

Craig Interagency Dispatch Center 2021 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)

2021 Year End Report

2021 was a relatively busy year for the Craig Dispatch Zone. There were 235 fires for 31,310 acres, above the 5 year average of 188 fires but below our 5 year average of 59,502 acres. The largest fire of the year was the Oil Springs on the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for a total of 12,613 acres (Type 2 IMT). The other large fires were the County Road 8 on Rio Blanco County (RBX), for 890 acres; Dragon on BLM for 322 acres; Collom on Moffat County (MFX) for 640 acres; West, also on MFX, for 3,429 acres (Type 2 IMT); Muddy Slide on Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests & Thunder Basin National Grassland (MRF) for 4,093 acres (Type 2 IMT); Morgan Creek on MRF for 7,586 acres (Type 2 IMT); and Black Mountain, also on MRF, for 418 acres.

The winter had below average snowfall, less than 50% of the 10 year average. Our first fire occurred on March 29th on Jackson County land about 1 mile W of Walden. There were 12 fires in April, including the County Road 8, and 12 in May and then the season picked up in June with 39 fires, including 5 of our 8 large fires and 3 of the 4 fires with T2 IMTs.

Both July and August were busy with 79 and 75 fires respectively. September saw 13 fires. October had 2 fires. November had 1 fire. The last fire of the year was the 69 acre "57" fire in Grand County on December 4th.

Craig Dispatch handled about 191 overhead, equipment, aircraft, and crew resource orders to assist firefighting efforts in the GACC and other parts of the country. Local IROC orders for local incidents (including reassignments) totaled 5,926 for a total of 6,117 orders processed, a little above the five-year average of 5,964 orders.

All our incidents were Type II thru V this year. Expanded was in place for 47 days. 24 hr staffing was used for 66 days. The Center was short 2 dispatchers throughout the season. 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!

Local dispatchers were able to get out to help other GACC Centers, as well as helping Nationally.

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

A total of 598 incident actions were processed in WildCAD, including wildland fires, prescribed fires, resource orders, public assists, aircraft flight following, and miscellaneous actions.

