

# Craig Interagency Dispatch Center 2014 Year End Report



Carl's Hole Fire, South Zone BLM 7/22/2014



## 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)**

### **2014 Year End Report**

In keeping with the generally non-eventful fire season in Region 2 this year Craig came in with 147 fires, well below our five year average of 234. However, thanks to the largest fire in the Region, the Alkali fire, which burned 19,569 acres on County, State, and BLM lands, our acres came in higher than the five-year average of 8,974 at 21,282.

Spring started out dry in the western half of our area. Our first fires occurred on February 25<sup>th</sup>; two roadside fires caused by equipment along west Highway 40. Fuels greened up fast with heavy rains starting at the end of March and continuing through most of April. By May, all units were reporting heavy growth of grass over most areas, which led to the unfounded anticipation of an active season.

July was our busiest month with 89 fires. Throughout August and September, thunderstorm activity moved through the area accompanied by heavy localized rains which reduced fire occurrence and behavior even further. During all other months combined, a total of only 57 class A and B fires were recorded.

Craig filled 98 overhead, equipment, and crew resource orders to assist firefighting efforts in other parts of the country that were ongoing all season in primarily the Northwest, Idaho, and California. Local ROSS orders, including aircraft, for local incidents (including reassignments) totaled 401 for a total of 499 orders filled-WELL below the five-year average (2009-2013) of 1,174.

We managed to keep all of our incidents under Type III management teams this year. This increased the impact on the IA shop but with additional help coming in from Santa Fe, NM and other areas, the situation stayed manageable. Local militia and "broken" firefighters also helped staff the center throughout fire season. Thanks to everyone!

In addition to wildland fires, the dispatch center supported all of our 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 373 incident actions were processed in WildCAD, including wildland fires, prescribed fires, resource orders, public assists, aircraft flight following, and miscellaneous actions.

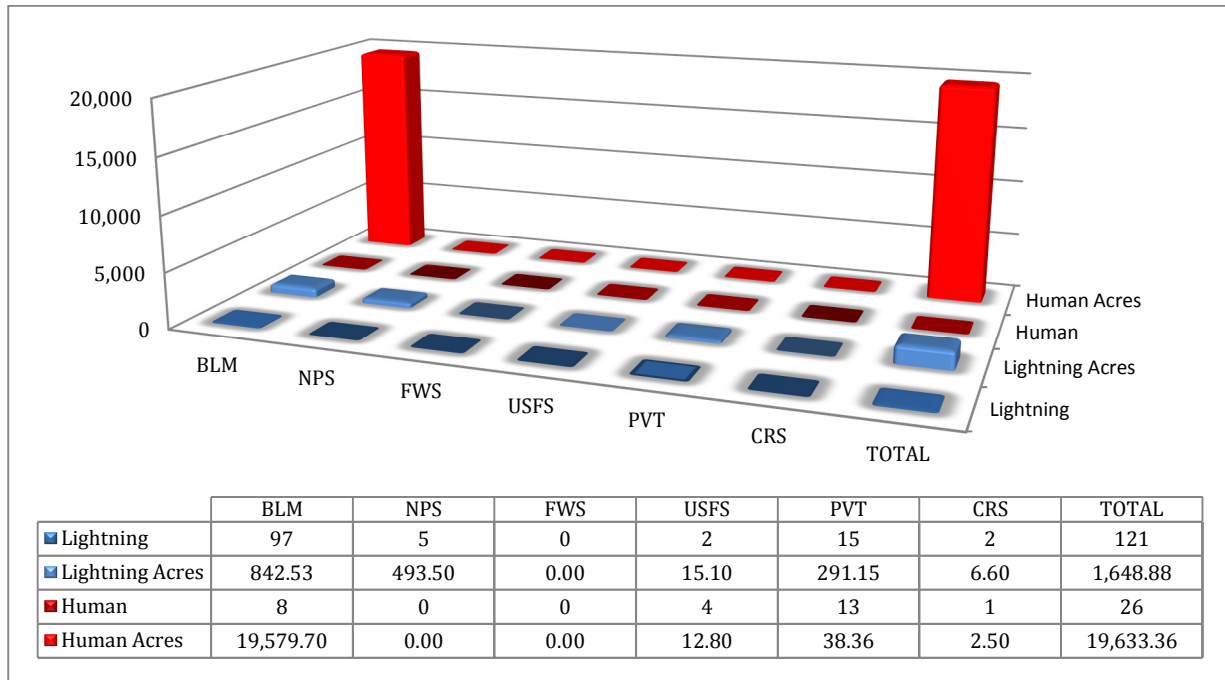
The answering service processed a total of 649 incoming and 218 outgoing calls in 2013, for a total of 867 calls. The center was staffed 24 hours for approximately 10 days last season.

