

Craig Interagency Dispatch Center 2022 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)

2022 Year End Report

2022 was a relatively quiet year for the Craig Dispatch Zone. There were 153 fires for 321 acres, slightly below our 5 year average of 181 fires but well below our 5 year average of 48,591 acres. The largest fire of the year was the McAndrews on the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for a total of 220 acres. There were no other fires larger than 25 acres.

The winter started off dry, with the first substantial snowfall occurring at the end of Dec. Overall, the winter was relatively wet, with the moisture continuing into the fire season with widespread, wetting rains, occurring on an almost weekly basis. Our first fire occurred on April 6th on BLM land about 7 miles WSW of Meeker. There were 5 fires in April and 4 in May and then the season picked up in June with 22 fires.

Both July and August were a little busier with 44 and 54 fires respectively, including the year's largest fire, McAndrews, at 220 acres on BLM lands on August 31st. September saw 21 fires. October had 3 fires, including the last fire of the year, the 0.1 acre Davis Peak lightning fire on USFS lands about 27 miles NNE of Hayden.

Craig Dispatch handled about 109 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 334 for a total of 443 orders processed, well below the five-year average of 5,867 orders.

All our incidents were Type III thru V this year. Expanded was in place for 13 days to support the Rainbow Family gathering on USFS lands NW of Steamboat Springs in June-July. 24 hr staffing was used for 5 days. The Center was short 3 dispatchers throughout the season. DFPC helped substantially by providing an individual who had been injured and was not able to work on fire lines from August through the rest of the summer. We also had some other local militia helping in the Center as well. Thanks to everyone who helped this year!

Due to staffing shortages, the Center was not able to send anyone out to help other centers this season.

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

A total of 244 incident actions were processed in WildCAD, including wildland fires, prescribed fires, resource orders, public assists, aircraft flight following, and miscellaneous actions.

