

Craig Interagency Dispatch Center 2015 Year End Report



Red Dirt Fire, North Zone BLM 7/20/2015



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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In keeping with another generally non-eventful fire season in Region 2 this year Craig came in with 202 fires, a little under our five year average of 233. The biggest fire of the year was the Four Mile Fire in North Zone for a total of 1,026 acres. Fires in the Craig Dispatch Area burned a total of 4,463 acres, well below the 5 year average of 11,124 acres.

Spring started out dry in the western half of our area. Our first fire occurred on March 20th; a private land escaped burn one mile outside of Walden. 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 anticipation of an active season.

August was our busiest month with 72 fires. As in 2015, during the last half of the season thunderstorm activity moved through the area accompanied by heavy localized rains which reduced fire occurrence and behavior even further.

Craig filled 473 overhead, equipment, and crew resource orders to assist firefighting efforts in the GACC and 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 734 for a total of 1,207 orders filled above the five-year average (2010-2014) of 1,101.

We managed to keep all of our incidents under Type III or IV management this year. This increased the impact on the IA shop but with additional help coming in from the local militia and injured firefighters, the situation stayed manageable. Thanks to everyone!

In addition to wildland fires, the dispatch center supported all of our agencies' prescribed fire and fuels programs.

A total of 497 incident actions were processed in WildCAD, including wildland fires, prescribed fires, resource orders, public assists, aircraft flight following, and miscellaneous actions.

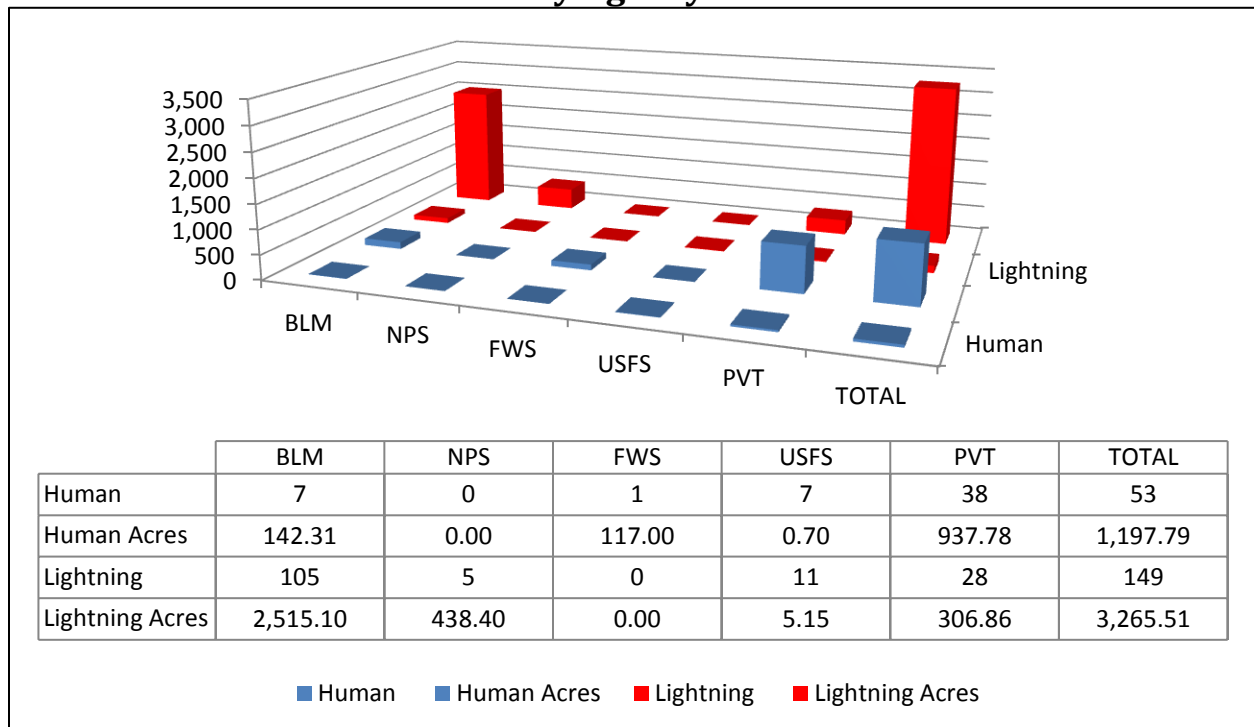
The answering service processed a total of 611 incoming and 209 outgoing calls in 2015, for a total of 820 calls. The center was staffed 24 hours for approximately 10 days last season.