# 2014 CRC Fire Summary

## Wildland Fire Statistics

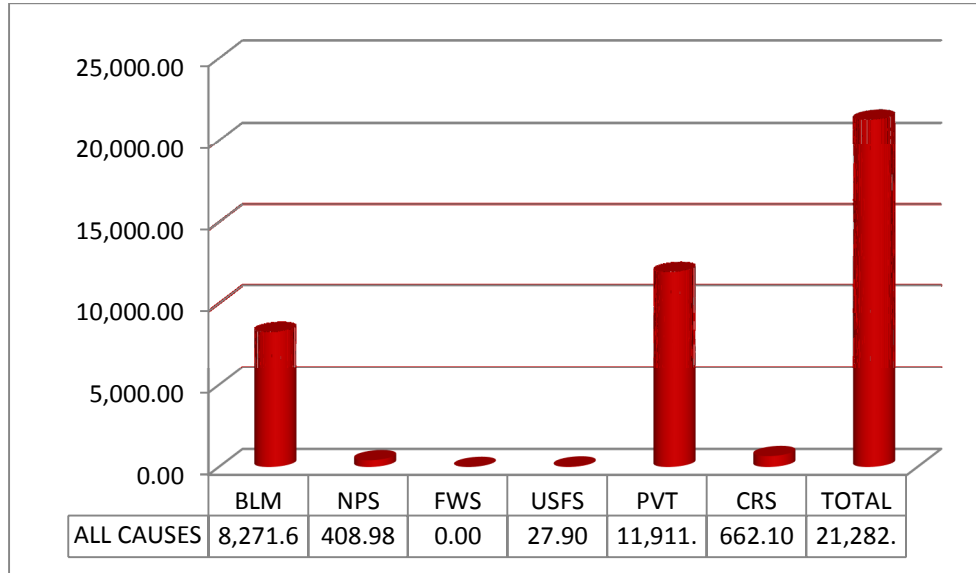
|            | Lightning  | Lightning       | Human     | Human            | Total Unit Fires | Total Unit Acres |
|------------|------------|-----------------|-----------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| LSD        | 23         | 48.20           | 3         | 19,578.60        | 26               | 19,626.80        |
| WRD        | 74         | 794.33          | 2         | 0.80             | 76               | 795.13           |
| KRD        | 0          | 0.00            | 3         | 0.30             | 3                | 0.30             |
| DSP        | 5          | 493.50          | 0         | 0.00             | 5                | 493.50           |
| BPR        | 0          | 0.00            | 0         | 0.00             | 0                | 0.00             |
| ARR        | 0          | 0.00            | 0         | 0.00             | 0                | 0.00             |
| RTF        | 2          | 15.10           | 4         | 12.80            | 6                | 27.90            |
| CRS        | 2          | 6.60            | 1         | 2.50             | 3                | 9.10             |
| RBX        | 4          | 2.30            | 3         | 4.50             | 7                | 6.80             |
| MFX        | 8          | 287.25          | 3         | 26.16            | 11               | 313.41           |
| RTX        | 1          | 1.00            | 1         | 0.10             | 2                | 1.10             |
| JCX        | 1          | 0.50            | 2         | 0.50             | 3                | 1.00             |
| GRX        | 1          | 0.10            | 3         | 6.20             | 4                | 6.30             |
| EAX        | 0          | 0.00            | 1         | 0.90             | 1                | 0.90             |
| <b>TTL</b> | <b>121</b> | <b>1,648.88</b> | <b>26</b> | <b>19,633.36</b> | <b>147</b>       | <b>21,282.24</b> |

## Fires and Acres by Agency Owner and Cause



## Acres Burned By Agency

*Includes fires that burned across multiple agency lands*



## 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 | State & Unit | IC Name       | Team Type |
|---------------|------------|-----------|---------------|--------------|---------------|-----------|
| *Corral       | 07/10      | Lightning | .1            | CO-WRD       | Harris        |           |
| *West Jordan  | 07/13      | Lightning | .2            | CO-WRD       | Hawthorne     |           |
| Key           | 07/16      | Lightning | 252           | CO-MFX       | St. Martin    | 3         |
| *South Fork   | 07/22      | Lightning | 15            | CO-RTX       | Adams         |           |
| Carl's Hole   | 07/22      | Lightning | 319           | CO-WRD       | Harris        | 3         |
| Alkali        | 07/23      | Lightning | 19569         | CO-LSD       | Wheeler       | 3         |
| *Radio        | 07/24      | Lightning | 14            | CO-WRD       | Graham        |           |
| *Roundtop     | 07/26      | Lightning | .3            | CO-DSP       | Bundshuh      |           |
| Elk Springs   | 07/26      | Lightning | 437           | CO-WRD       | Wheeler/Holte | 3         |
| Lodore        | 07/28      | Lightning | 450           | CO-DSP       | Teal          |           |
| *Jack Springs | 07/28      | Lightning | 1.75          | CO-LSD       | Bundshuh      |           |
| *Fuego        | 08/18      | Lightning | .1            | CO-WRD       | Harris        |           |

