

Craig Interagency Dispatch Center 2020 Year End Report



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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2020 was a relatively busy year for the Craig Dispatch Zone. There were 158 fires for 130,322 acres, below the 5 year average of 183 fires but well above our 5 year average of 61,234 acres. The largest fire of the year was the East Troublesome on the US Forest Service (USFS) for a total of 193,812 acres (82,150 acres in the CRC zone and 111,662 acres in the FTC zone), one of the largest wildfires in CO history. The other large fires were the Middle Fork, also on USFS, for 20,433 acres; Streeter on Moffat County for 1,639 acres; Fawn Creek on BLM for 3,226 acres; Wolf on BLM for 274 acres (Type 2 IMT assigned); Grassy on BLM for 868 acres; Wyman on Routt County for 455 acres; and Pots on Moffat County for 235 acres.

The winter was about average with a fair amount of snow. Our first fire occurred on April 7th on Rio Blanco land about 2 miles W of Meeker. There were 8 fires in April, including the Wyman, and 9 in May and then the season picked up in June with 35 fires.

Both July and August were busy with 41 and 42 fires respectively. September saw 14 fires, including the Middle Fork. October had 8 fires including the East Troublesome which started on 10/14 and had a 140,000+ acre run on 10/21. The last fire of the year was the 0.1 acre Bighole fire in Moffat County on November 18th.

Craig handled 388 overhead, equipment, aircraft and crew resource orders to assist firefighting efforts in the GACC and other parts of the country. Local IROC orders, including aircraft, for local incidents (including reassignments) totaled 3,925 for a total of 4,313 orders processed, well below the five-year average of 6,523.

All our incidents were Type II thru V this year. Expanded was in place for 16 days. 24 hr staffing was used for 34 days. The Center was short 1 dispatcher until late August when we lost another seasonal and were shy 2 positions. The USFS helped substantially by providing individuals on a rotating basis throughout the summer. We also had some other local militia helping in the Center as well. Thanks to everyone who helped this year!

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

A total of 436 incident actions were processed in WildCAD, including wildland fires, prescribed fires, resource orders, public assists, aircraft flight following, and miscellaneous actions.

