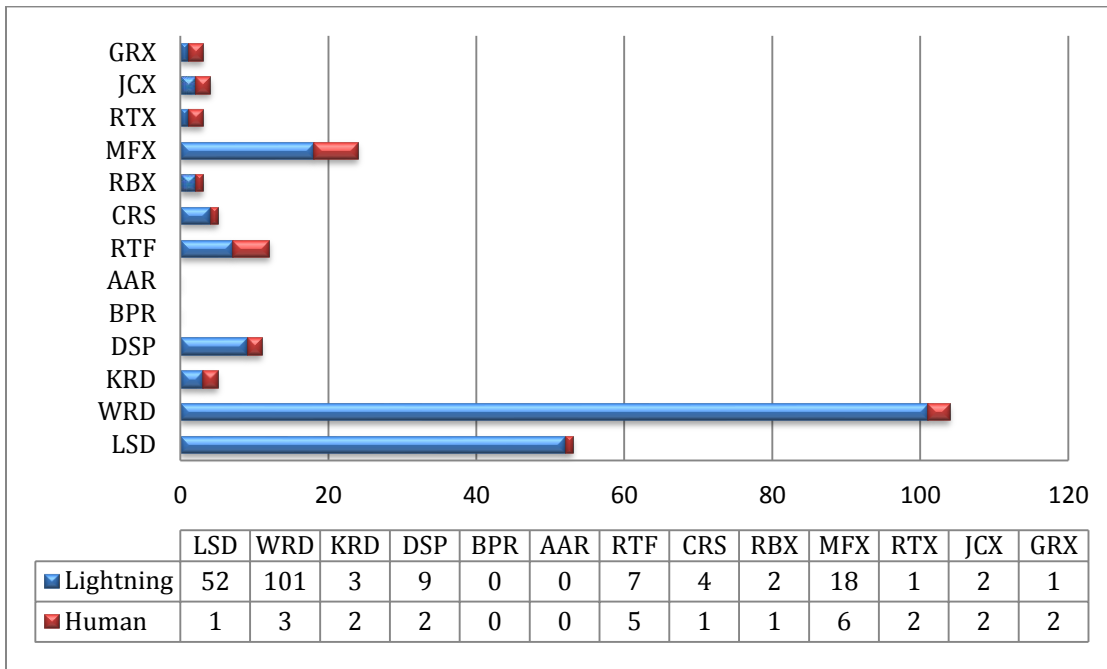
Federal Fire Statistics by Unit and Cause

JURISDICTION	LIGHTNING		HUMAN		TOTAL	
	FIRES	ACRES	FIRES	ACRES	FIRES	ACRES
ARR	0	0	0	0	0	0
BPR	0	0	0	0	0	0
DSP	9	353.2	2	0.2	11	353.4
RTF	7	.7	5	.6	12	1.3
KRD	3	1.1	2	1.8	5	2.9
LSD	52	479.2	1	0.1	53	479.3
WRD	101	3967.4	3	3.05	104	3970.45
TOTAL	172	4801.6	13	5.75	185	4807.35

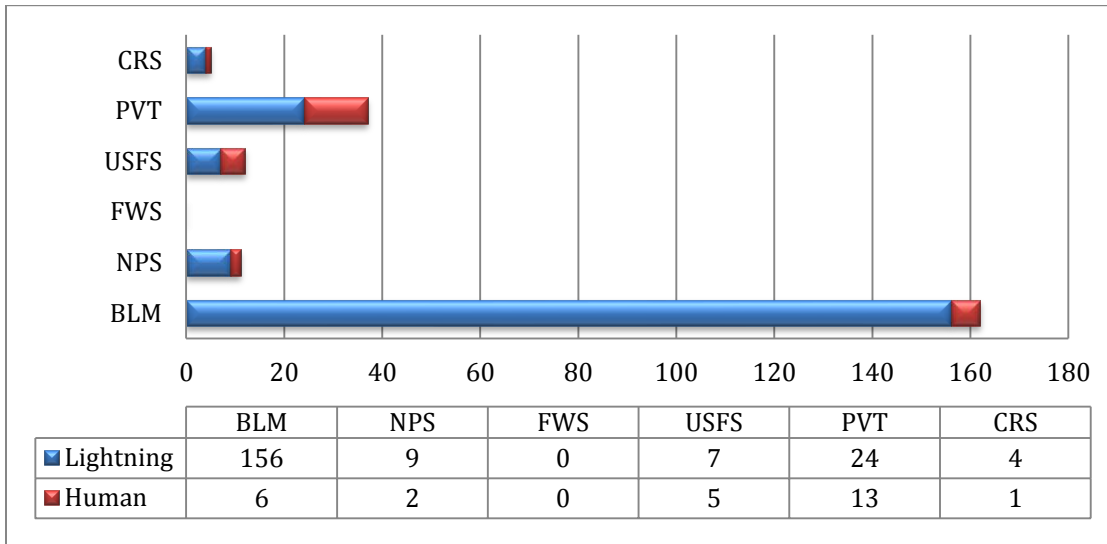
State and Private Fire Statistics by Unit and Cause