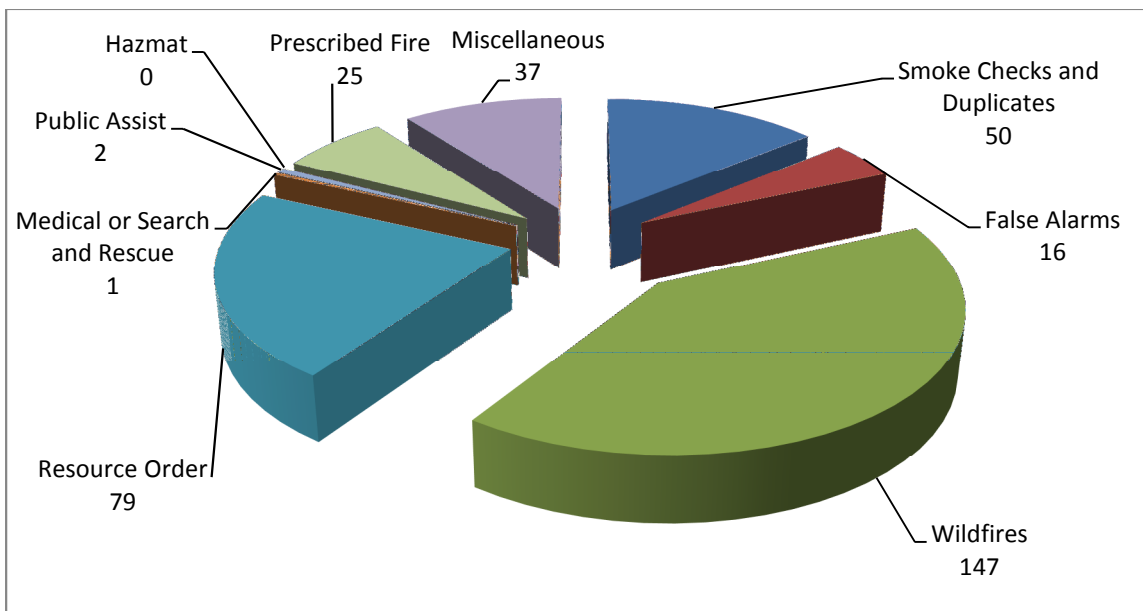
*\*MMO fire*



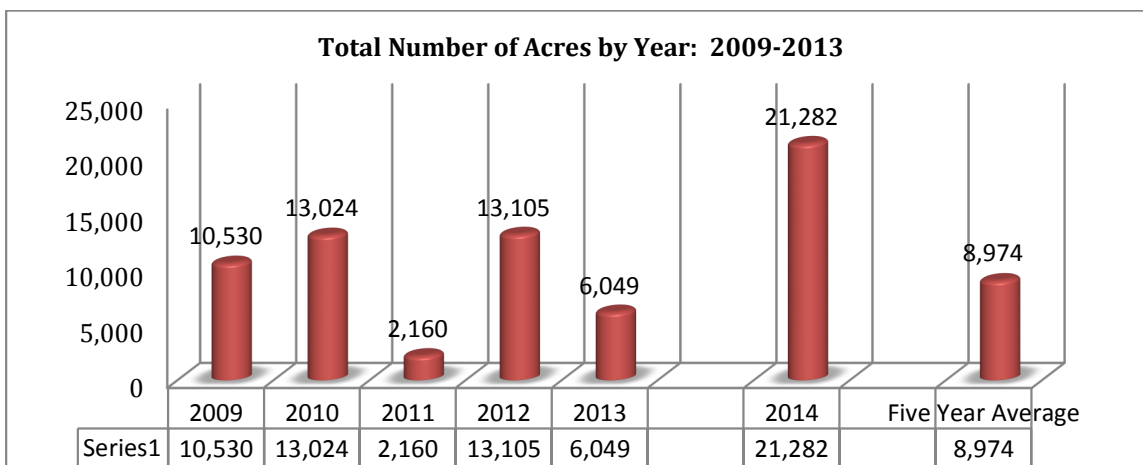
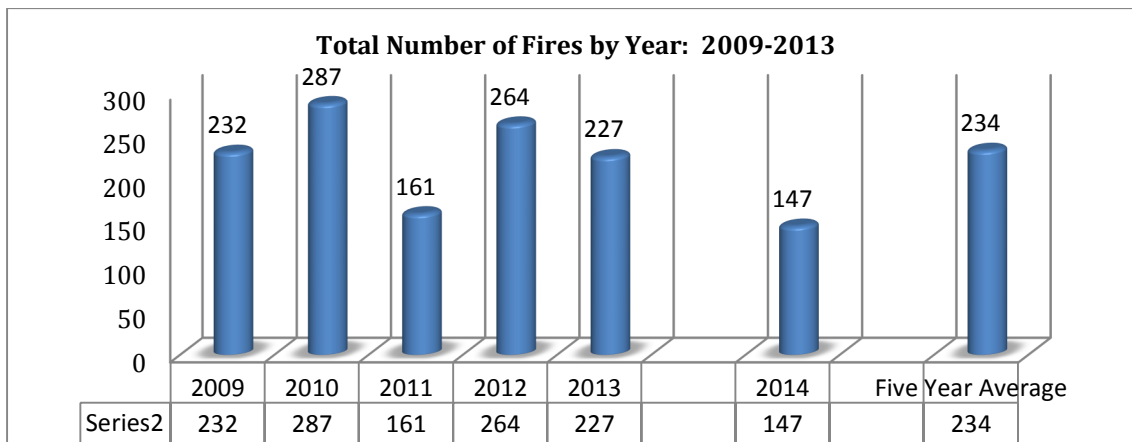
***South Fork Fire Managed for Resource Benefit, Routt National Forest 7/22/2014***