2015 CRC Fire Summary

Wildland Fire Statistics

	Lightning Fires	Lightning Acres	Human Fires	Human Acres	Total Unit Fires	Total Unit Acres
ARR	0	0.00	1	117.00	1	117.00
BPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
DSP	5	438.40	0	0.00	5	438.40
EAX	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
GFX	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
GRX	1	0.20	3	522.40	4	522.60
JCX	1	0.10	7	143.48	8	143.58
KRD	1	0.10	4	122.81	5	122.91
LSD	22	2,087.60	2	18.60	24	2,106.20
MFX	23	176.36	9	248.20	32	424.56
RBX	2	130.10	1	0.10	3	130.20
RTF	11	5.15	7	0.70	18	5.85
RTX	1	0.10	18	23.60	19	23.70
WRD	82	427.40	1	0.90	83	428.30
TTL.	149	3,265.91	53	1,197.79	202	4,463.70

Fires and Acres by Agency Owner and Cause

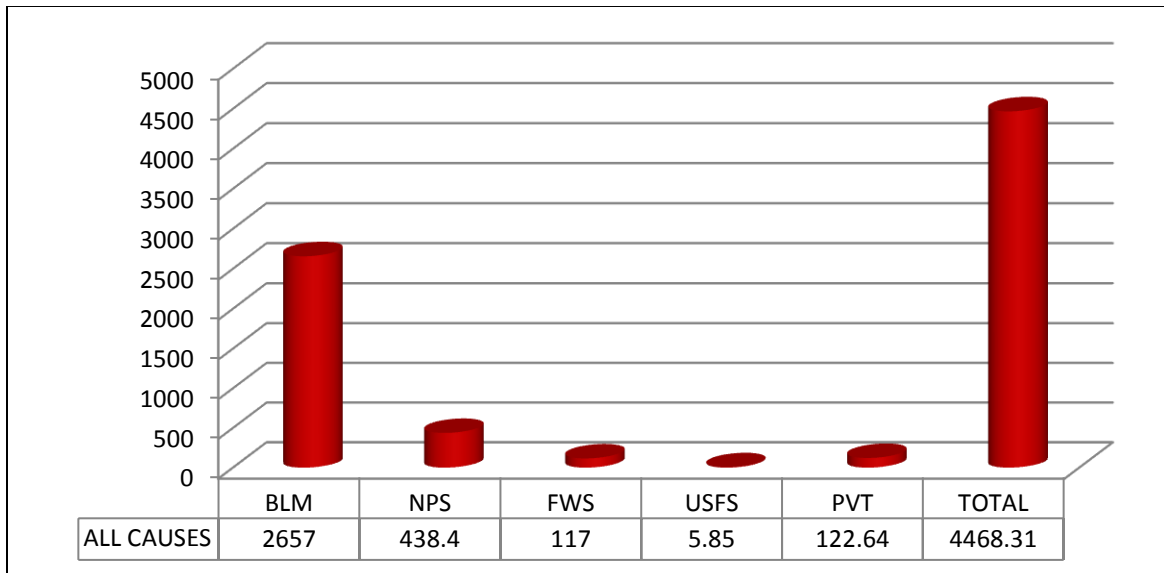


See chart below for Agency totals

	Lightning	Lightning Acres	Human	Human Acres	Ttl. Agcy. Fires	Ttl. Agcy. Acres
BLM	105	2,515.10	7	142.31	112	2657
NPS	5	438.40	0	0.00	5	438.4
FWS	0	0.00	1	117.00	1	117
USFS	11	5.15	7	0.70	18	5.85
PVT	28	306.86	38	937.78	66	1244.64
TOTAL	149	3,265.51	53	1,197.79	202	4463.3

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
Arapaho	10/16	Human	217	CO-ARR	Haberstick	
Ecklund	06/27	Lightning	527	CO-DSP	Tripp	3
Rifle Range	08/24	Human	630	CO-GRX	White	
*Red Dirt	07/16	Lightning	73	CO-LSD	St. Martin	
Four Mile	08/15	Lightning	1026	CO-LSD	Beckerman	
Bitter	09/04	Lightning	700	CO-LSD	St. Martin	
*Blackwall	06/15	Lightning	1	CO-WRD	Harris	
*Hay Canyon	07/14	Lightning	112	CO-WRD	Megel	
Bull Canyon	07/17	Lightning	35	CO-WRD	Smith	