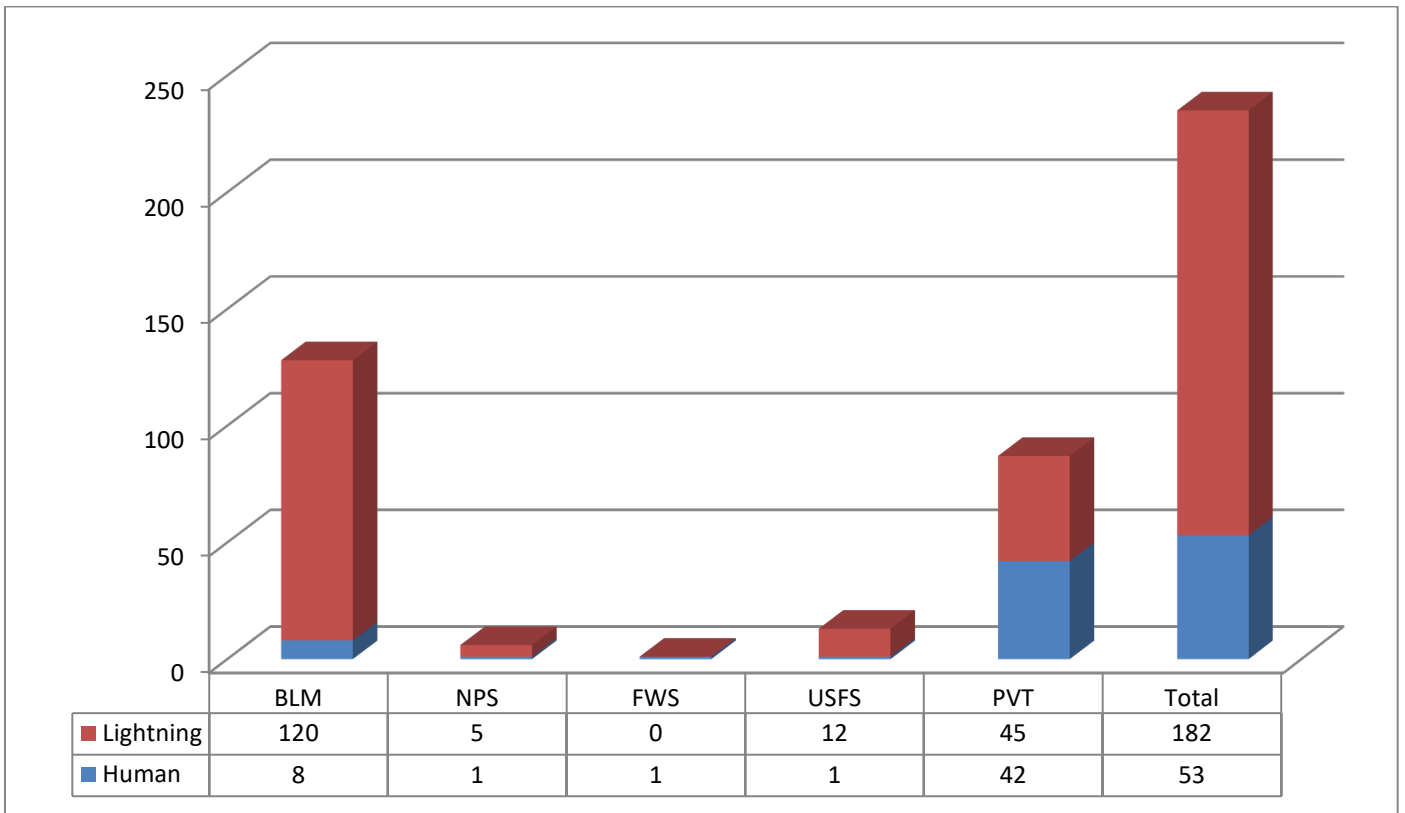
2021 CRC Fire Summary

Wildland Fire Statistics

	Lightning Fires	Lightning Acres	Human Fires	Human Acres	Total Unit Fires	Total Unit Acres
ARR	0	0	1	0.1	1	0.1
BPR	0	0	0	0	0	0
DSP	5	1.1	1	0.1	6	1.2
EAX	0	0	0	0	0	0
GFX	0	0	0	0	0	0
GRX	0	0	5*	70.8	5	70.8
JCX	2	1.6	8*	149.32	10	150.92
KRD	0	0	0*	5.06	0	5.06
LSD	49	2,915	5	66.1	54	2,981.1
MFX	22	377.2	9*	679.5	31	1,056.7
RBX	17	473.9	5*	893.03	22	1,366.93
MRF	12	11,941.45	1*	0.1	13	11,941.55
RTX	4	166.35	15*	12.45	19	178.8
WRD	71	13,515.19	3*	42	74	13,557.19
Totals	182	29,391.79	53*	1,918.56	235	31,310.35