# 2014 WildCAD Incident Action Summary

## Total WildCAD Incidents: 373



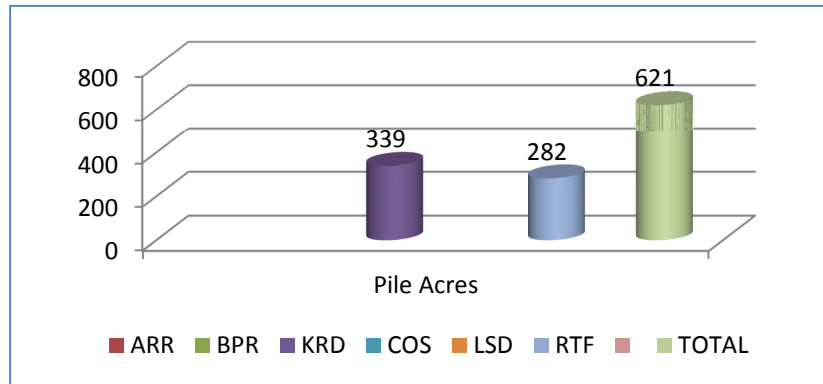
## Five Year Averages



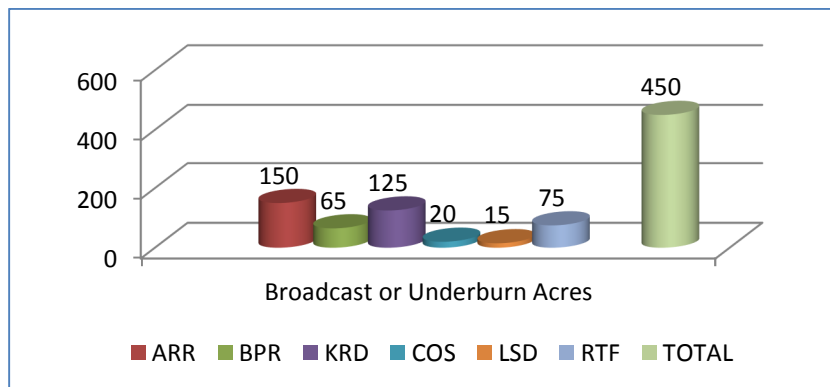
# Prescribed Fire Summary

The USFWS, Forest Service, Colorado State, and BLM completed a total of 1071 acres of piles, broadcast, and underburning in the Dispatch Area in 2014.