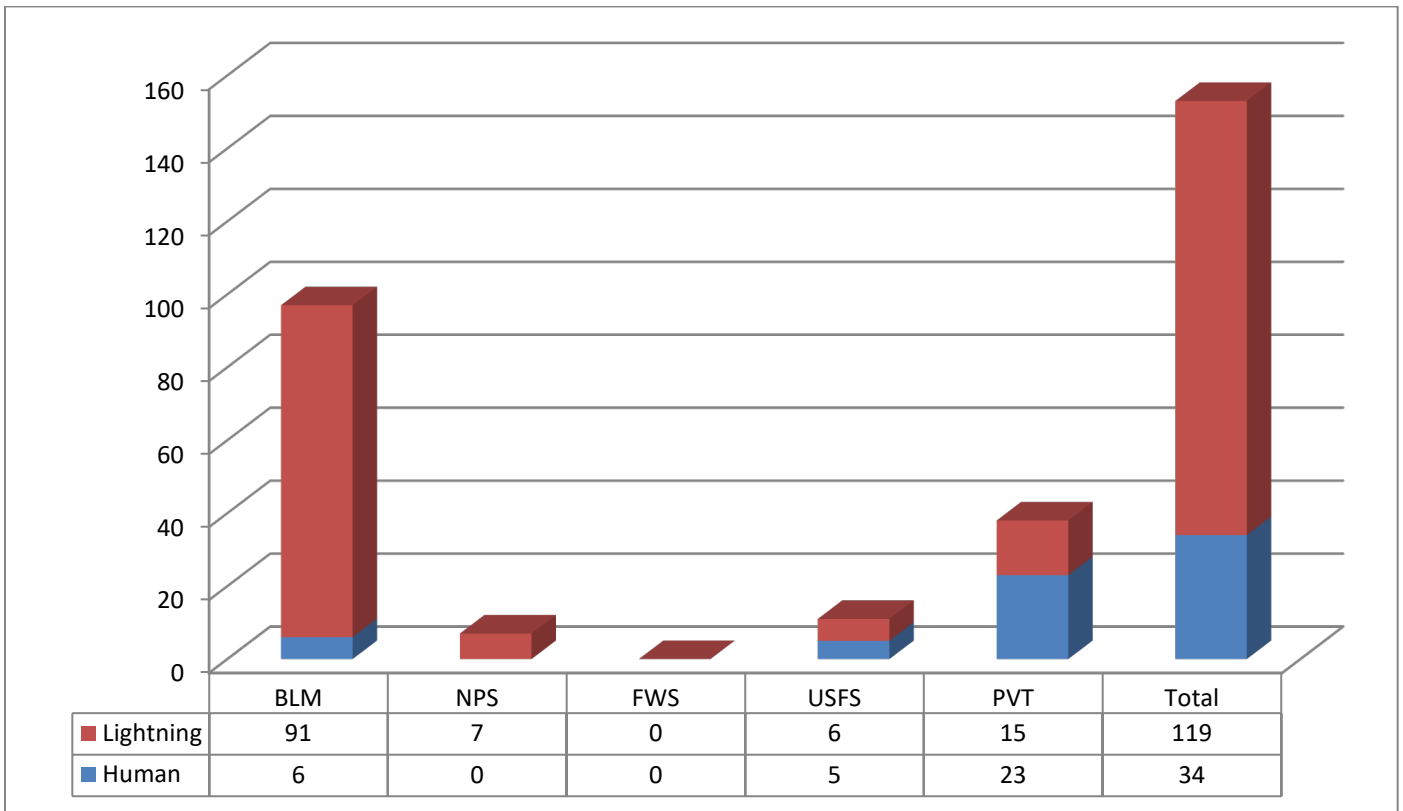
2022 CRC Fire Summary

Wildland Fire Statistics

	Lightning Fires	Lightning Acres	Human Fires	Human Acres	Total Unit Fires	Total Unit Acres
ARR	0	0	0	0	0	0
BPR	0	0	0	0	0	0
DSP	7	2.9	0	0	7	2.9
EAX	0	0	0	0	0	0
GFX	0	0	0	0	0	0
GRX	1	0.1	2*	0.35	3	0.45
JCX	4	1.15	4*	0.4	8	1.55
KRD	0	0	1*	0.1	1	0.1
LSD	27	249.77	1	1.85	28	251.62
MFX	5	3.8	7*	12.05	12	15.85
RBX	2	0.2	6*	9.25	8	9.45
MRF	6	0.7	5*	0.5	11	1.2
RTX	3	13.2	4*	1.45	7	14.65
WRD	64	19.67	4*	3.1	68	22.77
Totals	119	291.49	34*	29.05	153	320.54