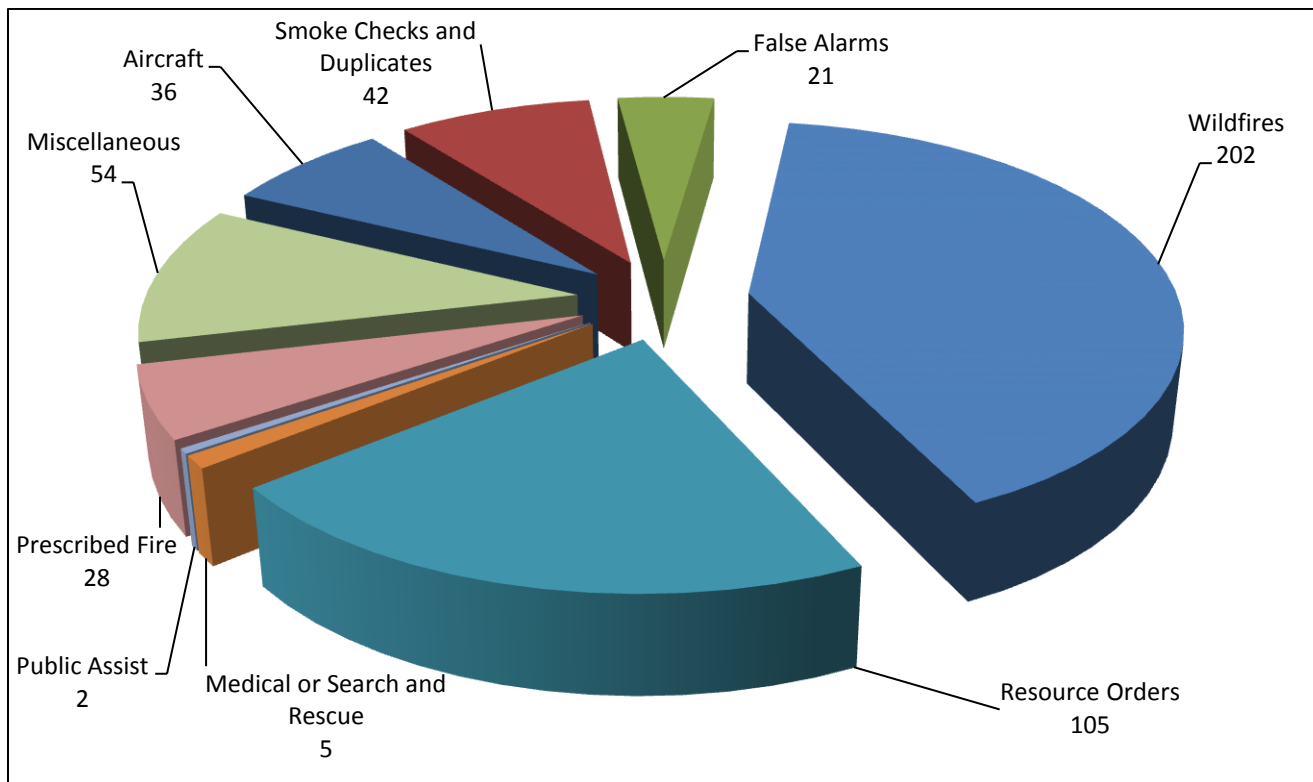
**MMO fire*



Hay Canyon Fire Managed for Resource Benefit, White River Field Office 7/24/2015

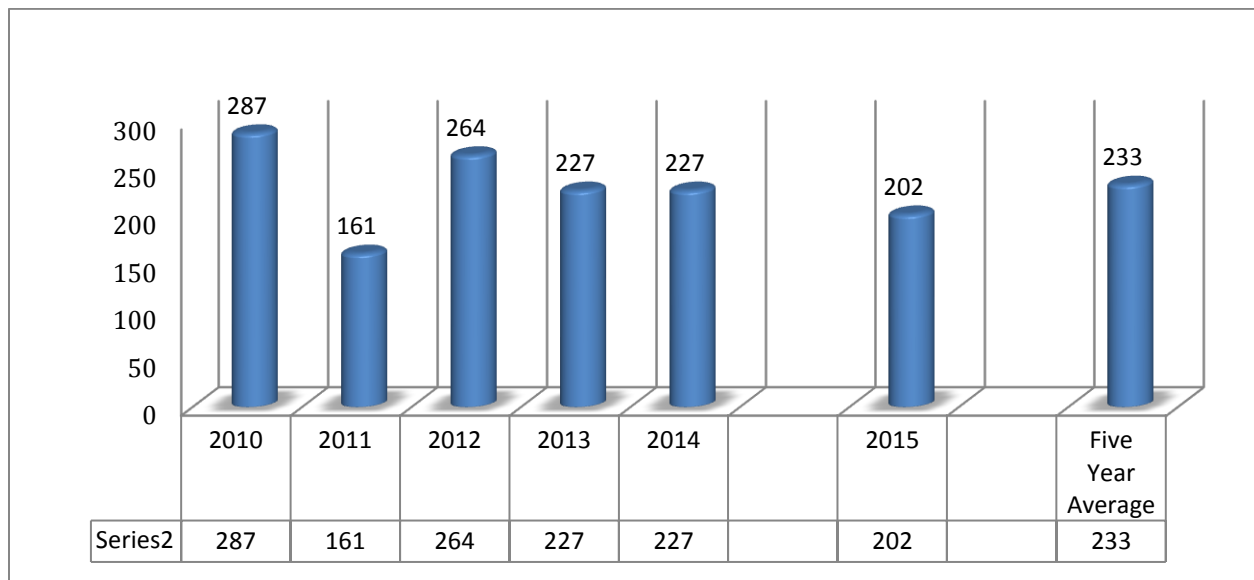
2015 WildCAD Incident Action Summary

Total WildCAD Incidents: 495