### Pile Burning In Acres by Unit



### Broadcast or Underburning in Acres by Unit

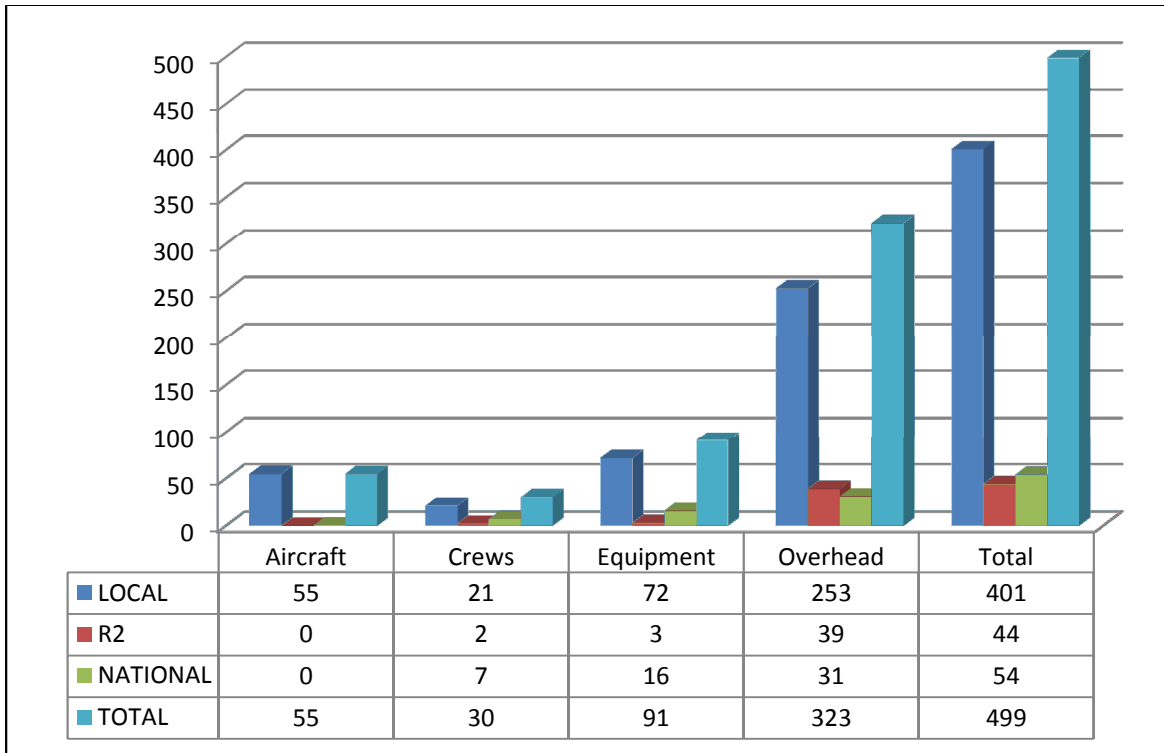


*Seedhouse Prescribed Fire, Routt National Forest November 2014*

# CRC Resource Order Statistics

## ROSS Orders Filled

(Includes Incoming and Outgoing Orders)



## Local ROSS Orders Filled by Unit

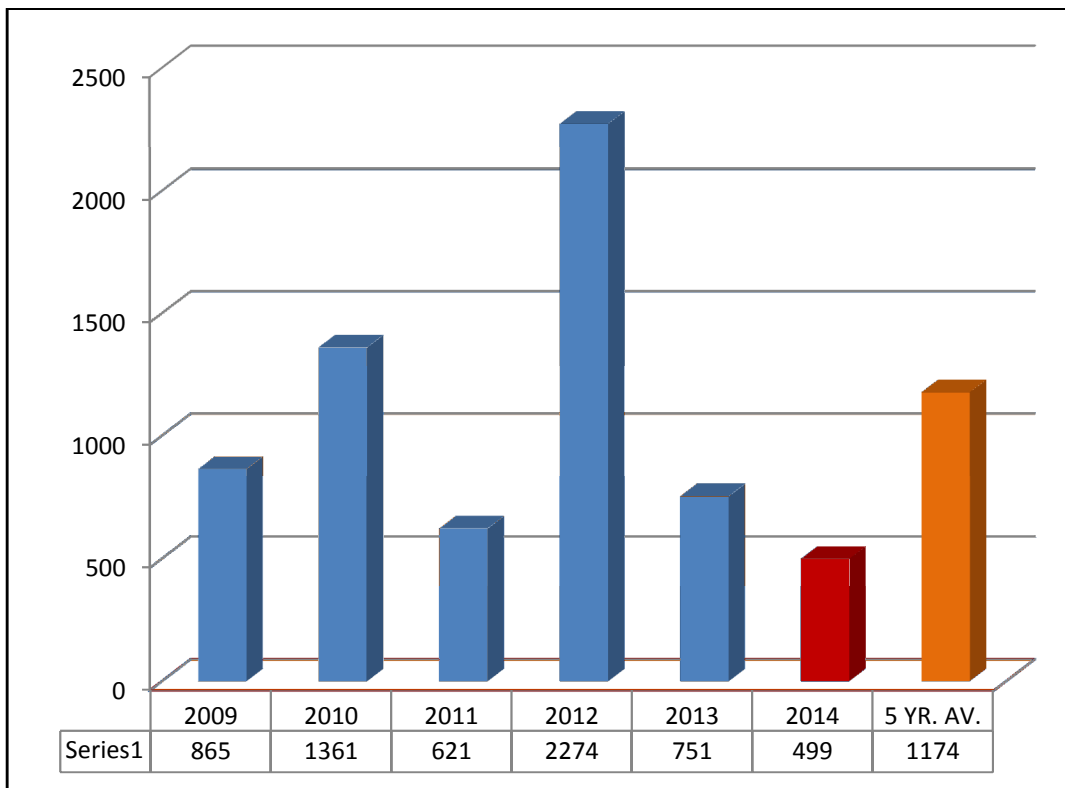
|              | WRD        | LSD       | KRD      | CRD/CRC   | RTF       | DSP       | ARR      | BPR      | STATE/<br>COUNTY | TOTAL      |
|--------------|------------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|------------------|------------|
| Aircraft     | 34         | 8         | 0        | 0         | 6         | 3         | 0        | 0        | 4                | 55         |
| Crews        | 9          | 3         | 0        | 0         | 0         | 2         | 0        | 0        | 7                | 21         |
| Equipment    | 17         | 3         | 0        | 1         | 16        | 3         | 4        | 0        | 28               | 72         |
| Overhead     | 72         | 20        | 0        | 54        | 44        | 28        | 3        | 3        | 29               | 253        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>132</b> | <b>34</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>55</b> | <b>66</b> | <b>36</b> | <b>7</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>68</b>        | <b>401</b> |