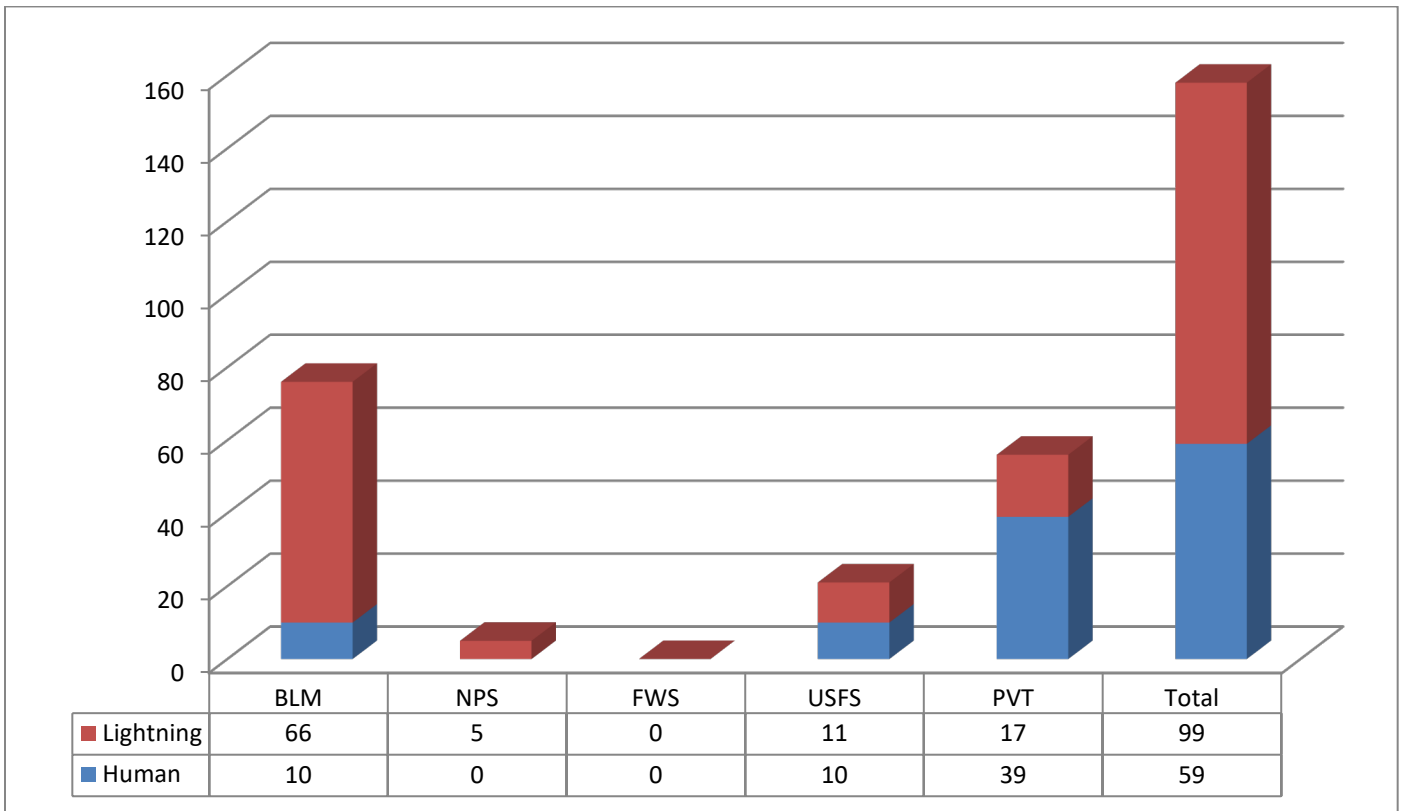
2020 CRC Fire Summary

Wildland Fire Statistics

	Lightning Fires	Lightning Acres	Human Fires	Human Acres	Total Unit Fires	Total Unit Acres
ARR	0	0	0	96	0	96
BPR	0	0	0	0	0	0
DSP	5	0.6	0	0	5	0.6
EAX	0	0	0	0	0	0
GFX	0	0	0	0	0	0
GRX	0	0	2*	20467.6	2	20467.6
JCX	0	0	5*	4047	5	4047
KRD	2	27.1	7*	18285.7	9	18312.8
LSD	30	286.67	1	354.3	31	640.97
MFX	8	180.6	18*	1331	26	1511.6
RBX	9	649.2	7*	211.1	16	860.3
MRF	11	20447.25	10*	59325.9	21	79773.15
RTX	0	0	7*	465.2	7	465.2
WRD	34	4119.52	2*	27.5	36	4147.02
Totals	99	25710.94	59*	104611.3	158	130322.2