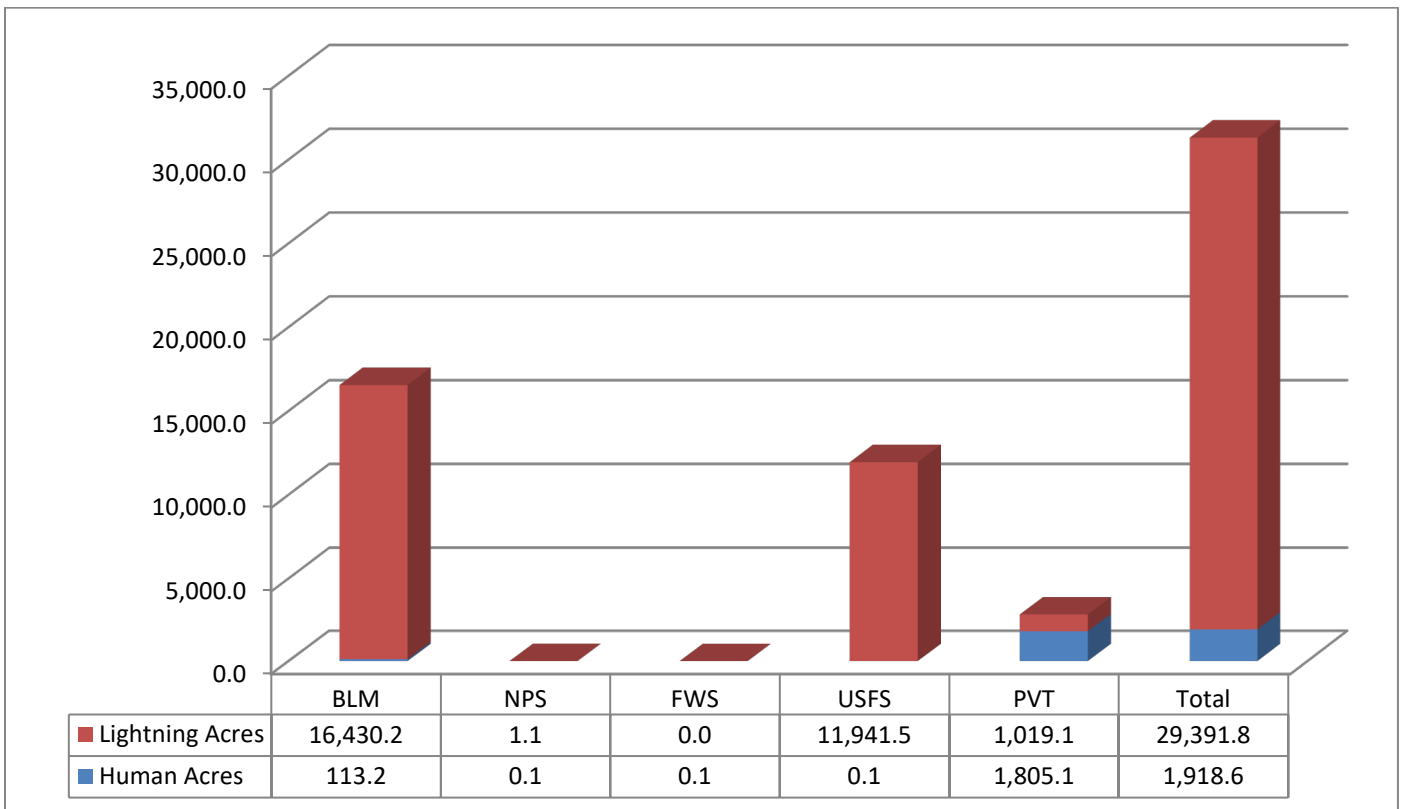
* includes "Undetermined" cause

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

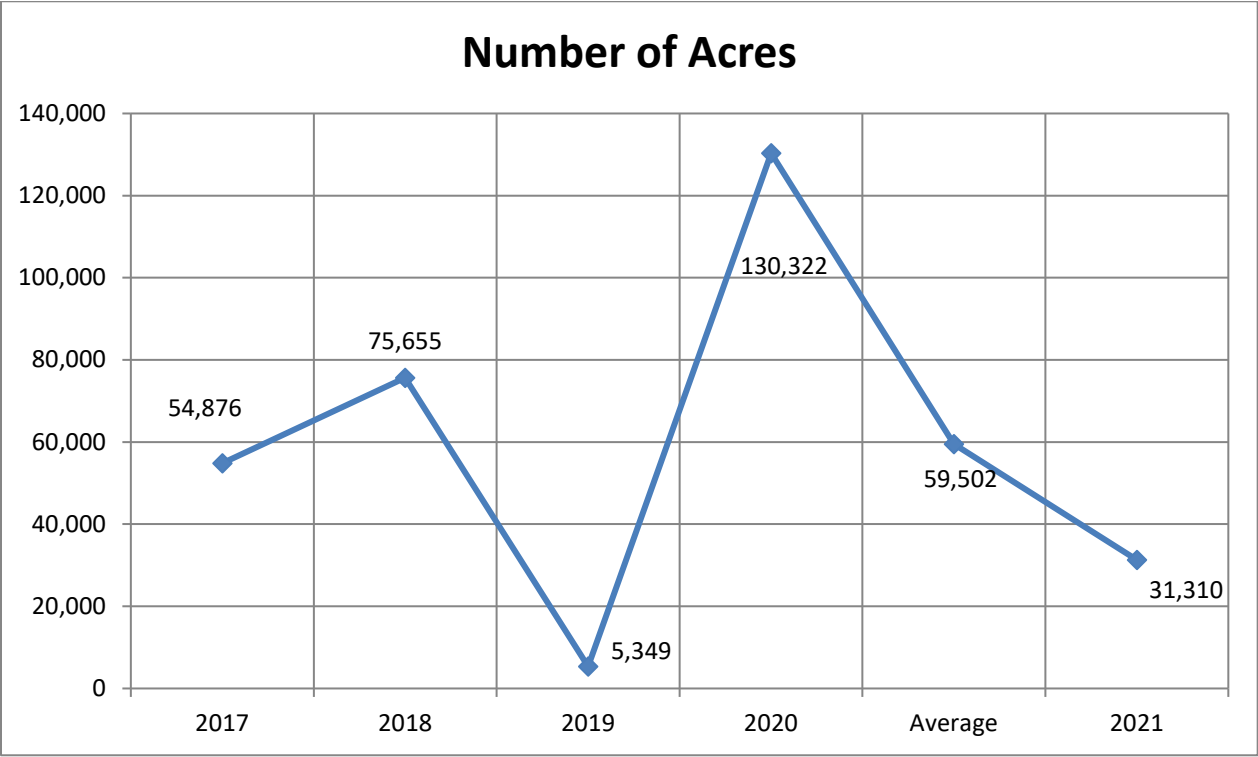
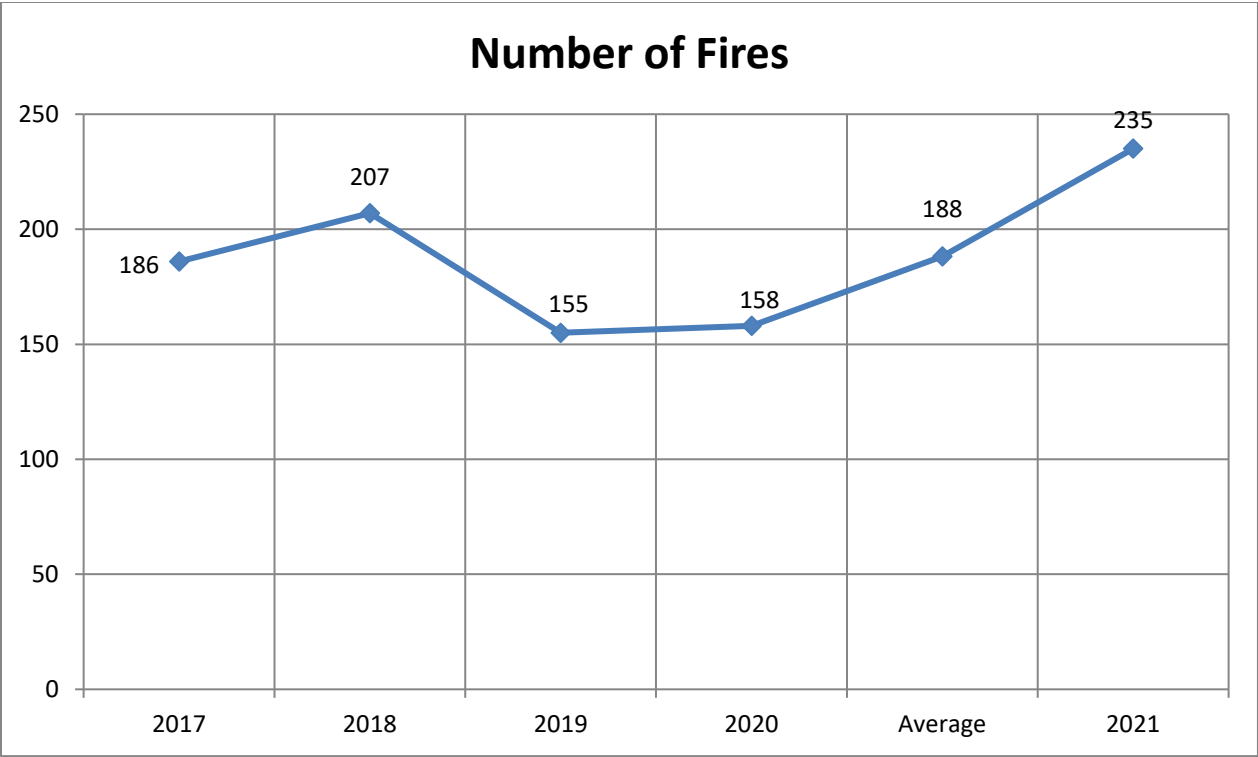
	Human	Human Acres	Lightning	Lightning Acres	Agency Fires	Agency Acres
BLM	8	113.2	120	16,430.2	128	16,543.4
NPS	1	0.1	5	1.1	6	1.2
FWS	1	0.1	0	0.0	1	0.1
USFS	1	0.1	12	11,941.5	13	11,941.6
PVT	42	1,805.1	45	1,019.1	87	2,824.2
Total	53	1,918.6	182	29,391.8	235	31,310.4