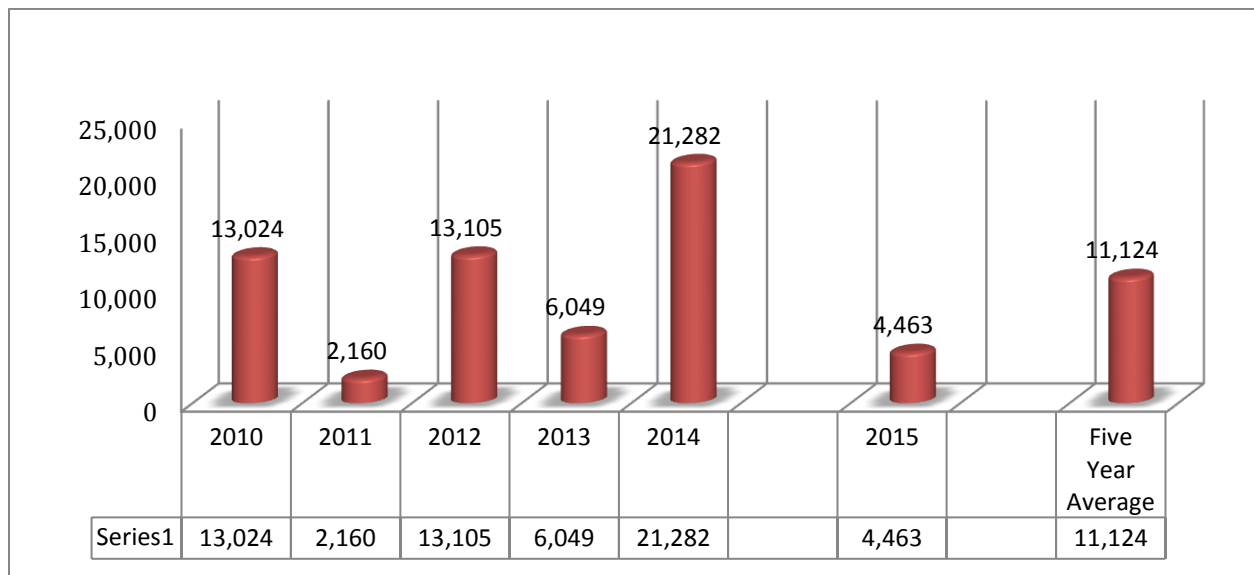


Five Year Averages

Total Number of Fires by Year



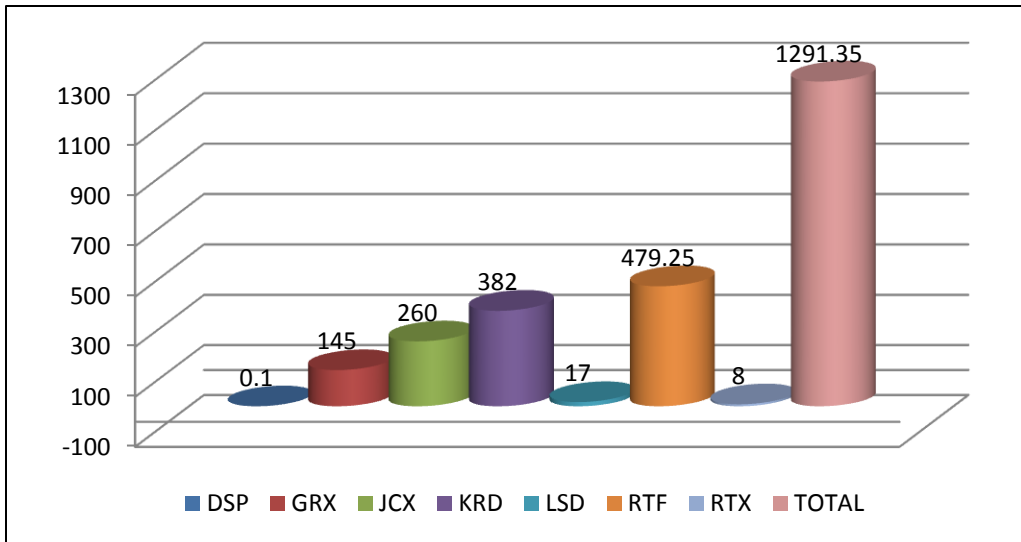
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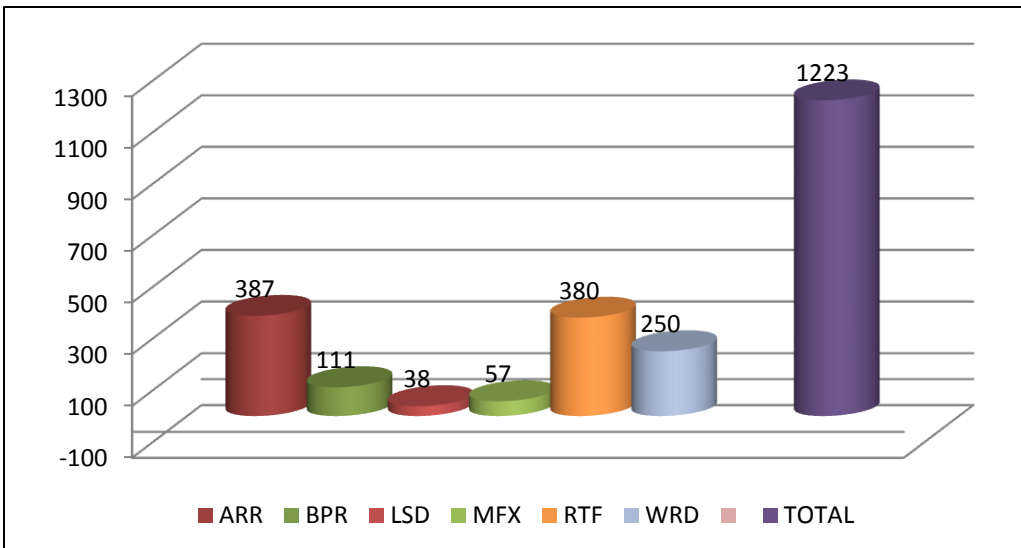
Prescribed Fire Summary