JURISDICTION	LIGHTNING		HUMAN		TOTAL	
	FIRES	ACRES	FIRES	ACRES	FIRES	ACRES
CRS	4	119.6	1		5	823.6
RBX	2	0.2	1		3	4.2
MFY	18	95.46	6		24	97.71
RTX	1	7.0	2		3	313.2
JCX	2	0.6	2		4	1.35
GRX	1	0.1	2		3	1.2
TOTAL	28	222.96	14		42	1241.26

Number of Fires by Unit and Cause



Number of Fires by Agency and Cause



VLAT over the Wild Rose fire, June 23rd

Large Fires and Fires Managed for Resource Benefit

Fires listed below were one of the following; 100 acres in Timber, 300 acres in Grass/Brush, Managed for Resource Benefit (MMO), or had significant resource commitment

Incident Name	Start Date	Cause	Final Acreage	Acres by Agency(s)	State & Unit	IC Name	Team Type
*Big	05/23	Lightning	9	BLM	CO-WRD	Finnegan	
*Wild-Hacking Complex	06/16	Lightning	352	NPS	CO-DSP	Weidow	
*Disappointment	06/18	Lightning	65	BLM	CO-LSD	Bowling	
Wild Rose	06/19	Lightning	1,065	BLM	CO-WRD	Del Grosso	2
Collins	06/20	Lightning	380	BLM	CO-WRD	Del Grosso	2
*Peekaboo	06/30	Lightning	.1	BLM	CO-LSD	St. Martin	
*Maverick	07/08	Lightning	2.6	BLM	CO-WRD	Harris	
East Tschuddi	07/20	Lightning	574	BLM	CO-WRD	Dallas	2
			35	CRS	CO-CRS		
Citadel	07/21	Lightning	84	BLM CRS	CO-WRD CO-CRS	Dallas	2
*Silver Spoon	07/30	Lightning	2.2	BLM	CO-WRD	Naccarato	
*Kodiak	08/03	Lightning	391	BLM	CO-LSD	Meyer	
*Hayseed	09/03	Lightning	.5	BLM	CO-WRD	Harris	