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

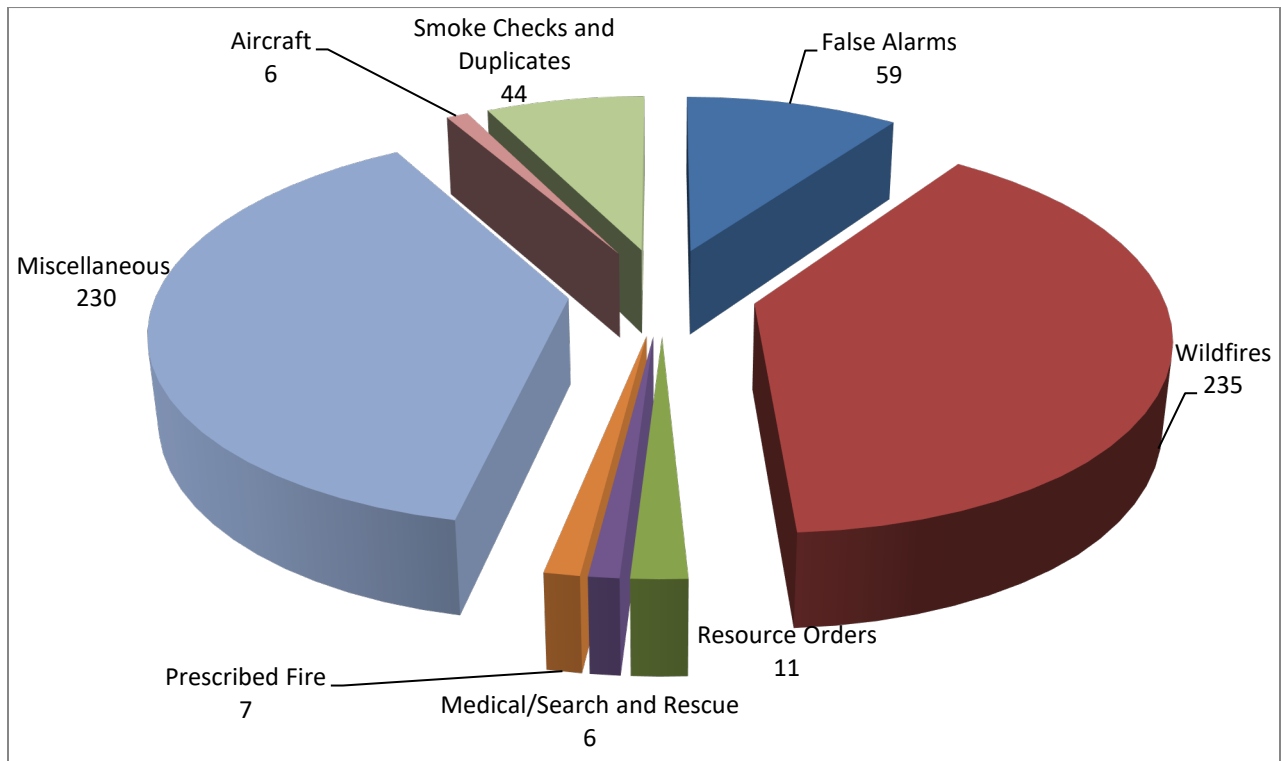
Incident Name	Start Date	Cause	Final Acreage	Agency	State & Unit	Team Name	Team Type
County Road 8	4/11/21	H	890	County	RBX	Pelloni	4
Dragon	6/8/21	L	322	BLM	WRD	Orr	3
Collom	6/15/21	H	640	County	MFX	Wheeler	3
Oil Springs	6/18/21	L	12613	BLM	WRD	Bollier	2
West	6/20/21	L	3429	County	MFX	Hagan	2
Muddy Slide	6/20/21	L	4093	USFS	MRF	Hagan	2
Morgan Creek	7/9/21	L	7586	USFS	MRF	Hagan	2
Black Mountain	8/29/21	L	418	USFS	MRF	Dietz	3

Per 209 criteria: 100 acres in timber and 300 acres in grass/brush



2021 WildCAD Incident Action Summary

Total WildCAD Incidents: 598



Prescribed Fire Summary

5 units completed 304 acres of broadcast burning and 960 acres of pile burns.