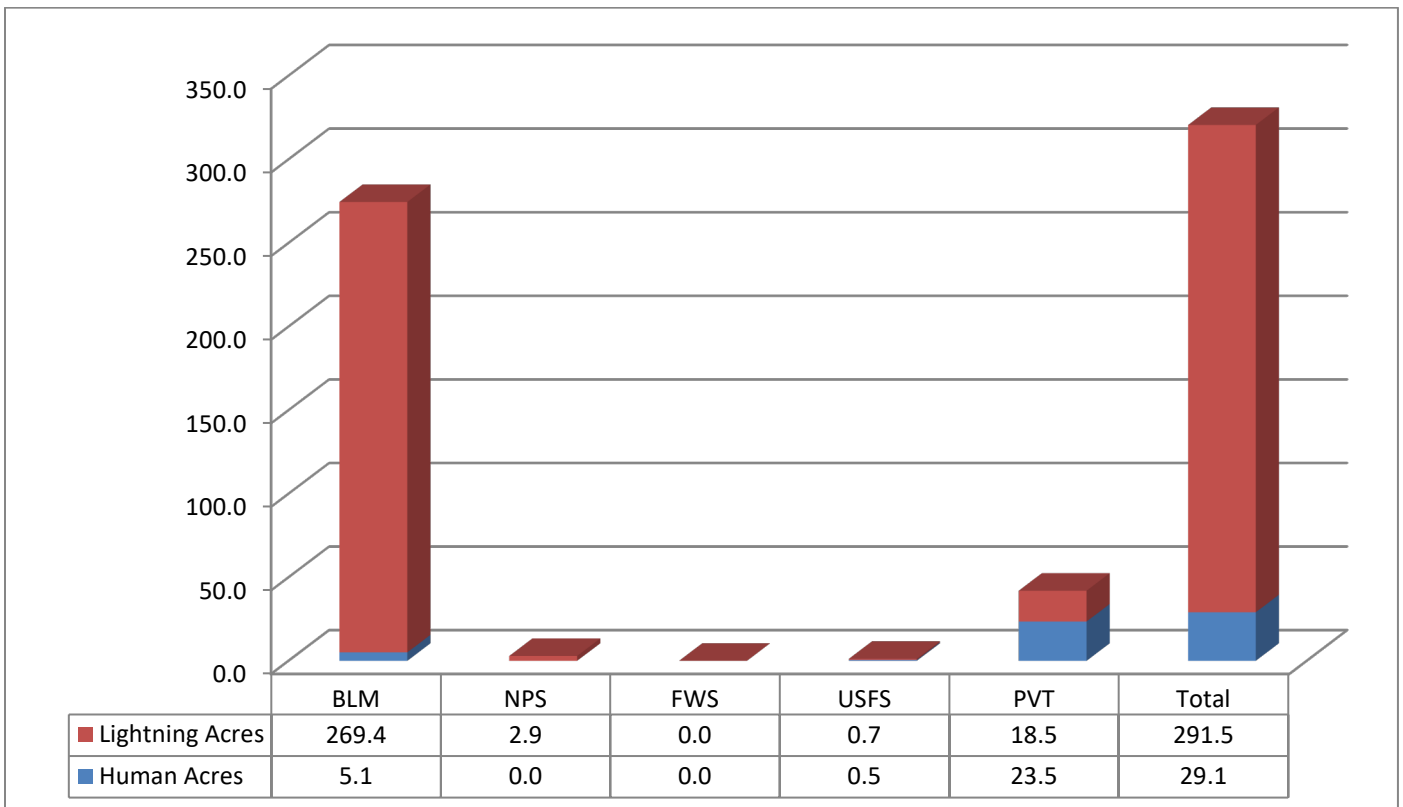
* includes "Undetermined" cause

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

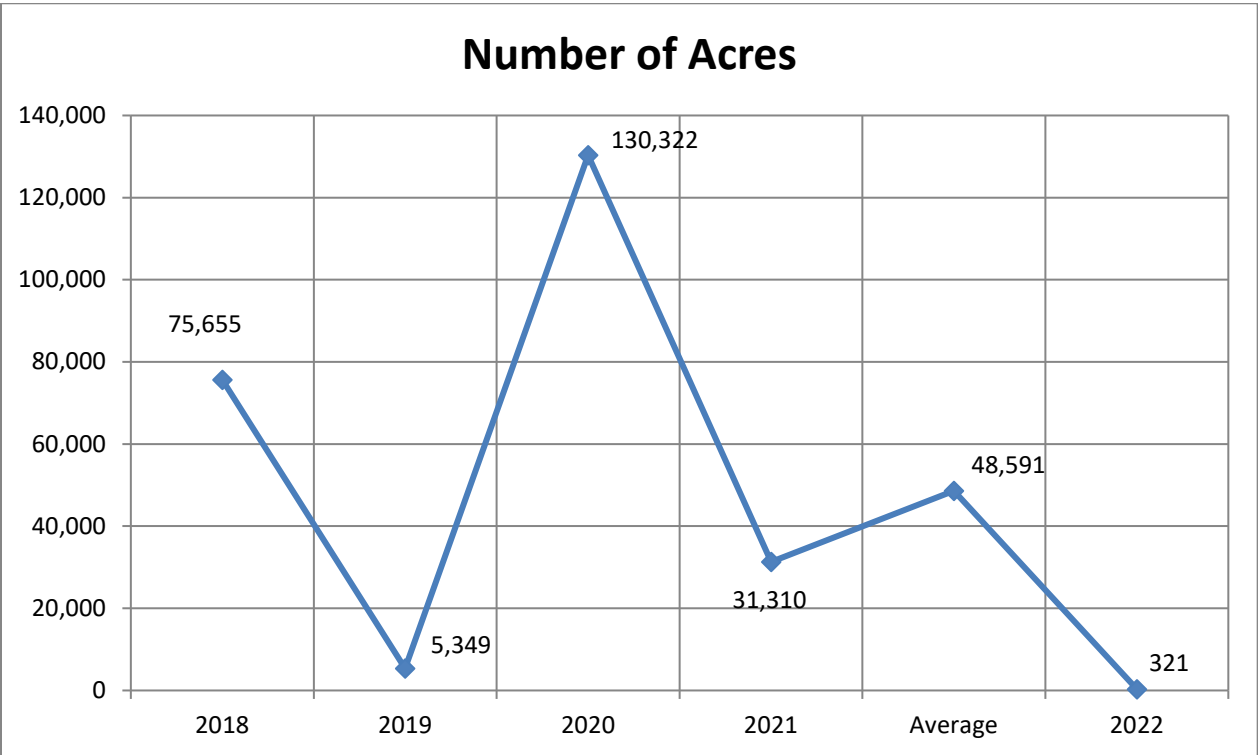
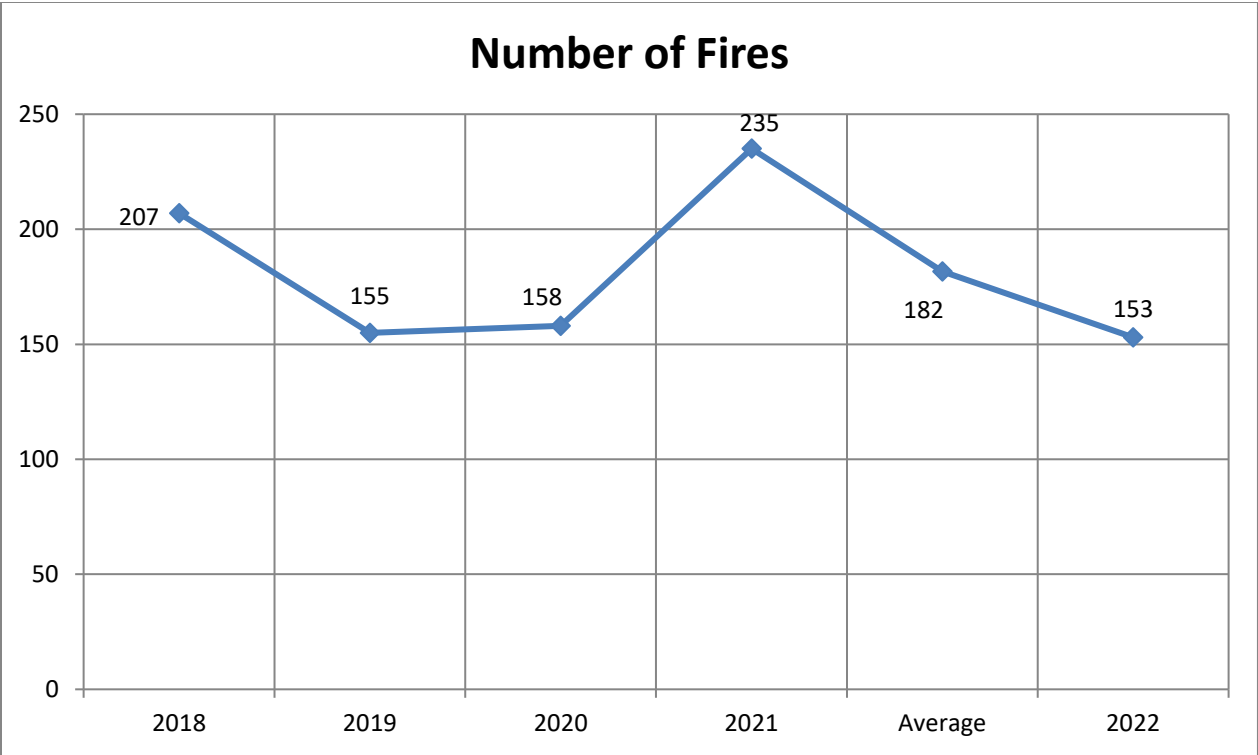
	Human	Human Acres	Lightning	Lightning Acres	Agency Fires	Agency Acres
BLM	6	5.1	91	269.4	97	274.5
NPS	0	0.0	7	2.9	7	2.9
FWS	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
USFS	5	0.5	6	0.7	11	1.2
PVT	23	23.5	15	18.5	38	42.0
Total	34	29.1	119	291.5	153	320.5