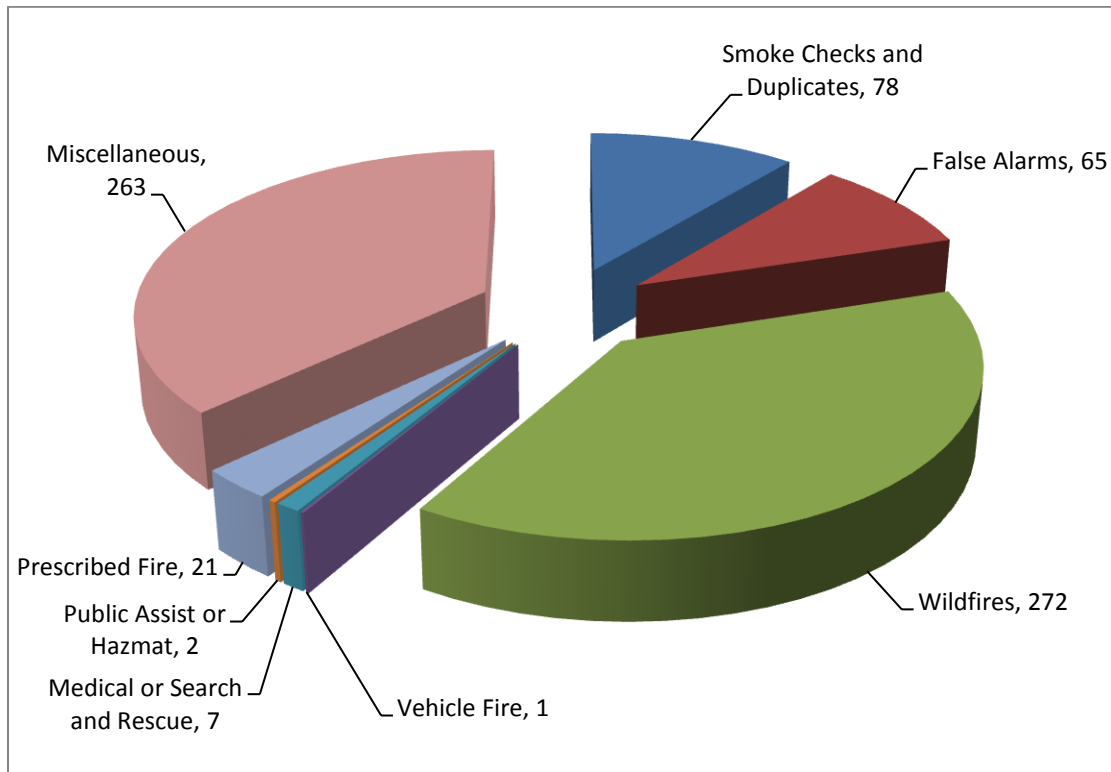
*MMO fire



Kodiak Fire August 5th

2013 Incident Action Summary

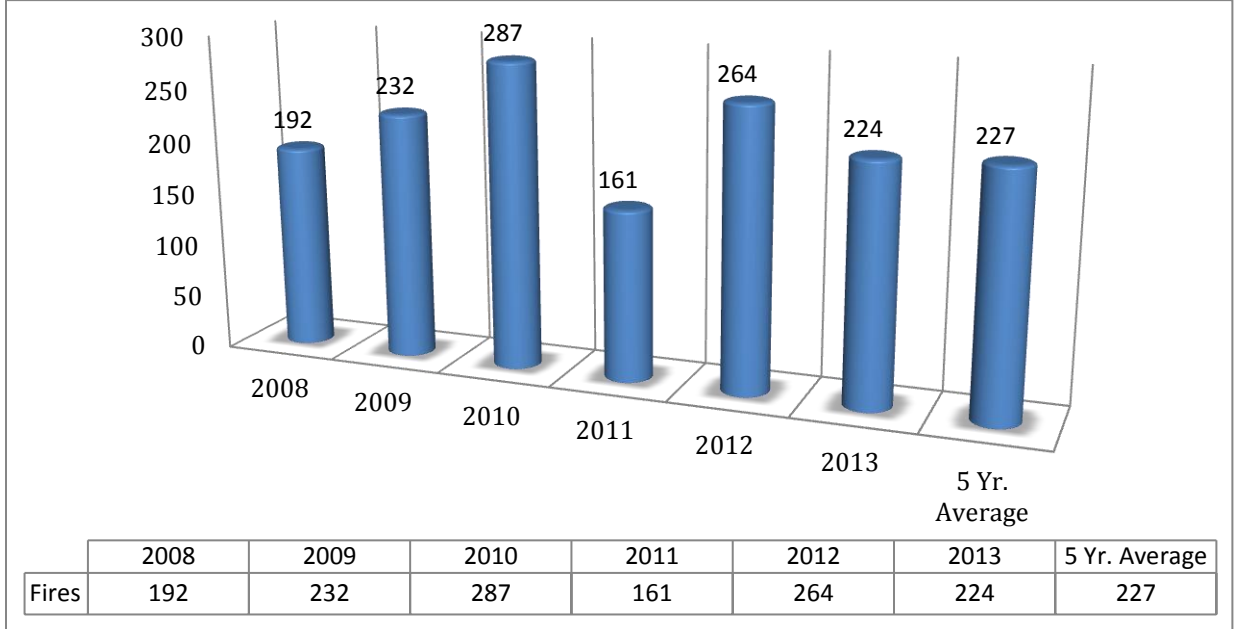
Number of Incidents by Type