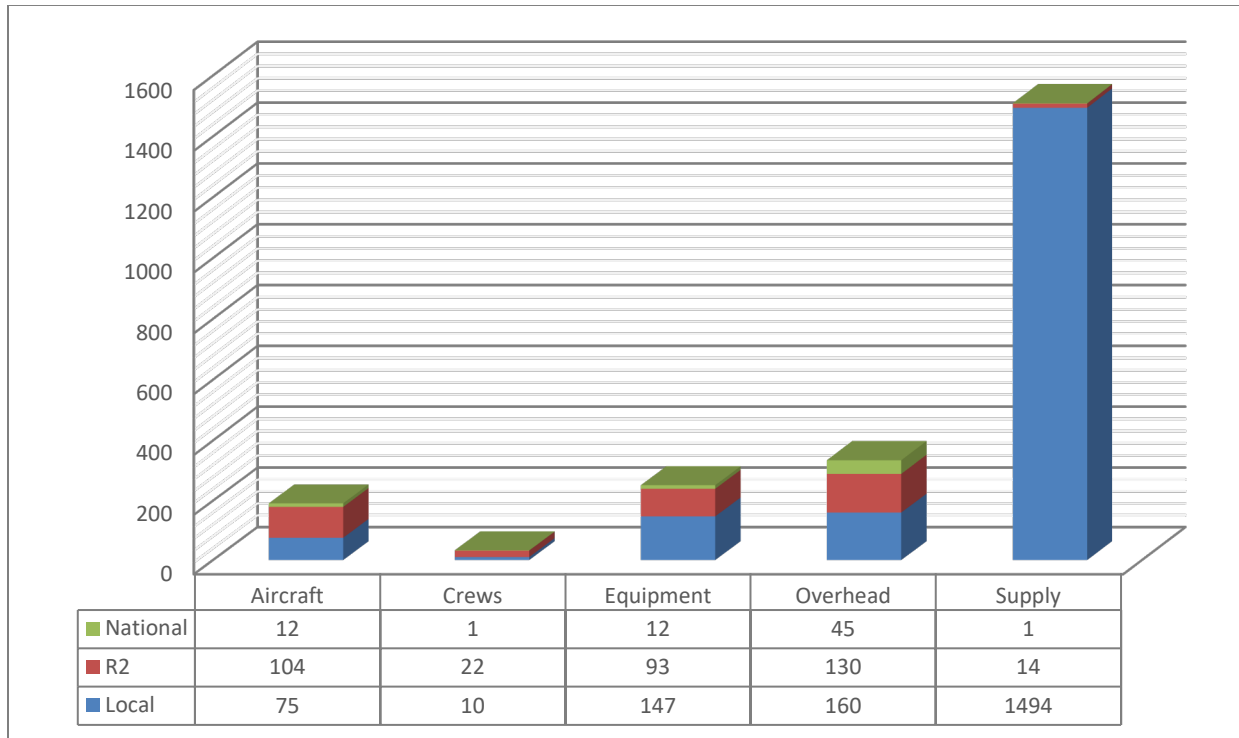


Collom Fire

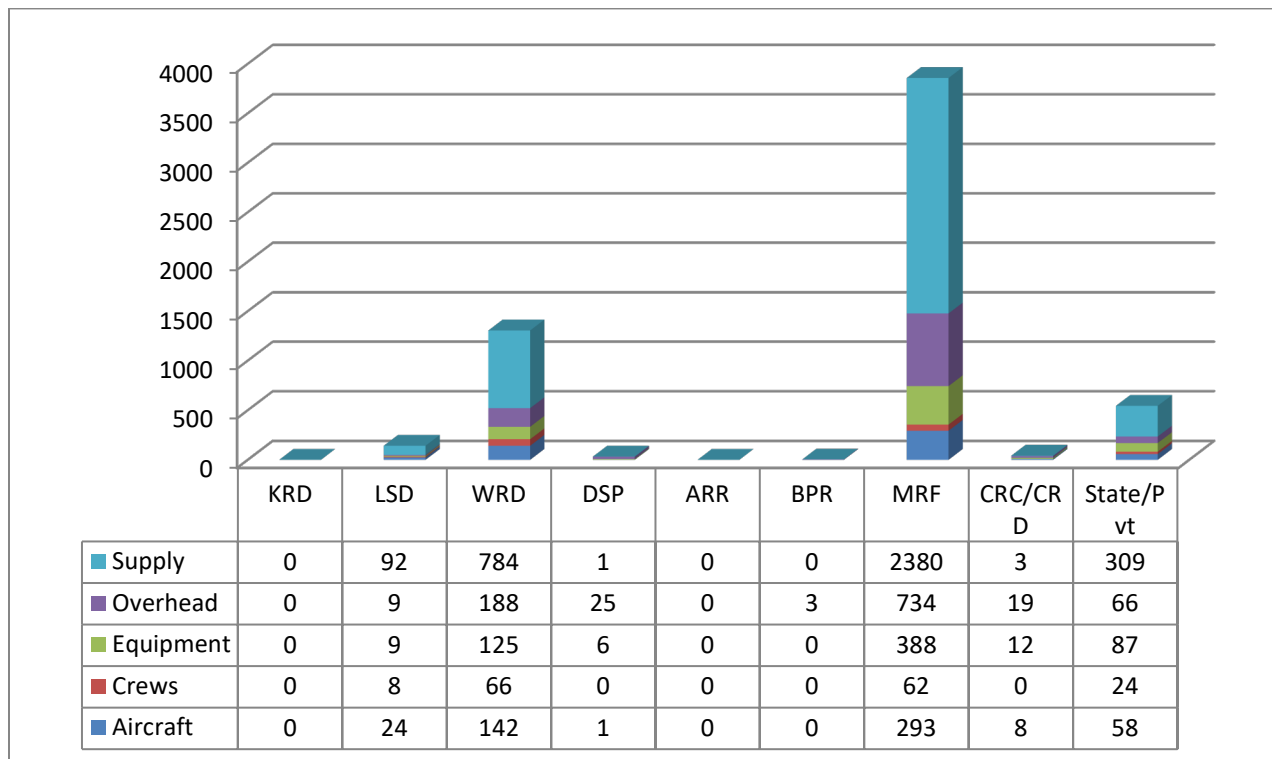
CRC Resource Order Statistics

IROC Orders Filled

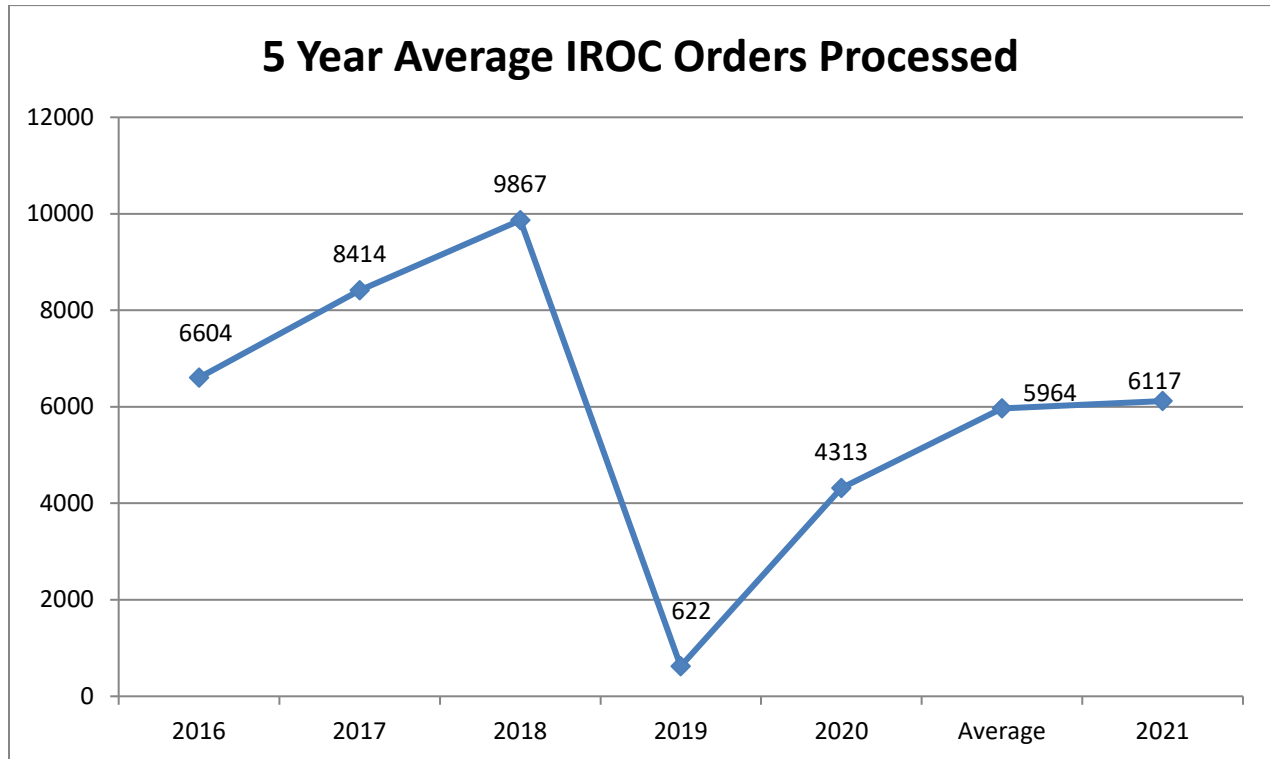
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Local IROC Orders Placed by Unit