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*

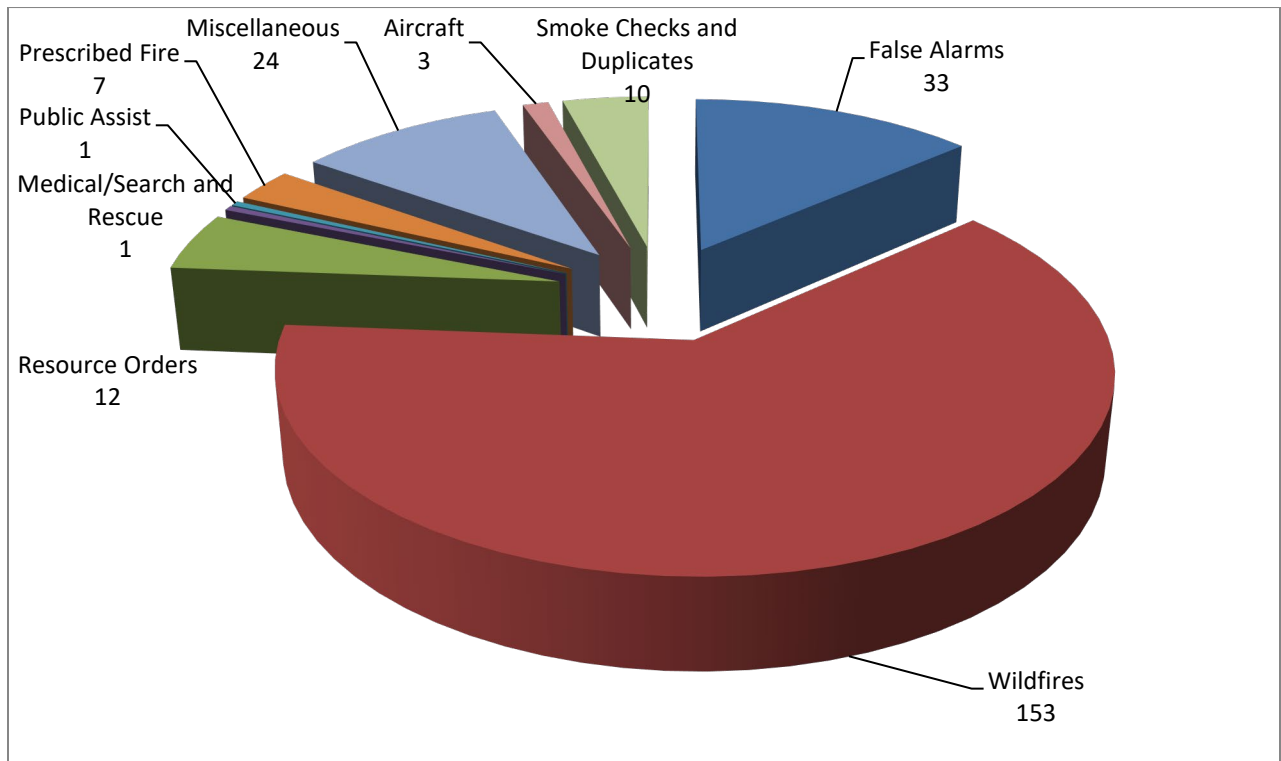
Incident Name	Start Date	Cause	Final Acreage	Agency	State & Unit	Team Name	Team Type
No 209 qualifying large fires in 2022							