Engine Orientation May 30

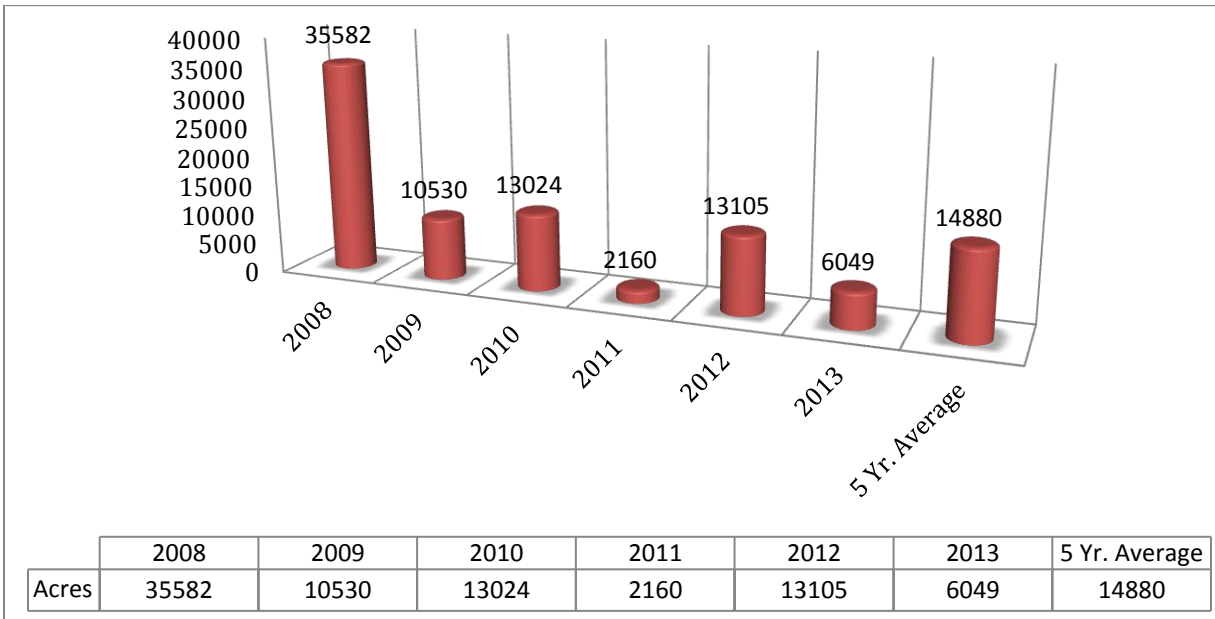
Five Year Averages

Total Fires per Year



Cog Fire August 19th

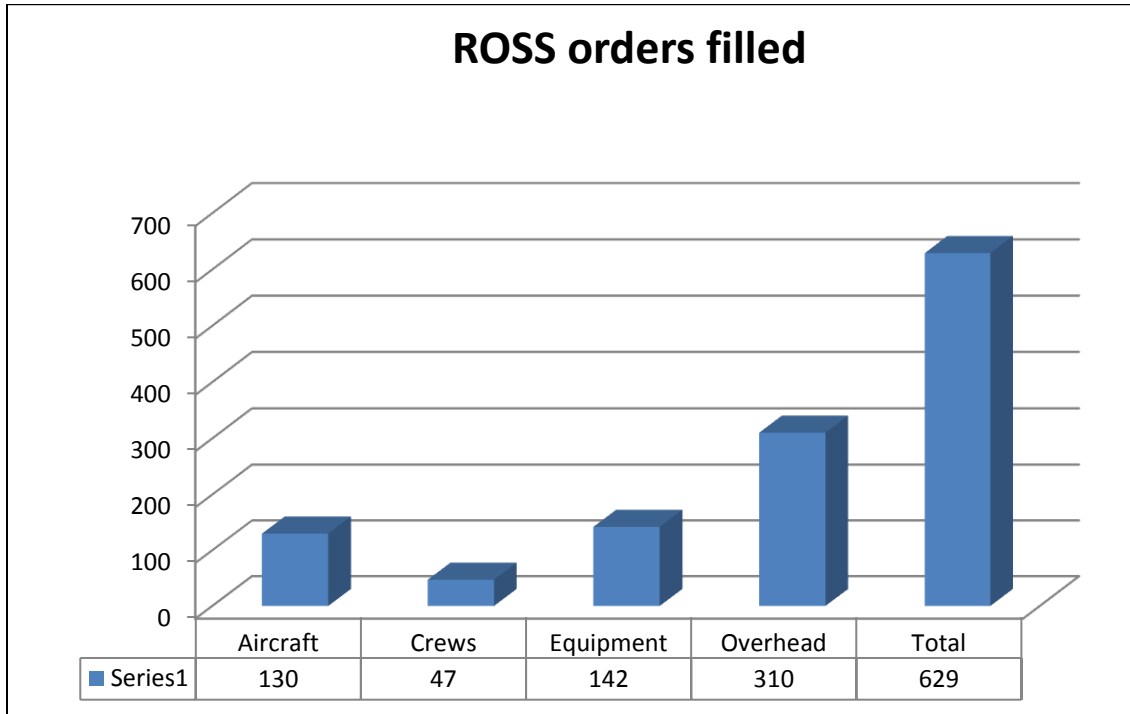