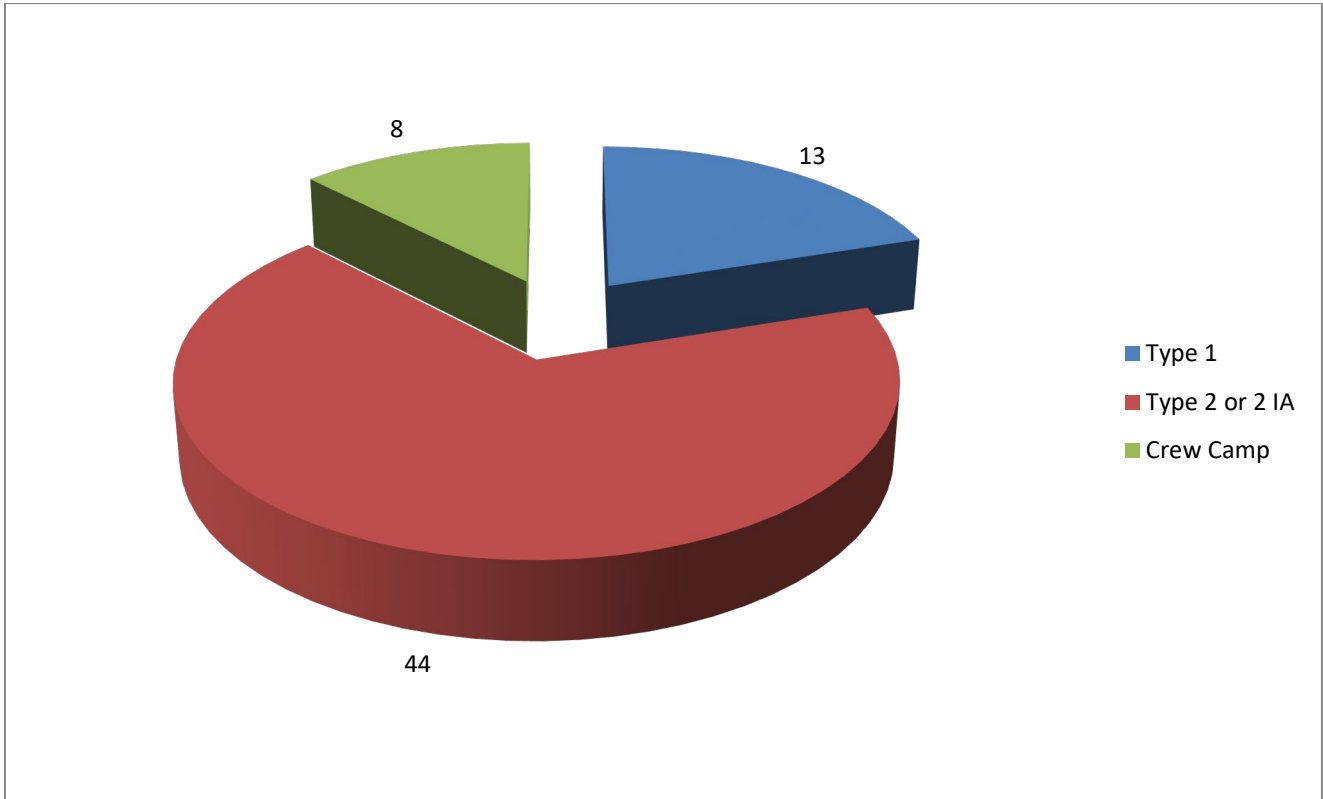
IROC Orders Processed: Five-Year Average, 2016-2020