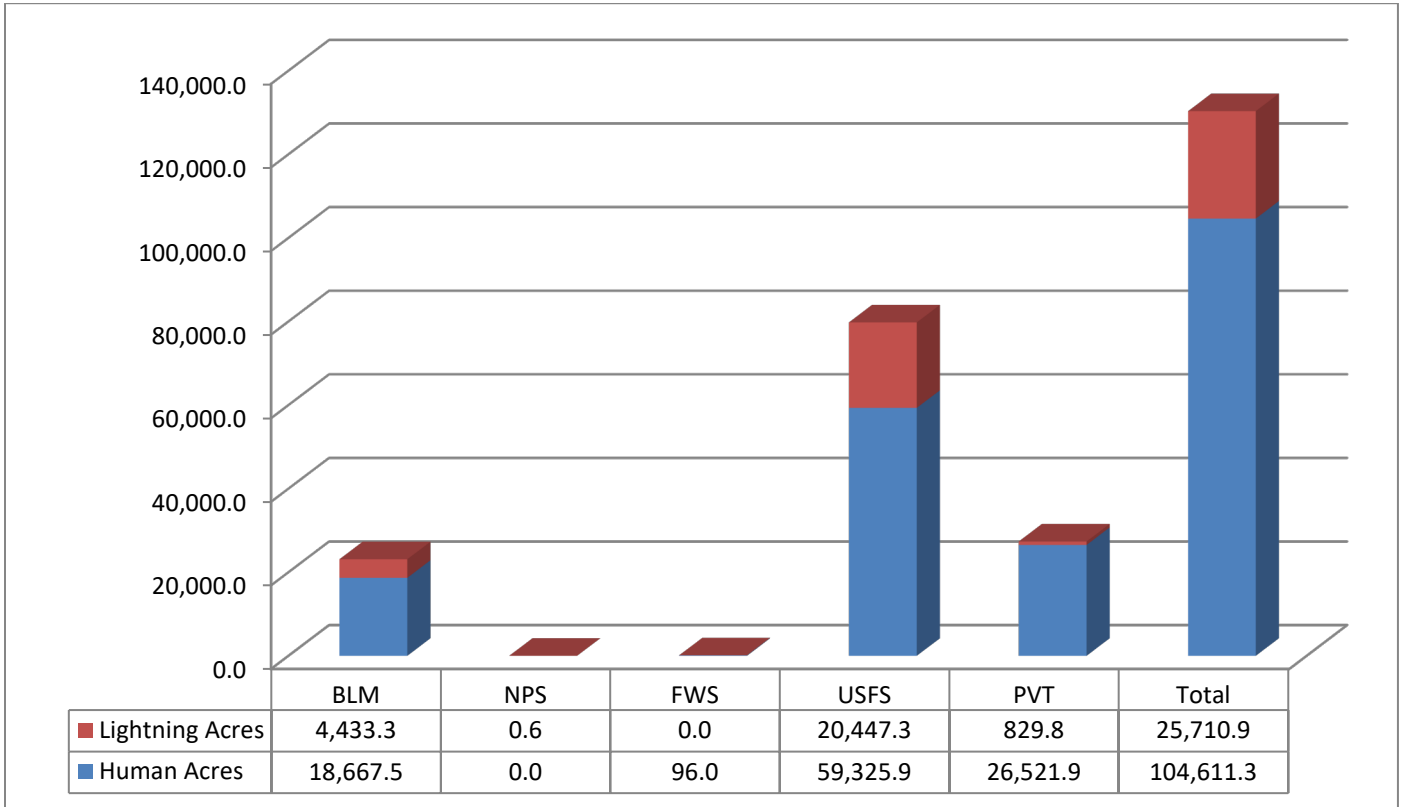
* includes "Undetermined" cause

Fires by Agency Owner and Cause



Acres Burned By Agency Owner and Cause

Includes fires that burned across multiple agency lands



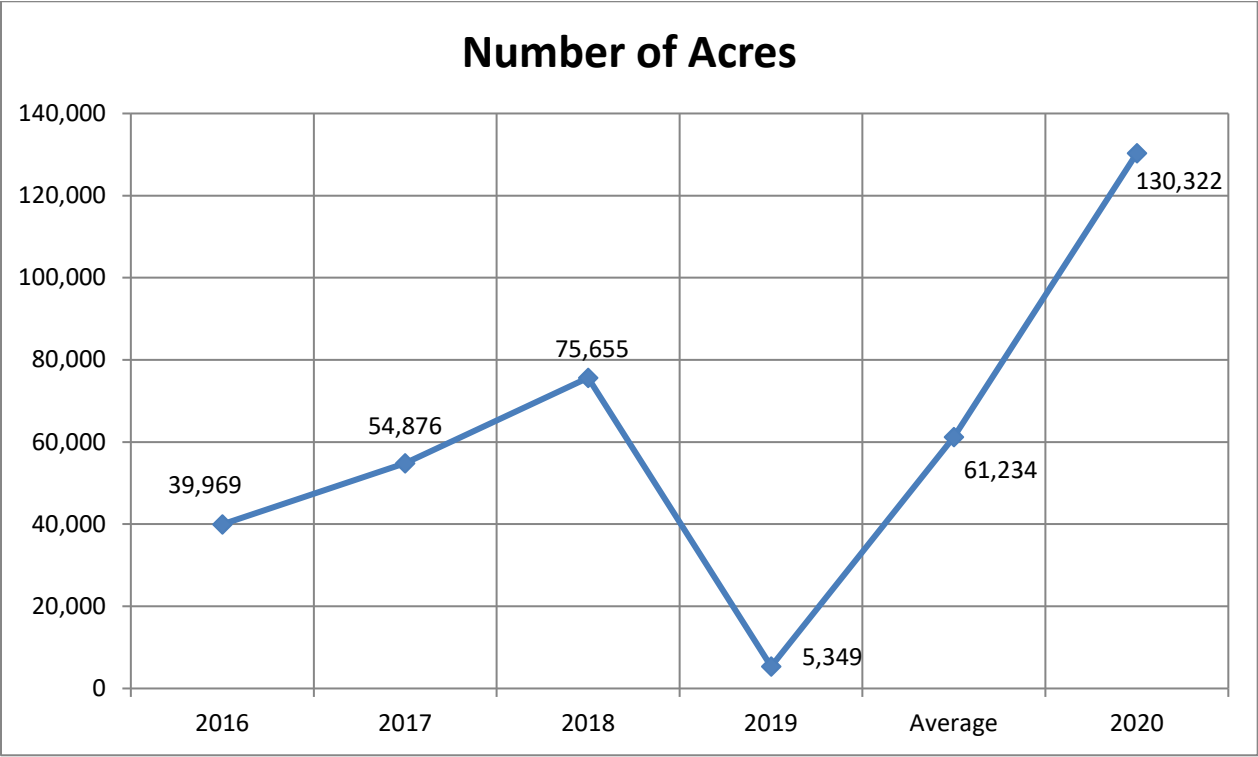
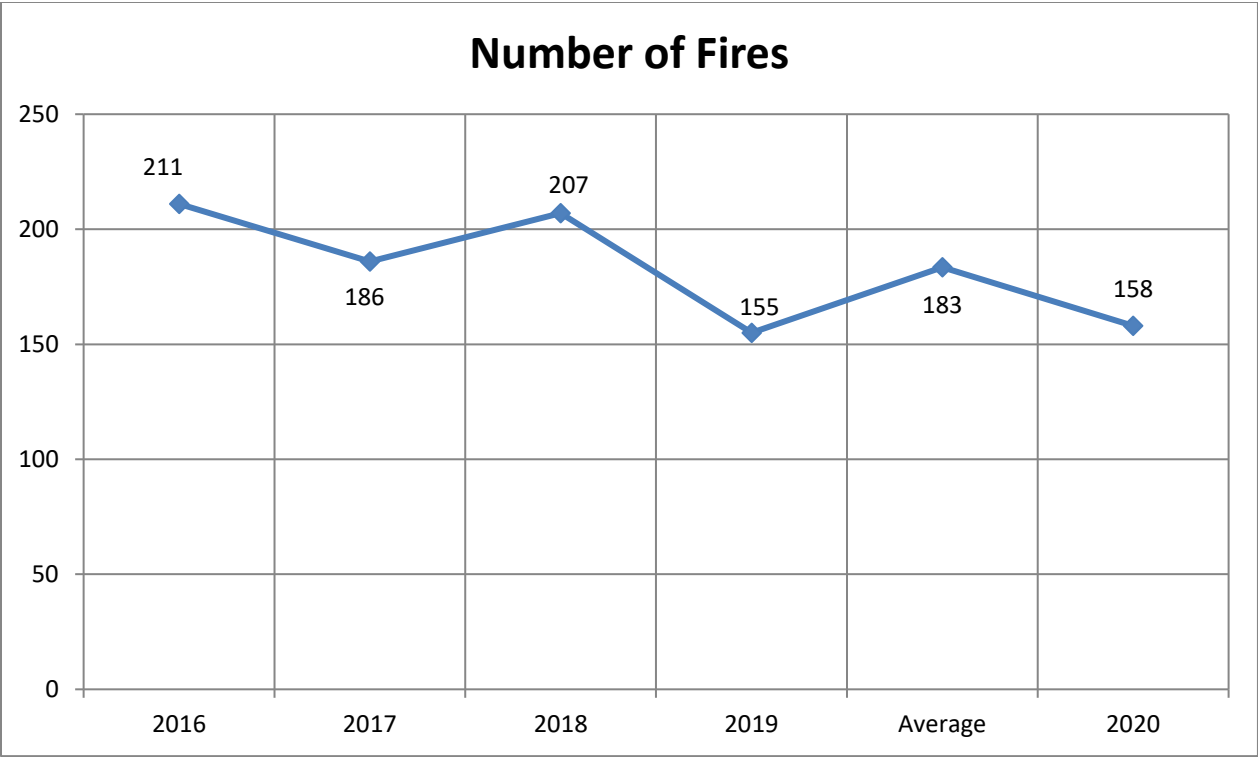
Fire and Acres by Agency and Cause