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



2022 WildCAD Incident Action Summary

Total WildCAD Incidents: 244



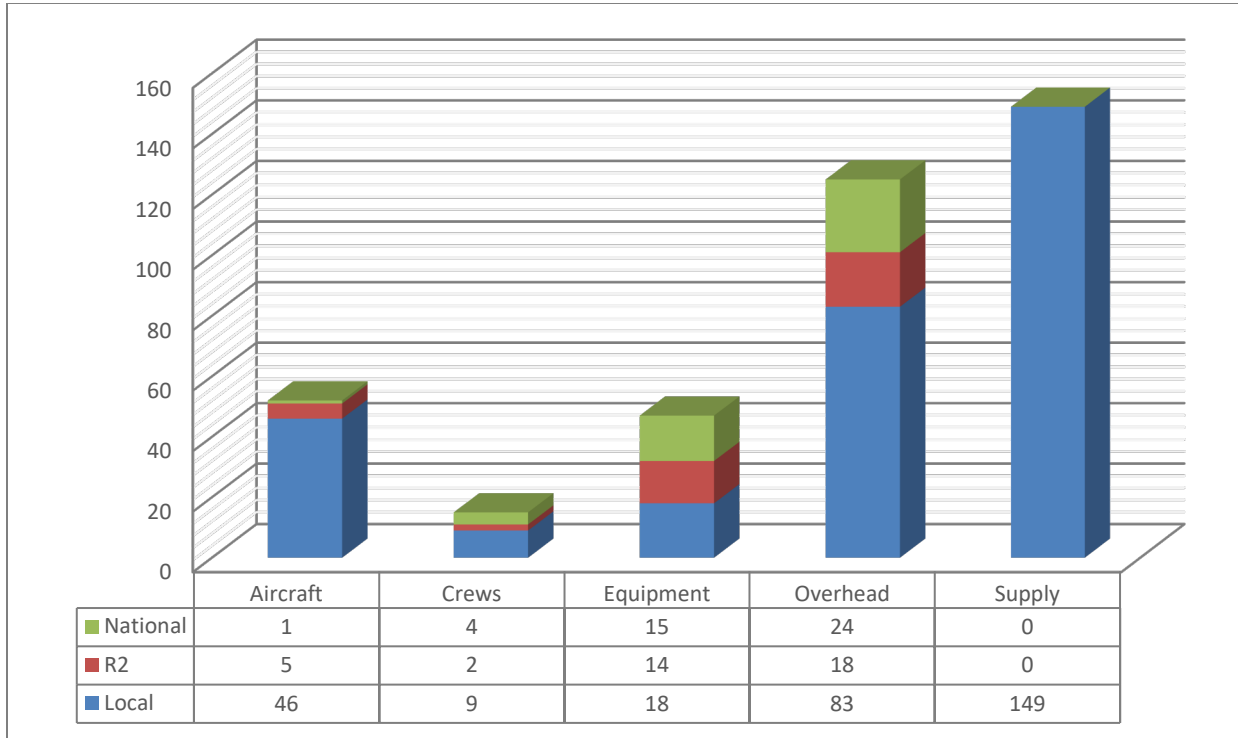
Prescribed Fire Summary

5 units completed 734 acres of broadcast burning and 944 acres of pile burns.