The USFWS, Forest Service, Colorado State, and BLM completed a total of 2,514.35 acres of piles, broadcast, and underburning in the Dispatch Area in 2015.

Pile Burning In Acres by Unit



Broadcast or Underburning in Acres by Unit

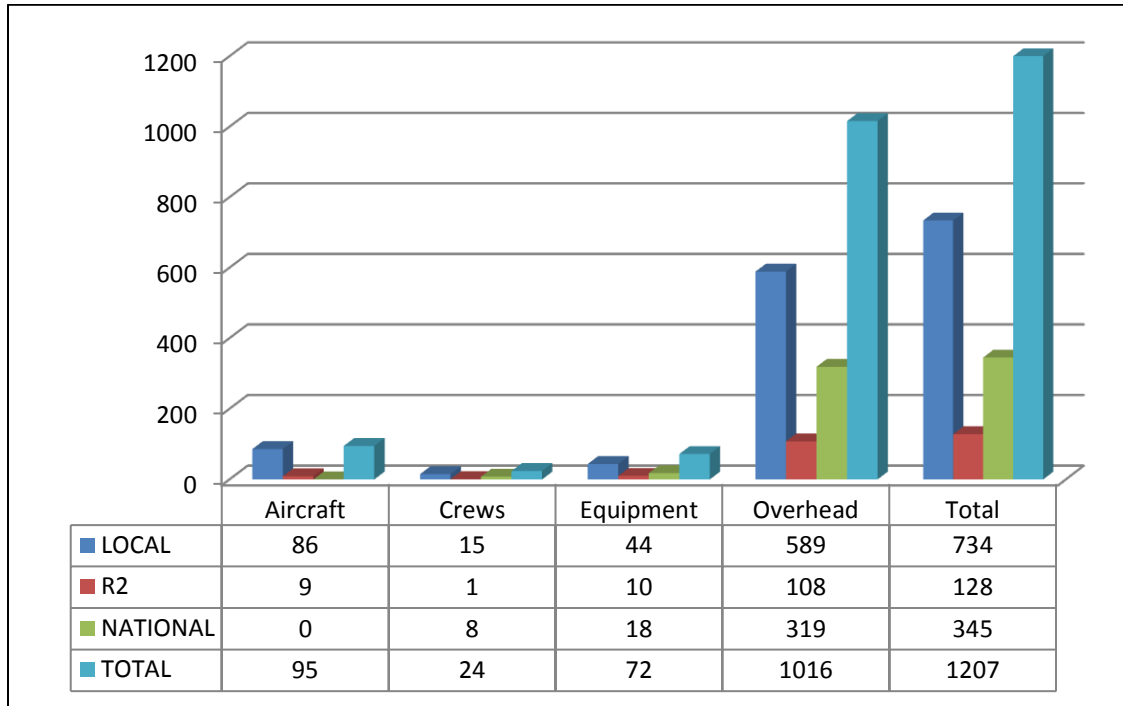


Arapaho Prescribed Fire, Arapaho National Wildlife Refuge October 2015

CRC Resource Order Statistics

ROSS Orders Filled

(Includes Incoming and Outgoing Orders)