## Regional and National ROSS Orders Filled by Unit

|              | WRD      | LSD      | KRD      | CRC/<br>CRD | RTF       | DSP      | ARR      | BPR      | STATE/<br>COUNTY | TOTAL     |
|--------------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|------------------|-----------|
| Aircraft     | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0           | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0                | 0         |
| Crews        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 9           | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0                | 9         |
| Equipment    | 2        | 2        | 0        | 0           | 6         | 4        | 0        | 2        | 3                | 19        |
| Overhead     | 2        | 1        | 3        | 22          | 36        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 5                | 70        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>31</b>   | <b>42</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>8</b>         | <b>98</b> |



## ROSS Orders Filled: Five-Year Average, 2009-2013



## Engine Summary

One engine out of Utah was used by CRC in 2014, the remaining incoming equipment orders were filled by in-region and local equipment. Several of our federal and cooperator engines took off-unit assignments in support of neighborhood, regional, and national incidents.



*Carl's Hole Fire South Zone BLM July 23rd, 2014*

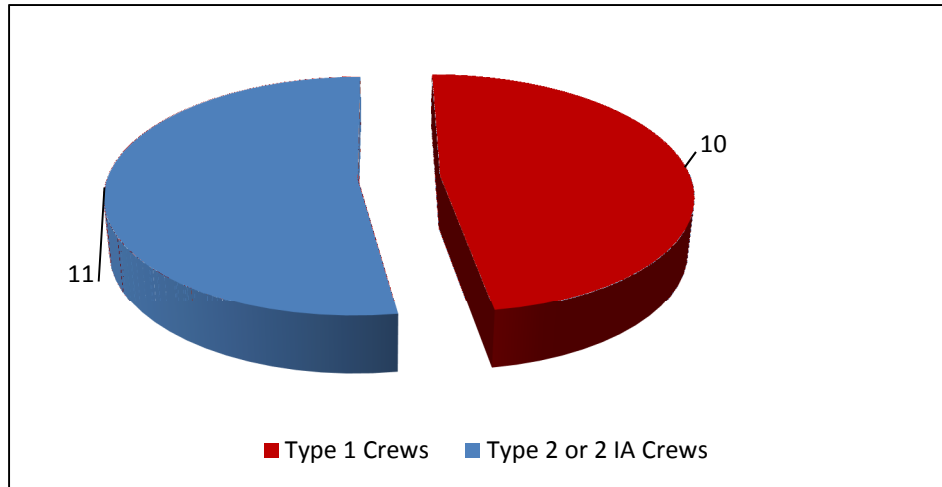


The following table shows Regional and National assignments for all Agency engines in the dispatch area.