Total Acres Burned per Year



CRC Resource Order Statistics

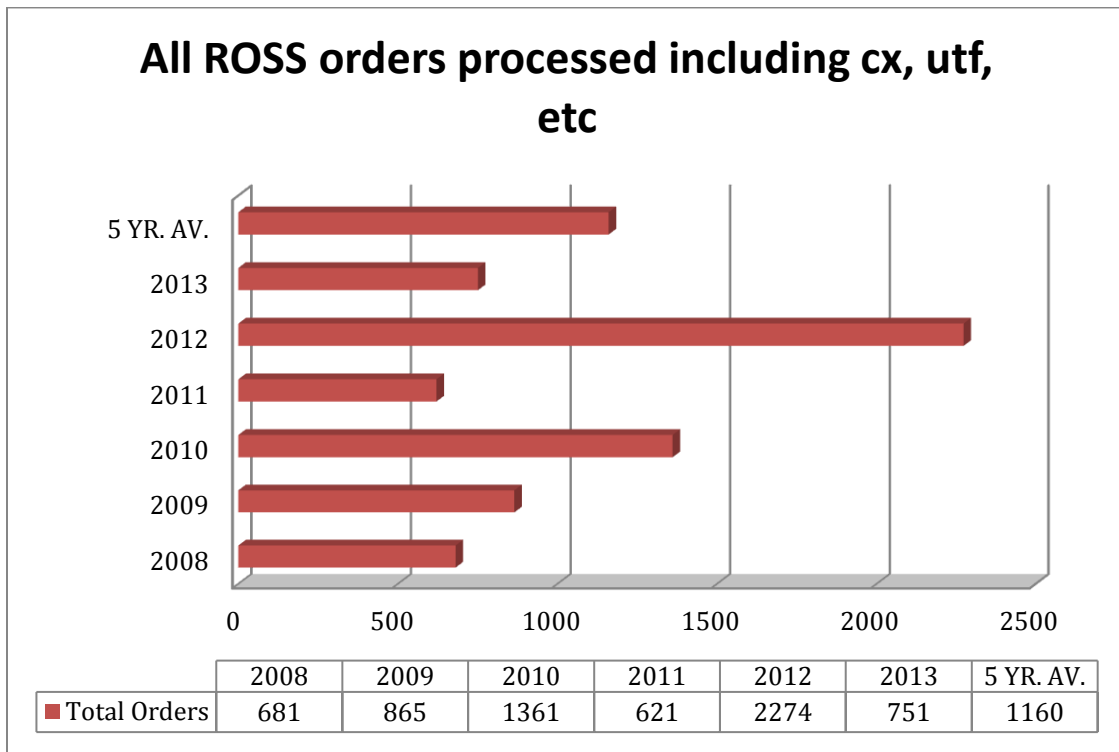
Total ROSS Orders Filled

(Total Includes Incoming and Outgoing Orders)