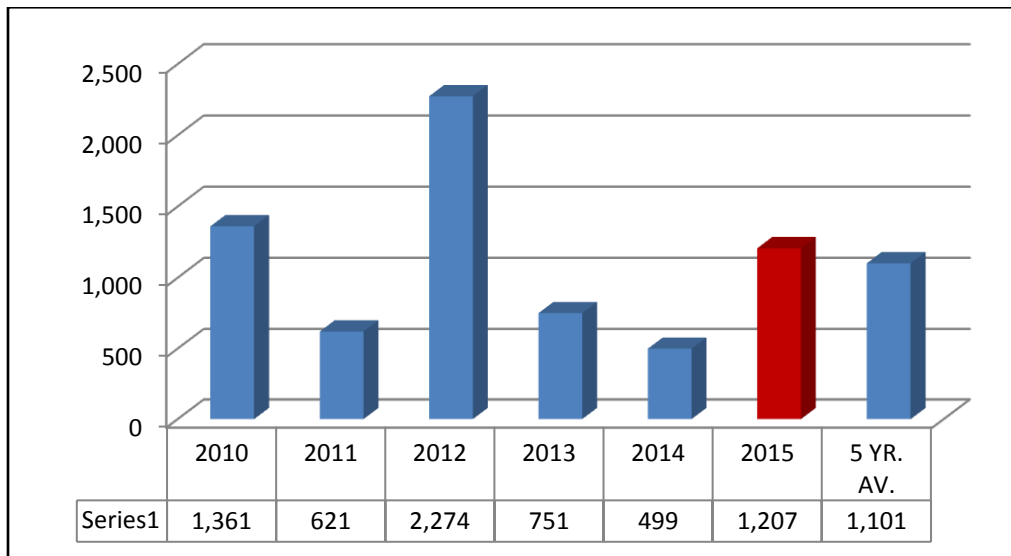
Local ROSS Orders Filled by Unit

	WRD	LSD	KRD	CRD/CRC	RTF	DSP	ARR	BPR	STATE/ COUNTY	TOTAL
Aircraft	27	23	1	3	1	11	5	0	15	86
Crews	4	1	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	15
Equipment	7	19	0	1	3	2	9	0	3	44
Overhead	201	81	24	58	11	140	22	0	52	589
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	734

Regional and National ROSS Orders Filled by Unit

	WRD	LSD	KRD	CRC/ CRD	RTF	DSP	ARR	BPR	STATE/ COUNTY	TOTAL
Aircraft	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	9
Crews	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	9
Equipment	4	11	0	1	4	4	0	0	4	28
Overhead	0	3	4	178	85	49	11	0	97	427
Total	4	14	4	197	89	53	11	0	101	473

ROSS Orders Filled: Five-Year Average, 2010-2014



Engine Summary

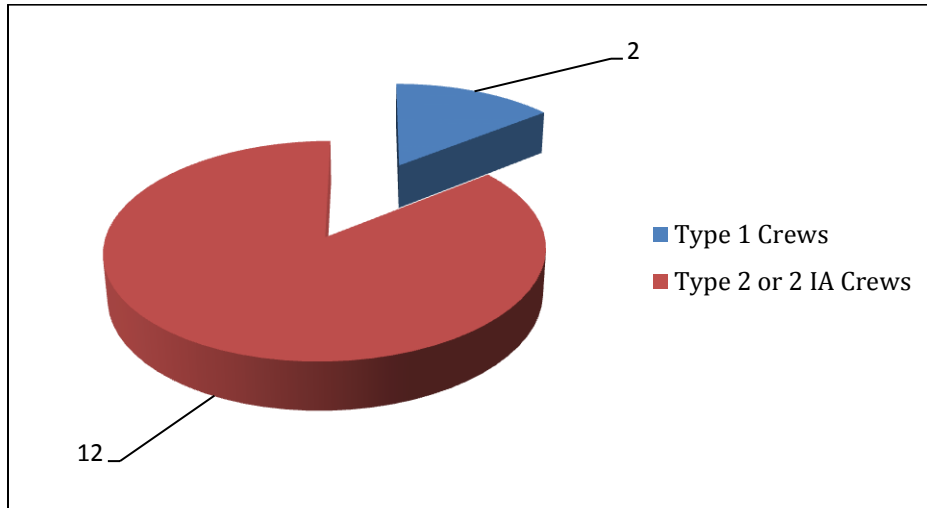
One engine out of Utah was used by CRC in 2015, the remaining incoming equipment orders were filled by in-region and local equipment. Several of our federal and cooperator engines took off-unit assignments in support of neighborhood, regional, and national incidents.