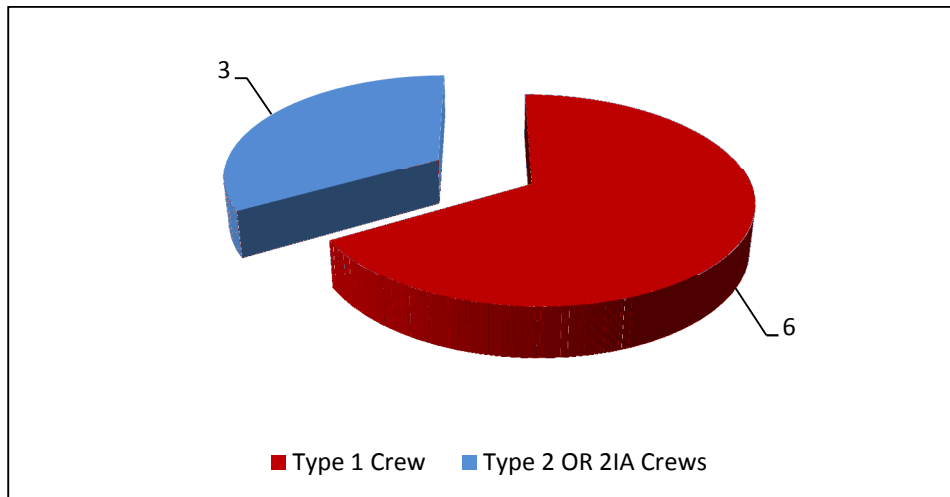
| Resource | Unit   | Date      | Assignment     | National? |
|----------|--------|-----------|----------------|-----------|
| E-369    | CO-GRX | 7/2-7/5   | CO-R02-000006  |           |
| E-369    | CO-GRX | 8/21-8/29 | ID-CTS-000788  | YES       |
| E-369    | CO-GRX | 8/1-8/2   | CA-KNF-005511  | YES       |
| E-369    | CO-GRX | 8/2-8/20  | CA-KNF-005564  | YES       |
| E-622    | CO-GRX | 9/20-10/8 | CA-ENF-023461  | YES       |
| E-1610   | CO-BPR | 7/11-7/11 | UT-VLD-000163  | YES       |
| E-1610   | CO-BPR | 8/4-8/21  | WA-OWF-000538  | YES       |
| E-1613   | CO-CRD | 6/17-6/23 | CO-GWD-00016   |           |
| E-1613   | CO-CRD | 7/5-7/14  | CA-NOD-002798  | YES       |
| E-1613   | CO-CRD | 7/14-7/30 | CA-NOD-003039  | YES       |
| E-1613   | CO-CRD | 7/30-9/1  | CA-NOD-003499  | YES       |
| E-1613   | CO-CRD | 8/1-8/2   | CA-SHU-006933  | YES       |
| E-1613   | CO-CRD | 9/1-9/21  | CA-NOD-003990  | YES       |
| E-1614   | CO-CRD | 7/7-7/22  | CO-SJF-000285  |           |
| E-1614   | CO-CRD | 7/5-7/12  | UT-VLD-000140  | YES       |
| E-1614   | CO-CRD | 7/26-7/26 | UT-DSP-000246  | YES       |
| E-1644   | CO-CRD | 6/18-6/29 | WY-MBF-012096  |           |
| E-1644   | CO-CRD | 7/5-7/14  | CA-NOD-002798  | YES       |
| E-1644   | CO-CRD | 7/14-8/2  | CA-NOD-003039  | YES       |
| E-1644   | CO-CRD | 7/23-7/25 | CA-NOD-003320  | YES       |
| E-1644   | CO-CRD | 7/25-7/26 | OR-9825-140319 | YES       |
| E-1644   | CO-CRD | 8/2-8/3   | CA-NOD-003499  | YES       |
| E-681    | CO-DSP | 7/5-7/8   | UT-VLD-000140  | YES       |
| E-681    | CO-DSP | 7/26-7/26 | UT-DSP-000246  | YES       |
| E-683    | CO-DSP | 7/5-7/12  | UT-VLD-000140  | YES       |
| E-683    | CO-DSP | 8/11-8/12 | OR-UPF-140035  | YES       |
| E-683    | CO-DSP | 8/12-8/22 | OR-UPF-140041  | YES       |
| E-617    | CO-RTF | 7/7-7/11  | WY-MBF-014087  |           |
| E-617    | CO-RTF | 8/7-8/21  | WA-COA-00168   | YES       |
| E-618    | CO-RTF | 7/6-7/8   | UT-VLD-000140  | YES       |

# Crew Summary

## On-Unit Crew Orders Filled: 21



## Out of Area Crew Orders Filled: 9



*Craig Hotshots hiking in to the Key fire 7/18/2014*

## 10-Year Historic Crew Use within the CRC Zone

| YEAR | NUMBER OF CREWS | NUMBER OF DAYS |
|------|-----------------|----------------|
| 2014 | 21              | 58             |
| 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              |

\*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 and Module Narratives

No out of region crew resources were ordered by CRC in 2014.

#### Craig Interagency Hotshots

The Craig Interagency Hotshot crew began their critical training period on May 4th and went off the boards on October 4th. Their first assignment was on June 1<sup>st</sup>, on an R2 Staging/Preposition order. During the season we dispatched the crew locally twice. Counting national assignments and reassignments (16) and assignments in-region (4), the hotshots were assigned to a total of 22 incidents during the 2014 fire season.

#### Storm Peak Wildland Fire Module

The USFS Storm Peak Wildland Fire Module was assigned locally for the duration of the South Fork fire, managed for resource benefit. The module was also assigned in-Region on the Owen fire in Wyoming, and to the Indian Creek RX on the G-Mug. Module members were also frequently broken off to fill in on crews and engines.