Total ROSS Resource Orders Processed And 5 year Average

(Total Includes UTF and Cancelled Orders, Incoming and Outgoing)



ROSS Workload by Unit



Cog Fire August 19th

ROSS Resource Orders Filled by Assignment Area

	LOCAL	R2	NATIONAL	TOTAL
Aircraft	130	0	0	130
Crews	38	6	3	47
Equipment	123	12	7	142
Overhead	214	72	24	310
Totals	505	90	34	629

Incoming or Local ROSS Orders Filled On-Unit

	WRD	LSD	KRD	CRD/CRC	RTF	DSP	ARR	BPR	COS & X	Totals
Aircraft	103	14	0	0	1	8	0	0	4	130
Crews	33	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	38
Equipment	108	8	1	2	0	2	1	0	1	123
Overhead	154	5	5	24	4	12	3	3	4	214
Totals	398	30	6	26	5	24	4	3	9	505

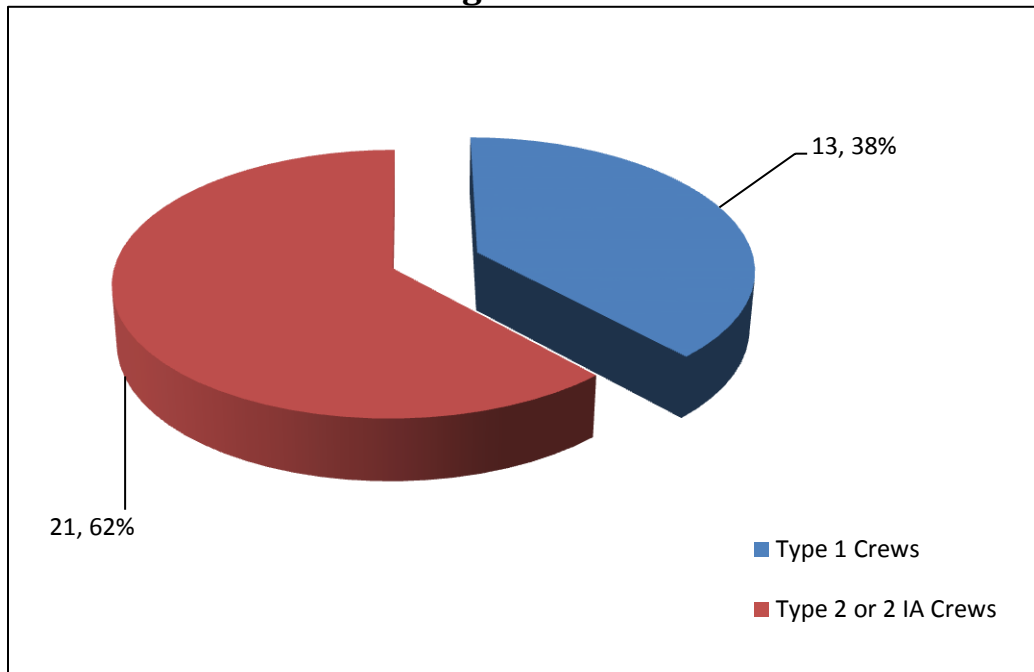
Engine Summary

Several of our federal and cooperator engines took off-unit assignments in support of neighborhood, regional, and national incidents.