	Human	Human Acres	Lightning	Lightning Acres	Agency Fires	Agency Acres
BLM	10	18,667.5	66	4,433.3	76	23,100.8
NPS	0	0.0	5	0.6	5	0.6
FWS	0	96.0	0	0.0	0	96.0
USFS	10	59,325.9	11	20,447.3	21	79,773.2
PVT	39	26,521.9	17	829.8	56	27,351.7
Total	59	104,611.3	99	25,710.9	158	130,322.2

Large Fires and Fires Managed for Resource Benefit

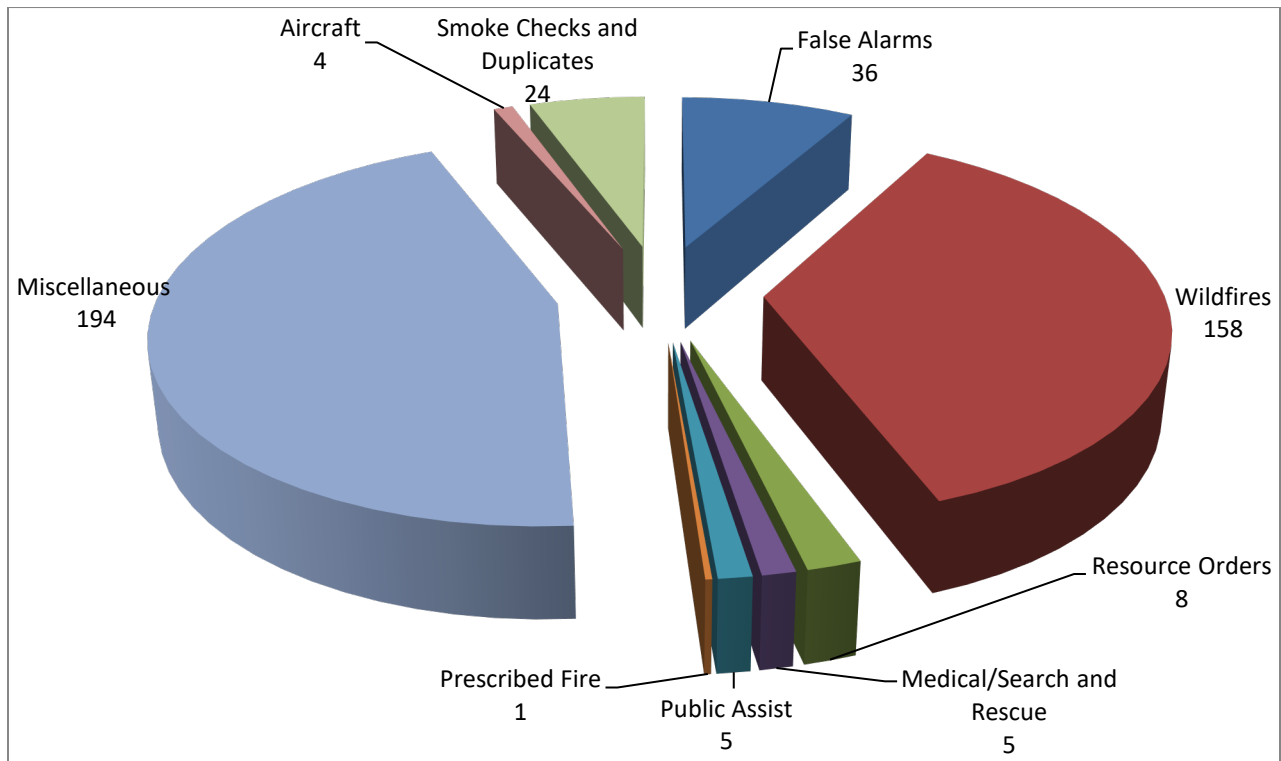
Fires listed below were one of the following; 100 acres in Timber, 300 acres in Grass/Brush, Managed for Resource Benefit (MMO), or had significant resource commitment