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

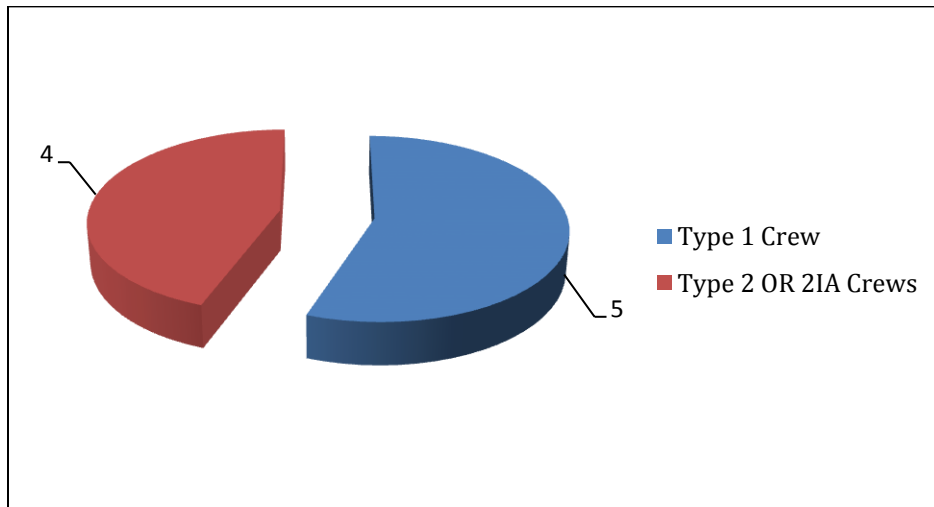
Resource	Unit	Date	Assignment	National?
E-1419	CO-CRD	6/26-6/30	NV-NSO-030280	YES
E-1419	CO-CRD	10/3-10/5	CO-WRF-000449	
E-1613	CO-CRD	3/31-4/1	CO-WRF-000026	
E-1613	CO-CRD	7/9-7/11	ID-COD-000436	YES
E-1613	CO-CRD	8/26-9/12	WA-NES-001203	YES
E-1613	CO-CRD	10/13-10/19	WY-CPC-015262	
E-1614	CO-CRD	3/31-4/1	CO-WRF-000026	
E-1614	CO-CRD	9/27	CO-WRF-000026	
E-1614	CO-CRD	7/24-7/26	ID-IPF-000006	YES
E-1642	CO-CRD	5/1-5/13	WI-EACC-000002	YES
E-1644	CO-CRD	6/26-6/30	NV-NSO-030280	YES
E-1644	CO-CRD	9/27-9/27	CO-WRF-000026	
E-681	CO-DSP	6/21-6/24	UT-ASF-000055	
E-681	CO-DSP	7/11-7/26	OR-CLP-000260	YES
E-683	CO-DSP	6/20-6/30	CA-BDF-007894	YES
E-683	CO-DSP	7/1-7/5	NV-EIC-100312	YES
E-369	CO-GRLX	8/10-8/18	CA-MDF-000584	YES
E-369	CO-GRLX	9/13-9/18	CA-SNF-001746	YES
E-617	CO-RTF	10/3-10/4	CO-WRF-000449	
E-618	CO-RTF	7/28-7/30	WY-MBF-015130	
E-618	CO-RTF	7/30-8/11	SD-BKF-150009	
E-618	CO-RTF	8/23-8/31	WA-COF-000514	YES
Brush 6-4	CO-RTX	8/26-9/4	MT-BDF-001330	YES
Brush 6-4	CO-RTX	10/3-10/6	CO-WRF-000449	

Crew Summary

On-Unit Crew Orders Filled: 14



Out of Area Crew Orders Filled: 9



Craig Hotshots Aggie Creek Fire July 2015 outside of Fairbanks, AK

10-Year Historic Crew Use within the CRC Zone

YEAR	NUMBER OF CREWS	NUMBER OF DAYS
2015	14	41
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

*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

The Weber Basin Crew from Utah helped on the West Fawn Fire and the Ecklund Fire from 6/28 – 7/5 resources were ordered by CRC in 2014. Craig also received assistance from in-region crews Roosevelt IHC, Juniper Valley, Black Hats, Soldier Creek and the Land’s End Squad.

Craig Interagency Hotshots

Sean Carey started the season as the new Superintendent of the Craig IHC. The Craig Interagency Hotshot crew began their critical training period on April 20th and went off the boards on October 4th. Their first assignment was on June 18, for the Standard Valley Fire in Alaska. During the season we dispatched the crew locally four times. Counting national assignments and reassignments (07) and assignments in-region (5), the hotshots were assigned to a total of 12 incidents during the 2015 fire season.