Resource	Unit	Date	Assignment	National?
E-369	CO-GRX	6/16-7/2	CO-WRF-000459	
E-369	CO-GRX	8/12-8/13	UT-ASF-000009	YES
E-1419	CO-CRD	6/14-6/18	UT-VLD-000241	YES
E-1610	CO-BPR	5/8-5/9	CO-GWD-000167	
E-1610	CO-BPR	7/22-7/24	CO-SJF-000285	
E-1613	CO-CRD	6/16-6/17	CO-WRF-000459	
E-1613	CO-CRD	6-17-6-23	CO-RMP-000217	
E-1614	CO-CRD	7/7-7/22	CO-RMP-000217	
E-1642	CO-CRD	6/14-6/16	CO-SJF-000285	
E-1642	CO-CRD	9/2-9/3	CO-WRF-000459	
E-1642	CO-CRD	8/9-8/22	UT-ASF-000009	YES
E-681	CO-DSP	3/21-3/22	WY-SHF-000077	
E-681	CO-DSP	8/9-8/20	UT-VLD-000241	YES
E-6321	CO-BPR	8/4-8/4	WY-SWX-000167	
E-6321	CO-BPR	8/11-8/11	WY-SWX-000167	
E-367	CO-GRX	6/13-6/16	UT-VLD-000241	YES
E-683	CO-DSP	7/19-7/20	ID-BDC-000881	YES
E-618	CO-RTF	9/14-9/21	UT-ASF-000201	YES

Crew Summary

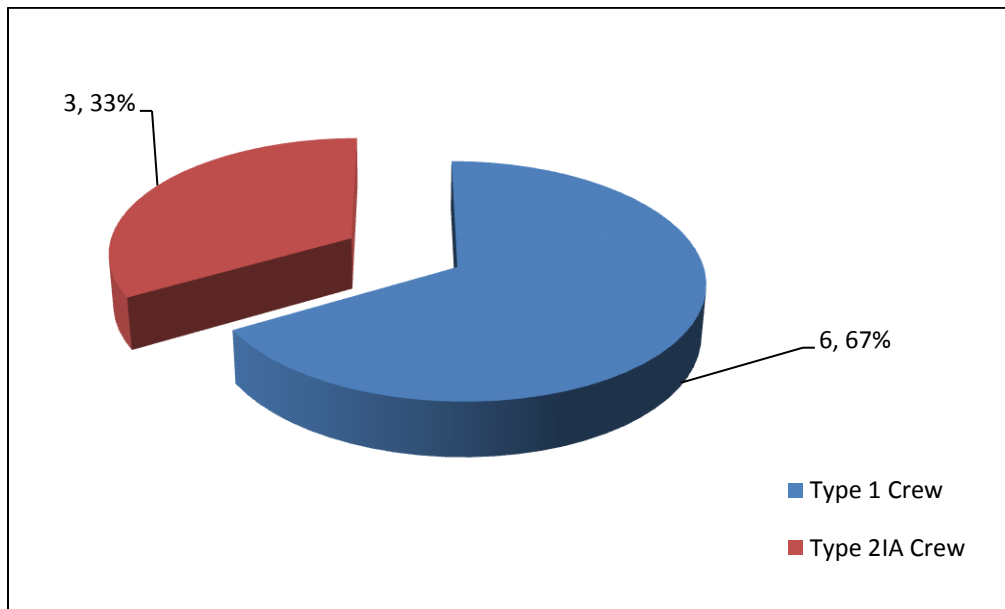
CRC Incoming Crew Orders Filled





Veteran's "Green Corps" Crewmembers

CRC Out-of-Area Crew Orders Filled



Craig Interagency Hotshot Crew

10-Year Historic Crew Use within the CRC Zone

YEAR	NUMBER OF CREWS	NUMBER OF DAYS
2013	38	186
2012	61	139
2011	17*	80*
2010	53**	339**
2009	32***	135***
2008	24****	138****
2007	10	20
2006	19	60
2005	4	6
2004	33	95
2003	30	85

*Includes 4 crews for 42 days on bark beetle work

**Includes 25 crews for 269 days on bark beetle work

***Includes 5 crews for 46 days on bark beetle work

****Includes 16 crews for 111 days on bark beetle work

Crew Narratives

Craig Interagency Hotshots

The Craig Interagency Hotshot crew began their critical training on April 21st and went off the boards on September 30th. Their first assignment was on May 5th, the Panther fire in California. During the season we dispatched the crew six times; however counting national and regional reassignments and several on-unit assignments, the shots were assigned to a total of 30 incidents during the season.