Incident Name	Start Date	Cause	Final Acreage	Agency	State & Unit	Team Name	Team Type
Wyman	4/30/2020	U	455	County	CO-RTX	Voegtle/Guire	Type 3
Streeter	7/7/2020	U	1639	County	CO-MFX	Wheeler	Type 3
Fawn Creek	7/13/2020	L	3226	BLM	CO-WRD	Haydon	Type 2
Wolf	7/14/2020	L	274	BLM	CO-WRD	Haydon	Type 2
Grassy	7/15/2020	L	868	BLM	CO-WRD	Gerhardson	Type 3
Pots	7/31/2020	L	235	County	CO-MFX	Wheeler	Type 3
Middle Fork	9/6/2020	L	20517	USFS	WY-MRF	Voegtle	Type 3
East Troublesome	10/14/20	U	193812	USFS	WY-MRF	Winfield	Type 2



2020 WildCAD Incident Action Summary

Total WildCAD Incidents: 436



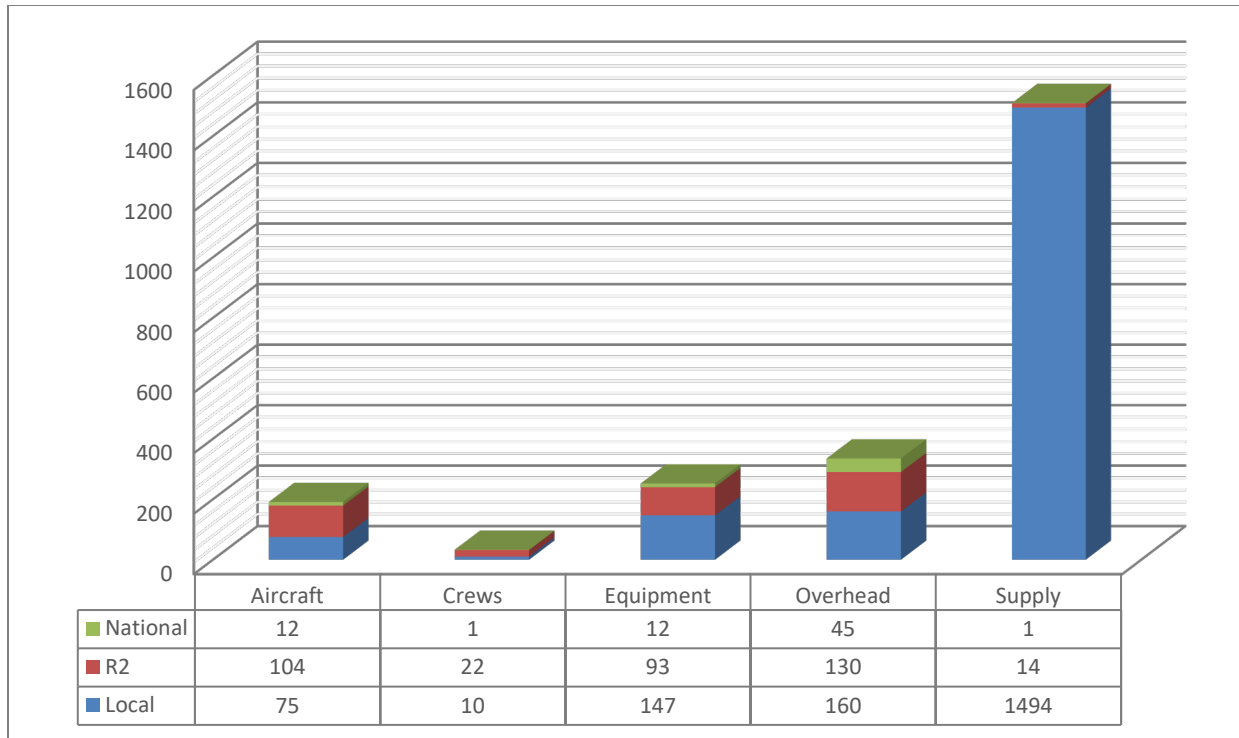
Prescribed Fire Summary

There was 1 prescribed fire accomplished over the course of the year (USFS pile burning) for 318 acres.