#### “Green Corps”/ Veterans Crew

The crews were used locally to complete several fuels reduction projects, but were not dispatched as a suppression resource in 2014.

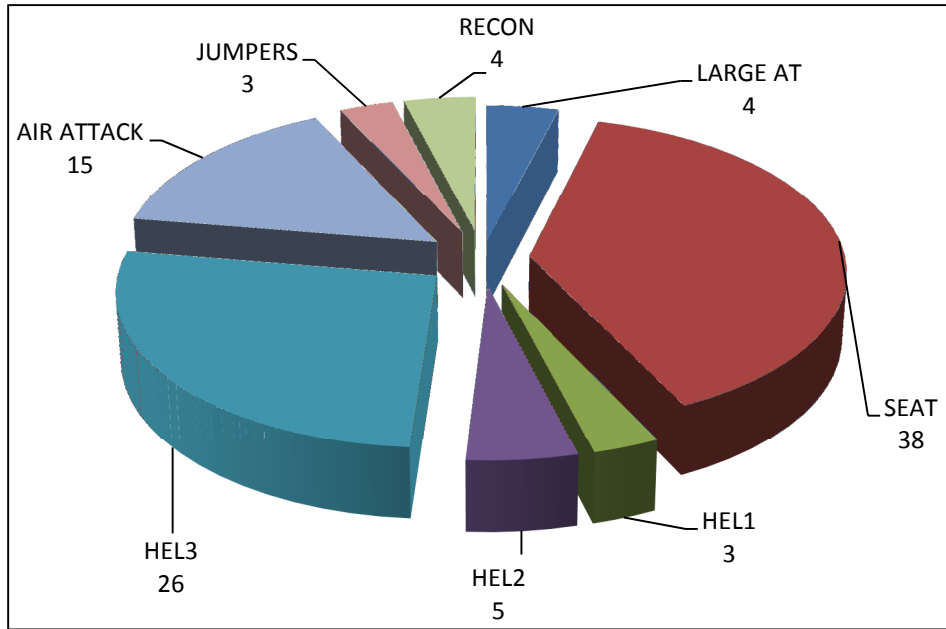
#### Yampa River Type 2 IA Crew

Our interagency crew was thrown together twice this season, once in July for local use on IA, and again in September for an assignment to assist on fire activity in California. The crew was assigned to a total of 7 separate incidents.

# Aircraft Summary

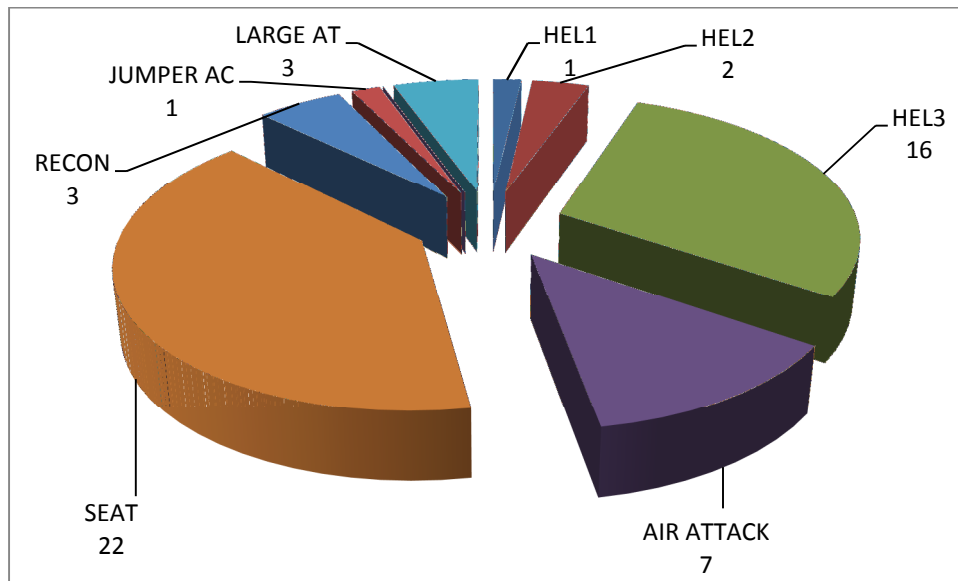
The Craig SEAT base pumped 7,791 gallons of retardant in support of 7 local fires, with 27 separate sorties flown. The charts below illustrate number of days used on-unit for each aircraft type or Service (IR flight) ordered, and number of aircraft orders processed by aircraft type.

### Aircraft Use in Days



TOTAL USE IN DAYS: 98

### Aircraft Orders by Aircraft Type



TOTAL ORDERS: 55