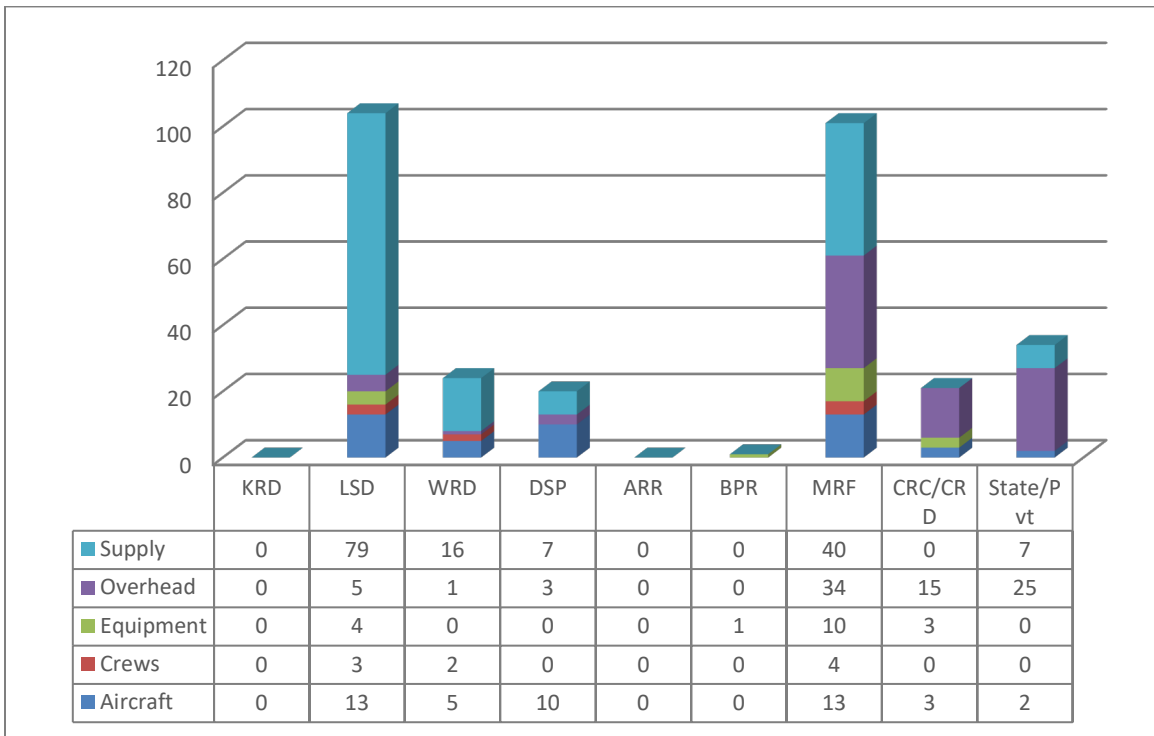
CRC Resource Order Statistics

IROC Orders Filled

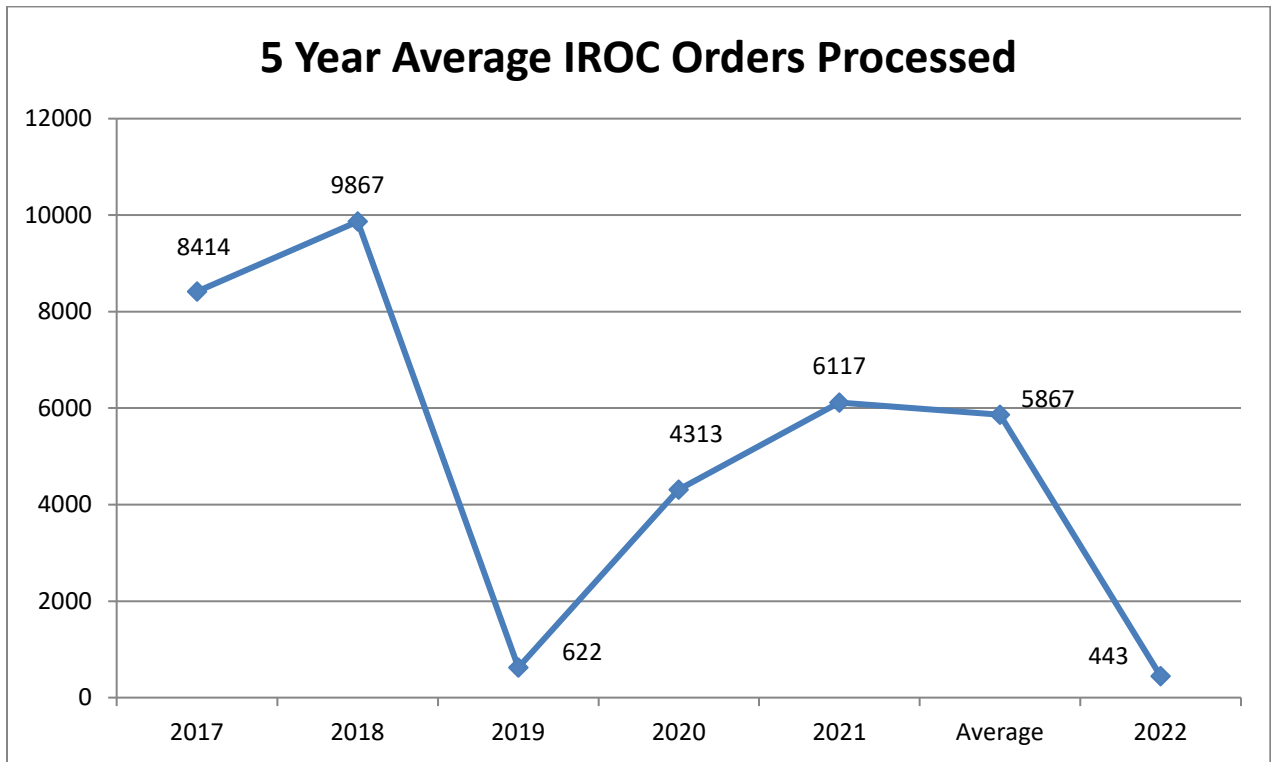
(Includes Incoming and Outgoing Orders)