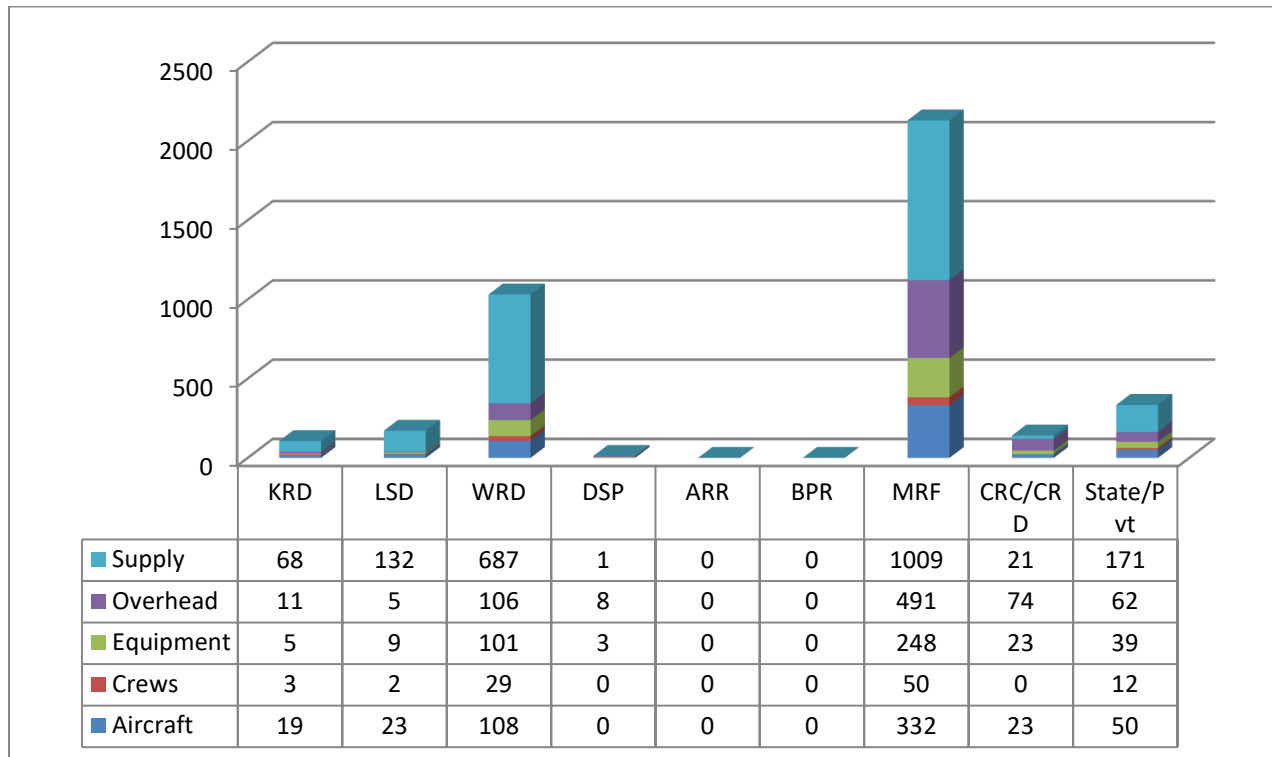
CRC Resource Order Statistics

IROC Orders Filled

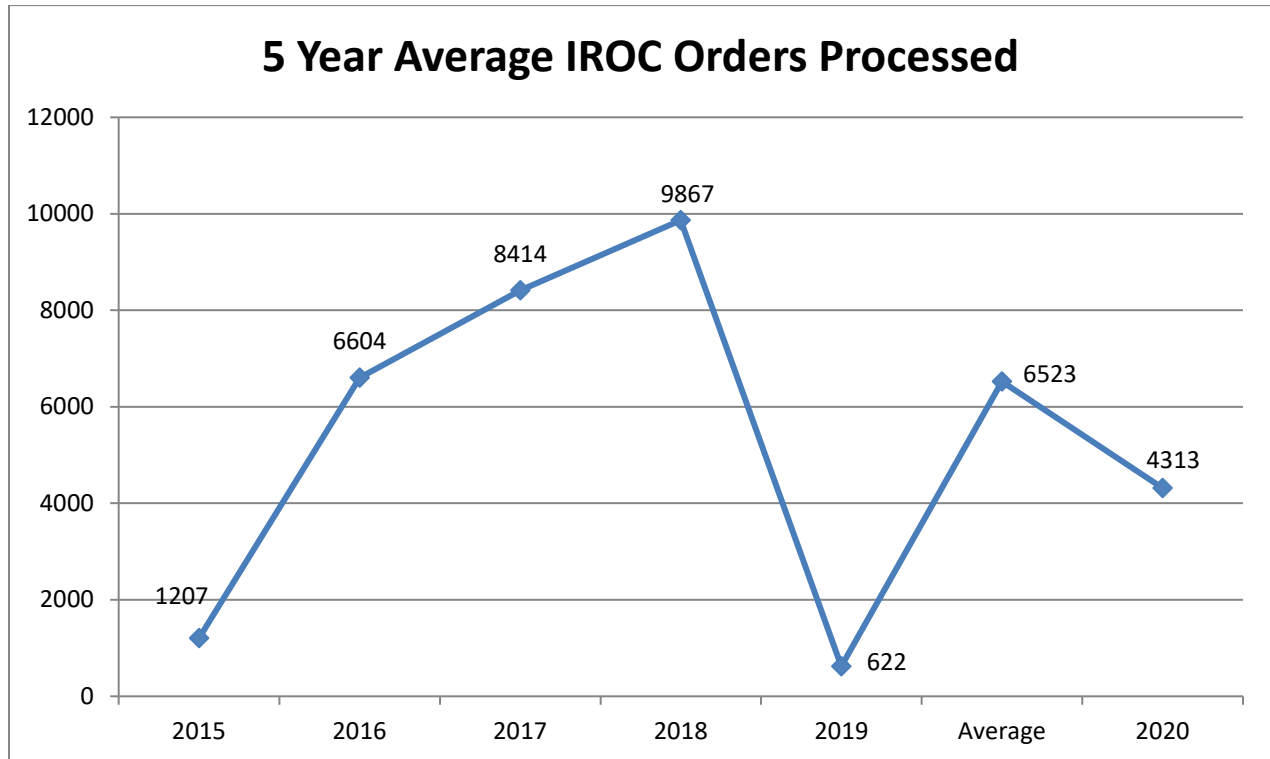
(Includes Incoming and Outgoing Orders)