Storm Peak Wildland Fire Module

The USFS Storm Peak Wildland Fire Module was assigned locally for the Little Beaver Fire on the Medicine Bow Side, Fortification Creek Fire and assisted LSD & WRD with multiple fires such as the Juniper Fire, The Hay Canyon, Lee Gulch and Pipes Fire. Module members were also frequently broken off to fill in on crews and engines. During the winter they have been working on numerous RX Projects across the Routt National Forest.

“Green Corps”/ Veterans Crew

The crews were used locally to complete several fuels reduction projects, but were not dispatched as a suppression resource in 2015.

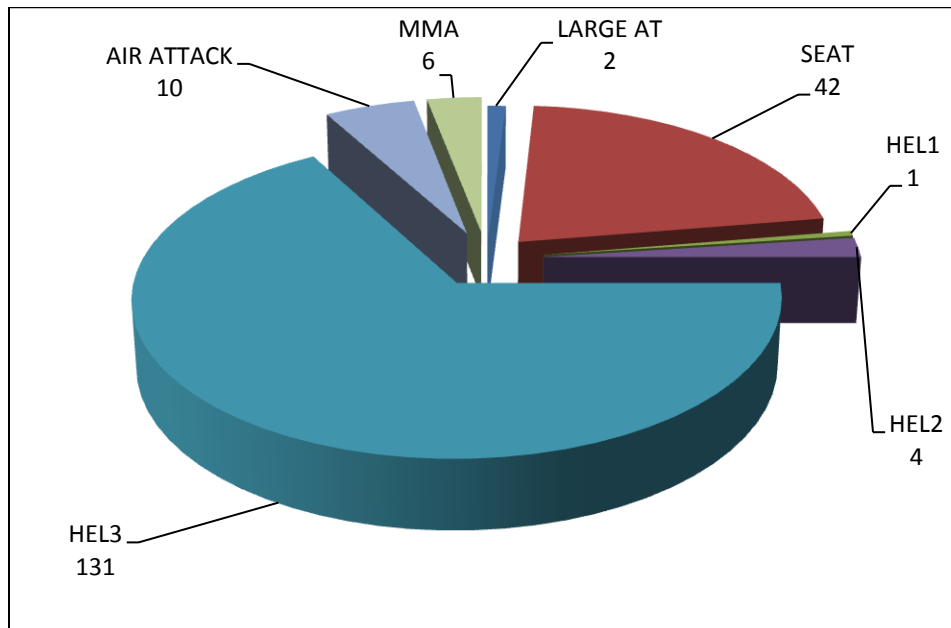
Yampa River Type 2 IA Crew

Our interagency crew was assembled once this year with a total of 21 crew members from CRC, RTF, MBF and GJC. They were assigned in September to the Smith Mountain Fire in Rawlins, WY.

Aircraft Summary

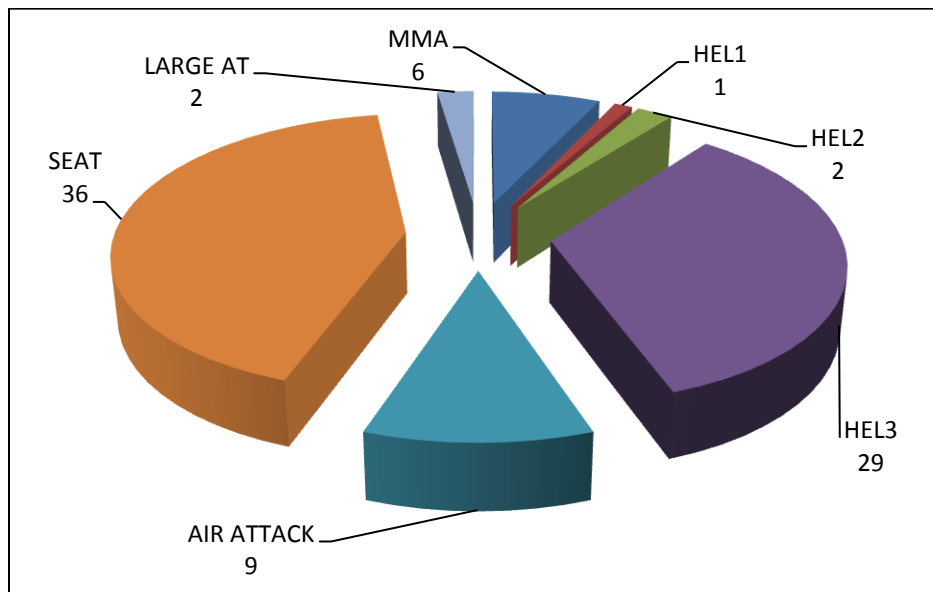
The Craig SEAT base was closed in June by BLM for Secondary Containment and other compliance issues. Per UAM Jim Michels it is currently on track to be up and running for the 2016 fire season.

Aircraft Use in Days by Aircraft Type



TOTAL USE IN DAYS: 196

Aircraft Orders by Aircraft Type



TOTAL ORDERS: 85