Storm Peak Wildland Fire Module

The USFS Storm Peak Wildland Fire Module took their first assignment on the Maverick fire here in our South Zone. Following that we dispatched the module twice, both times to Wyoming. With a reassignment on their last run to Yellowstone National Park, the module was assigned to four separate incidents this fire season.

“Green Corps” Veterans Crew

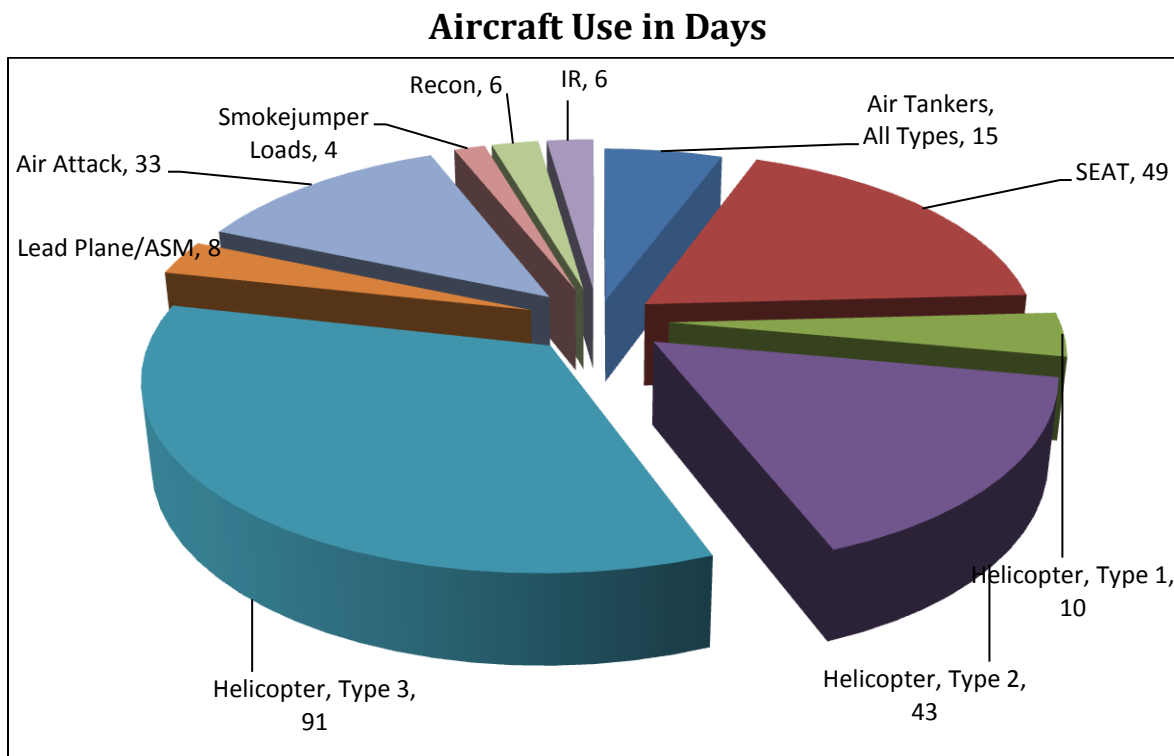
This was the first year the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest hosted a Veteran’s “Green Corps” crew. The crew received wildland fire training and experience with the intent to open doors to a possible career in wildland fire. They got a lot of good saw training doing fuels reduction work, and were also assigned to the Kodiak fire (managed for resource benefit) in August.

Yampa River Type 2 IA Crew

Late in the season, with many engines available but a dearth of engine orders, the BLM put together an interagency type 2 IA Crew which received a fire assignment in Wyoming, and was then reassigned to another in Colorado. In September the crew was thrown together again to assist in the flood recovery efforts on the Front Range.

Aircraft Summary

The Craig SEAT base pumped 41,080 gallons of retardant in 2013 in support of 9 local fires, with 54 separate sorties performed at a cost of \$80,106. The chart below illustrates number of days used on-unit for each aircraft type or Service (IR flight) ordered.





Over the Cog Fire August 18th

Aircraft Orders by Aircraft Type