Local IROC Orders Placed by Unit

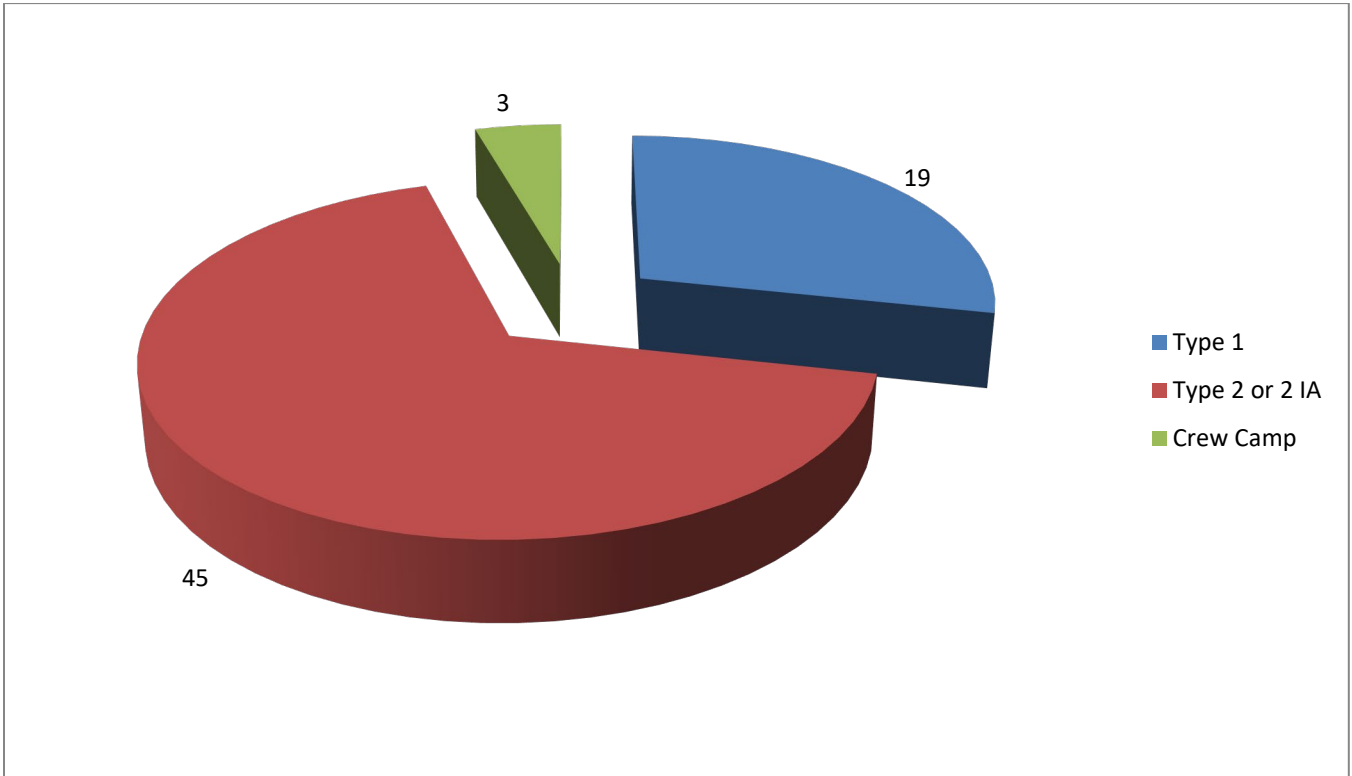


IROC Orders Processed: Five-Year Average, 2015-2019

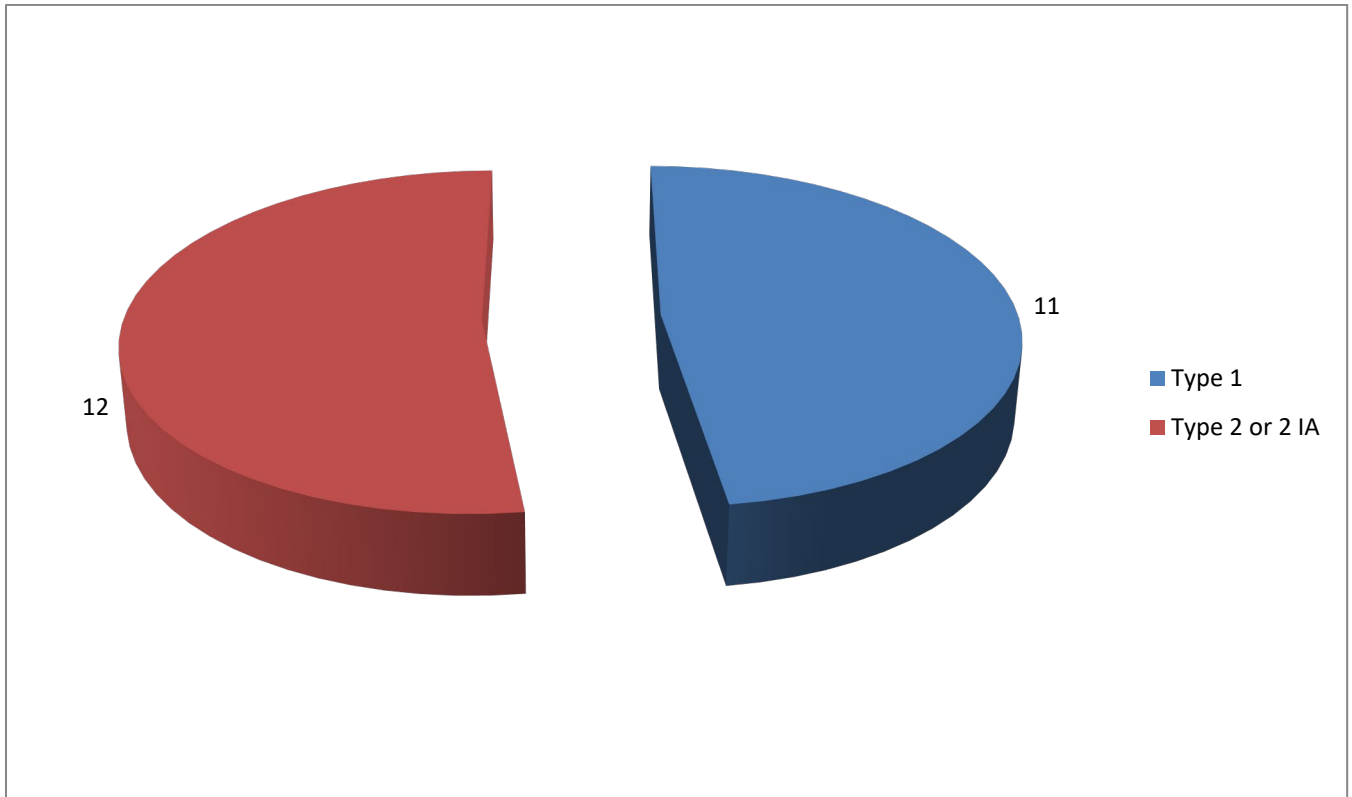


Crew Summary

On-Unit Crew Orders Filled: 67



Out of Area Crew Orders Filled: 23

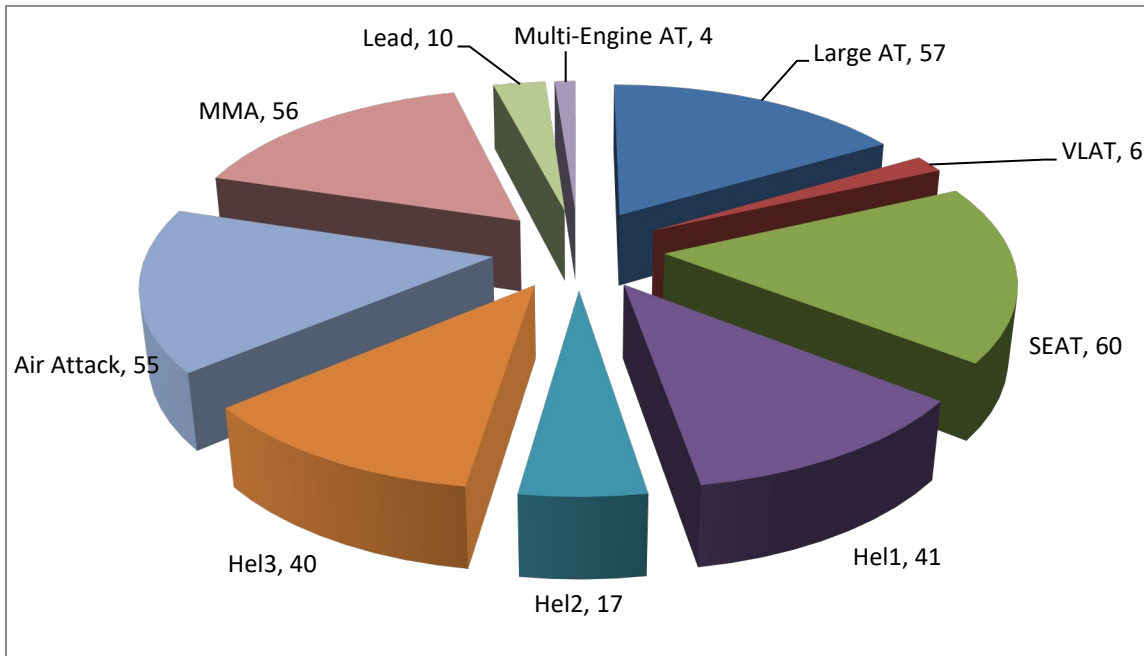


Craig Hotshot 2020 Summary

The 2020 season was slow to start but became very busy for the Rocky Mountain Geographic Area, where the crew spent their entire season. Seasonal crewmembers arrived for work on April 26th, 2020 and were released on September 26th, 2020, for a total of 152 assembled workdays. The crew finished their operational preparedness training and went available nationally on May 20th. Due to the slow start to the fire season, the crew was able to participate in some more extensive training and professional development. Nearly all the crewmembers completed S-219 (Firing Operations) and a handful of others completed S-200 (Initial Attack Incident Commander) before going available. Throughout the 2020 season, training continued to be a high priority due to the lack of off-season training available due to the COVID-19 pandemic

Aircraft Summary

Aircraft Orders by Aircraft Type



TOTAL ORDERS: 346

Craig SEAT Base usage

The Craig SEAT Base was running as a “Retardant Plant, Portable” in 2020. The SEAT base used 78,127 gallons of retardant and 132,143 gallons of water. There were 60 local SEAT requests. The SEAT base also supported fires in other parts of CO, WY and UT. The Craig Airport was selected to house a permanent SEAT base and work will begin soon on that project.