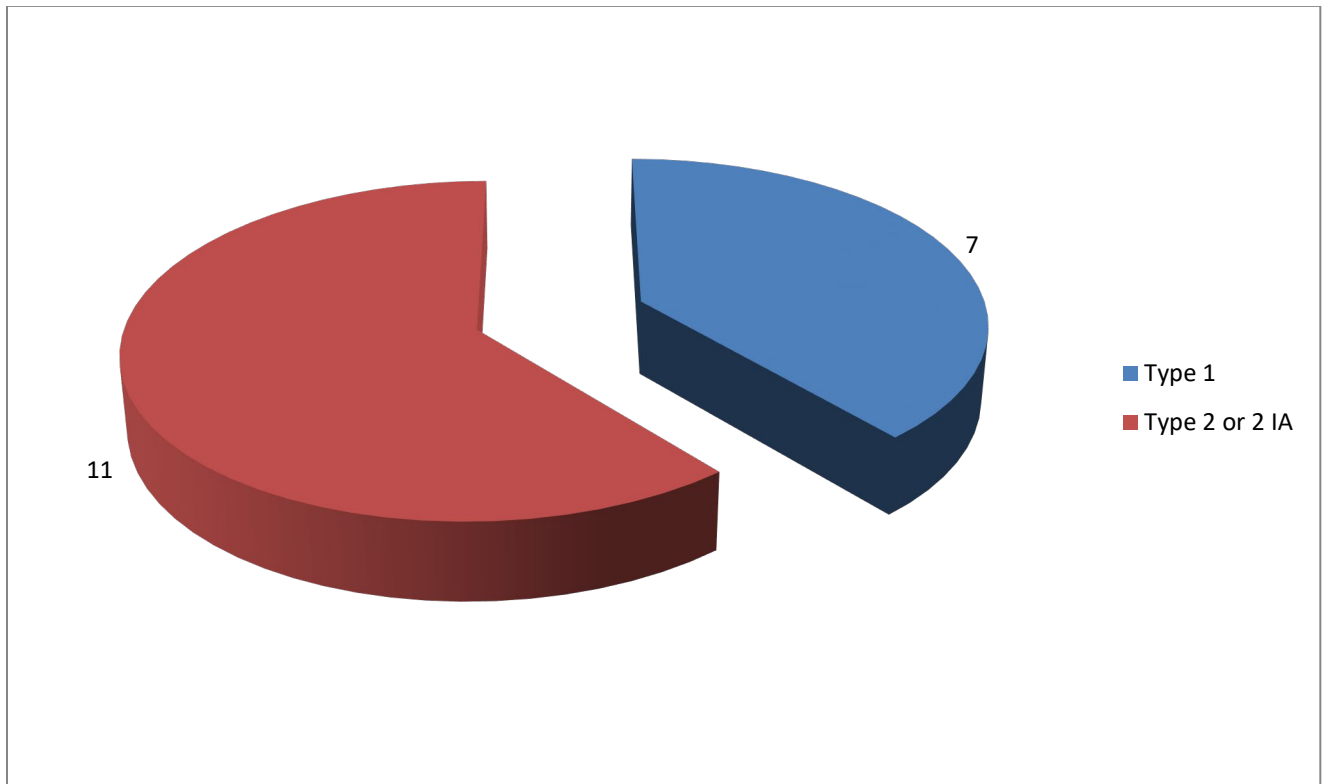
County Road 8 Fire

Crew Summary

On-Unit Crew Orders Filled: 65



Out of Area Crew Orders Filled: 18



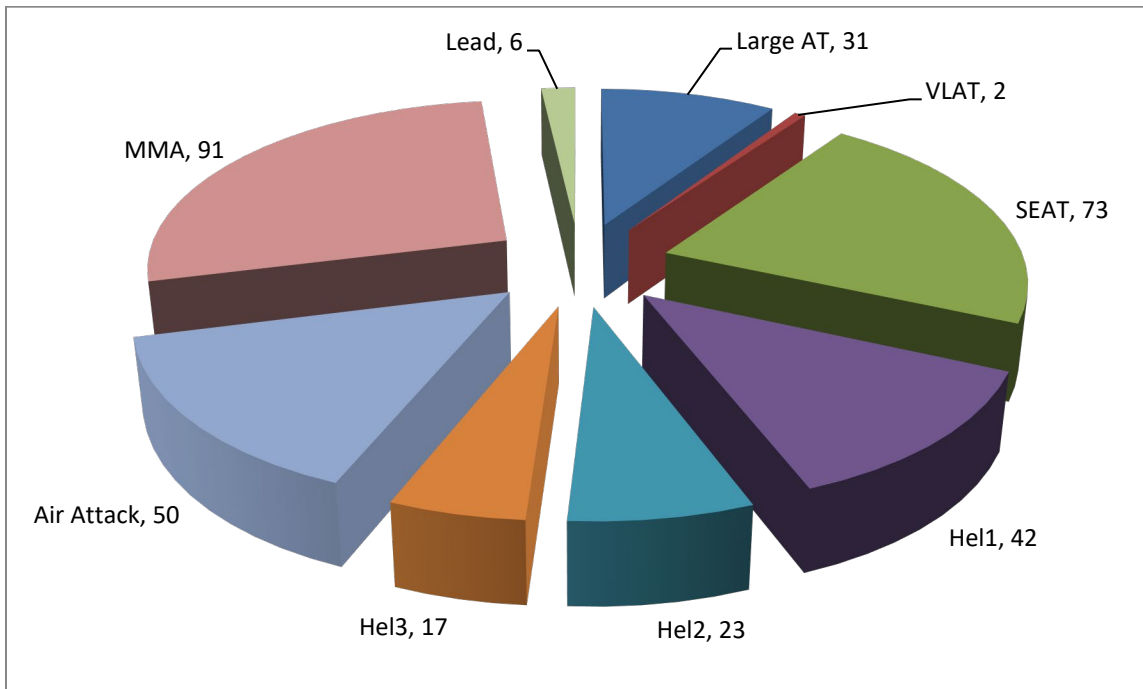
Craig Hotshot 2021 Summary

The crew worked on 12 wildfires nationally (totaling 81 days assigned to fires) and participated in two fuels reduction projects for the BLM (16 days and 700 acres treated) and one trail building project for the City of Craig and Moffat County (1 day and approx. 1 mile of multi-use trail) By the end of the fire season, the crew had worked 1,018 hours of overtime while assembled and driven 69,907 miles. Throughout the season, Craig IHC spent a total of 97 days assigned to wildfire operations, fuels reduction, and miscellaneous other projects.

The crew reported to work on April 26th. Following their two-week Operational Preparedness Training, the crew stayed available locally for an extra week to get some training done and help with local project work. The crew went available nationally on May 14th as Type 2IA due to the influx of new overhead and crewmembers to the crew. On July 18th the crew was certified as Type 1 and maintained Type 1 status through the remainder of the season. The crew was released on September 25th. Due to the extended fire season continuing into October, several crewmembers stayed on to form a suppression module to assist with local and regional fires. Craig IHC continued all COVID-19 Protocols from the 2020 season

Aircraft Summary

Aircraft Orders by Aircraft Type



TOTAL ORDERS: 335

Craig SEAT Base usage

The Craig SEAT Base was not activated in 2021.