Local IROC Orders Placed by Unit

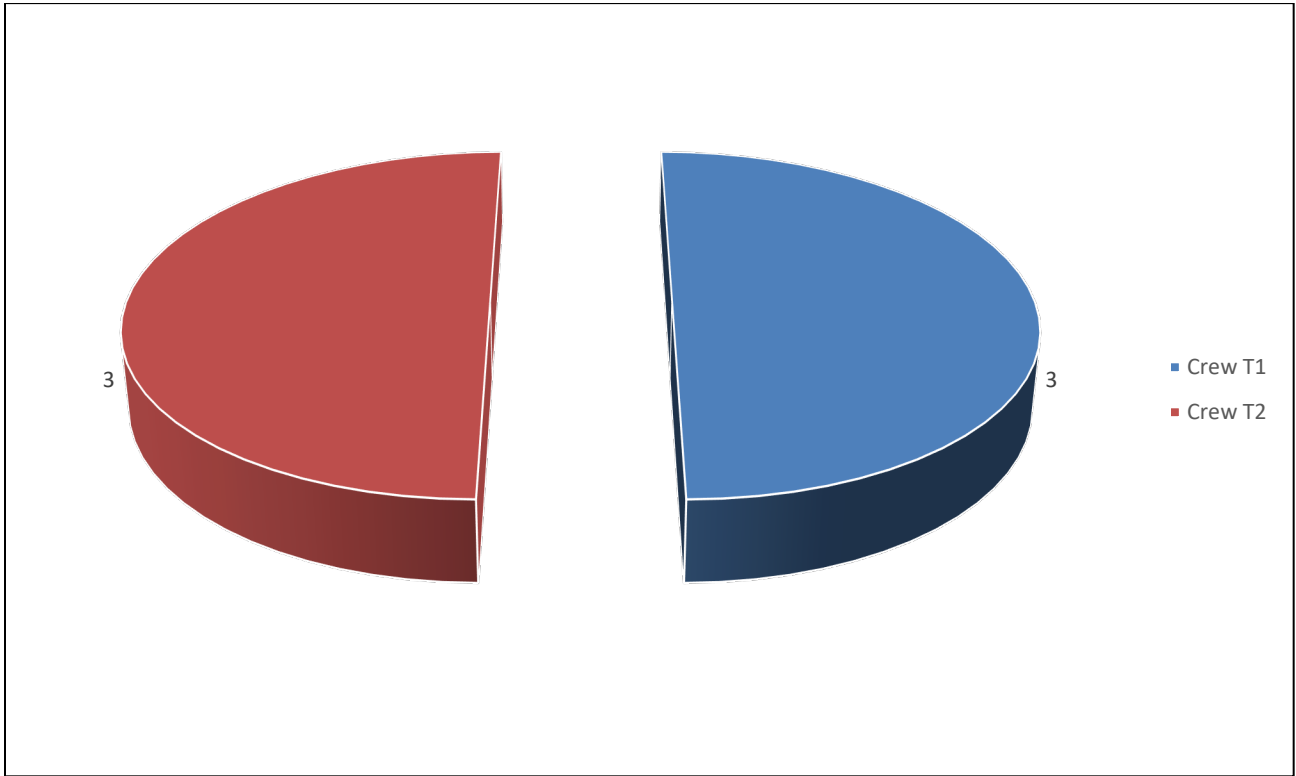


IROC Orders Processed: Five-Year Average, 2017-2021

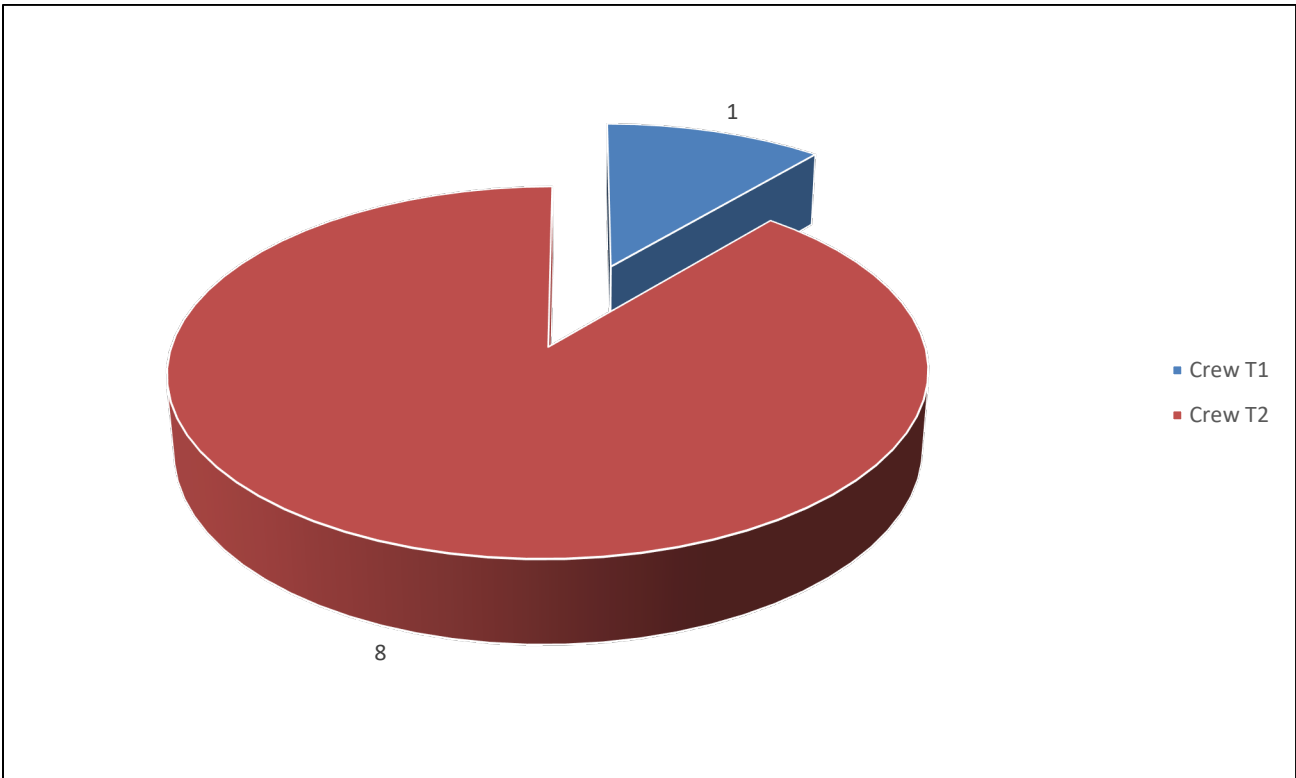


Crew Summary

On-Unit Crew Orders Filled: 65



Out of Area Crew Orders Filled: 18



Craig Hotshot 2022 Summary

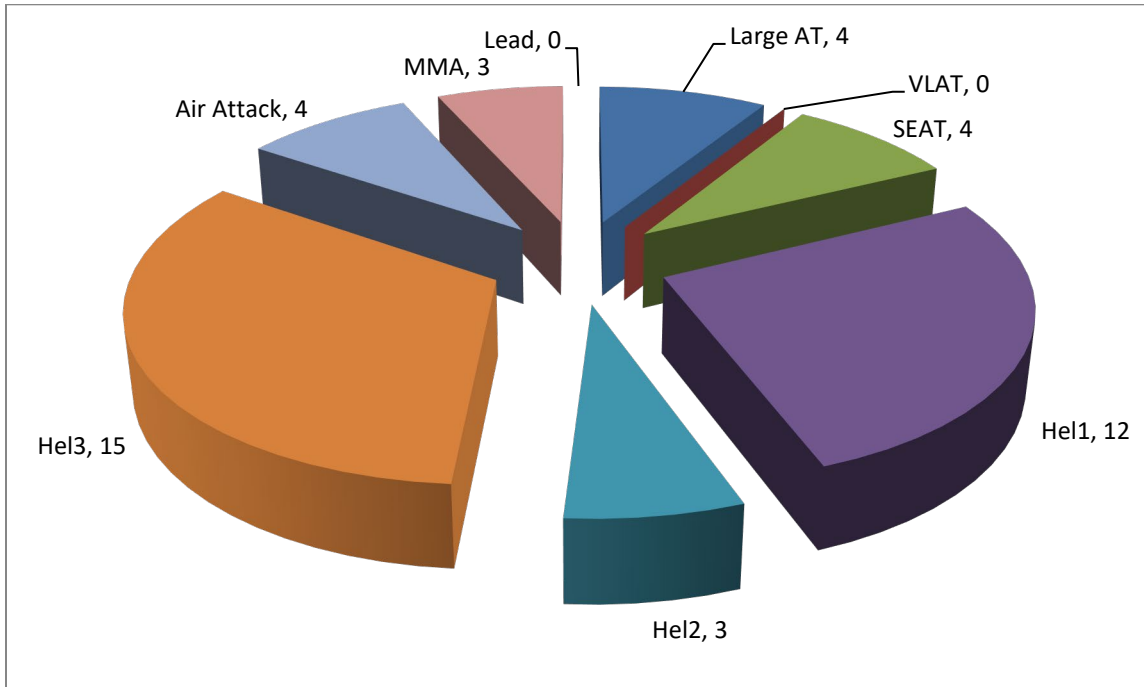
Craig IHC worked on 7 wildfires nationally (totaling 97 days assigned to fires) and participated in three fuels reduction projects for the BLM (one prescribed fire and two mechanical treatments, for a total of 6 days and 750 acres treated). 2022 started out as one of the busiest fire seasons the crew has worked and eventually ended up being the hardest ever.

The crew reported to work on April 25th. Following their two-week Operational Preparedness Training, the crew was made available nationally, as a Type 1 crew, and immediately dispatched to the ongoing Calf Canyon fire in New Mexico. After completing two assignments to New Mexico, the crew's status dropped to Type 2IA upon losing both of their Squad Leaders to new positions outside of the unit. They found themselves closer to home for the next two assignments, on various fires and projects around Colorado and Wyoming. The crew's fifth assignment was for a fire in Oregon. After working on the Big Swamp fire for a few days, Craig IHC experienced the Line of Duty Death (LODD) of first-year crewmember Collin Hagan. The support of the local unit, other Rocky Mountain GA resources, and endless friends, family, and peers throughout the country was greatly appreciated during this difficult time. The crew was able to reassemble after nearly one month and was assigned to two more fires in Idaho to close out the season.

The 2022 fire season is dedicated to Collin Hagan, whose hotshot career was short, but well-earned through his dedicated service and exceptional attitude.

Aircraft Summary

Aircraft Orders by Aircraft Type



TOTAL ORDERS: 335

Craig SEAT Base usage

The Craig SEAT Base was not activated in 2022.