

# Craig Interagency Dispatch Center 2024 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)**

## 2024 Year End Report

2024 was a relatively quiet year for the Craig Dispatch Zone. There were 150 fires for 2256 acres, below our 5 year average of 165 fires and well below our 5 year average of 35,336 acres. The largest fire of the year was the Big Gulch on the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for a total of 1161 acres. There was 1 other large fire, Tschuddi, on BLM for 549 acres.

The winter was near normal with several substantial snow events over most of the zone. Our first fire occurred on March 21st on Moffat County (MFX) land about 10 miles W of Hayden. There were 4 fires in April, 6 fires in May, 18 in June and then the season picked up in July with 36 fires.

There were 53 fires in August, including the year's largest fire, Big Gulch on 8/7/24. September saw 22 fires, including the season's other large fire, the Tschuddi on 9/11/24. October had 8 fires, including the last fire of the year, the 0.1 acre Walton escaped campfire on US Forest Service (MRF) lands about 9 miles SE of Steamboat Springs.

Craig Dispatch handled about 689 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 835 for a total of 1524 orders processed, about ½ the five-year average of 3309 orders.

All our incidents were Type IV and V this year, no expanded usage. 24 hr staffing was used for 26 days, with the help of GJC Center who covered for us a few times. The Center was short 1 dispatcher, out of 7 when fully staffed, most of the season. USFS MRF helped by rotating apprentices through the Center throughout the summer so a big “thank you” to them! Rocky Mountain Youth Corp (RMYC) provided 2 Interns who helped us provide dispatching through the summer. We also had some other local militia helping in the Center, as well as well as detailers from GJC and FTC.

Due to staffing shortages, the Center was only able to send 1 person out to help other centers this season (brand new dispatchers with no prior experience).

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

A total of 230 incident actions were processed in WildCAD, including wildland fires, prescribed fires, resource orders, public assists, aircraft flight following, and miscellaneous actions.

## 2024 CRC Fire Summary

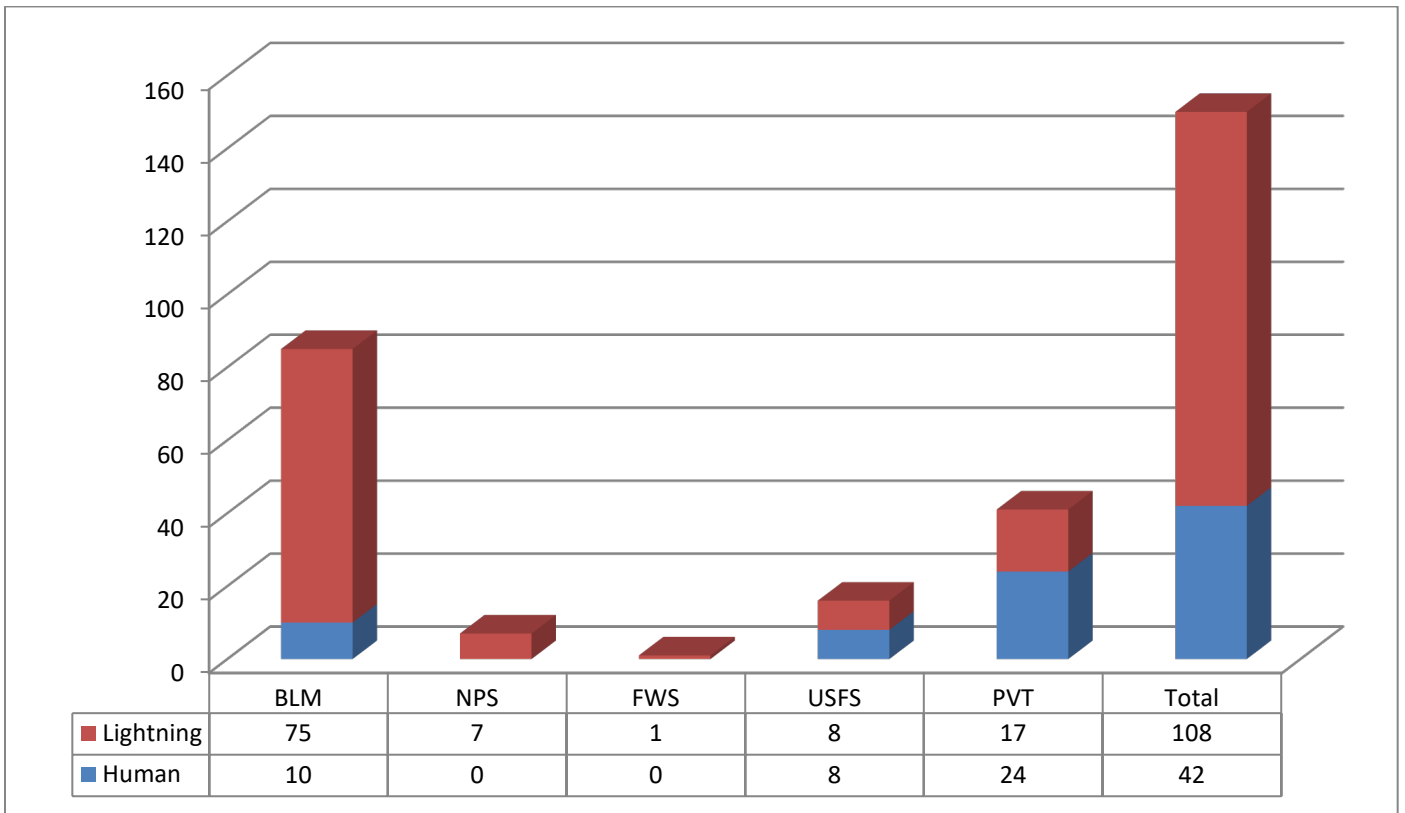
### Wildland Fire Statistics

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	1	3.3	0	0	1	3.3
DSP	7	8.1	0	0	7	8.1
EAX	0	0	0	0	0	0
GFX	0	0	0	0	0	0
GRX	0	0	5*	0.52	5	0.52
JCX	0	0	3*	1.2	3	1.2
KRD	0	0	1*	0.1	1	0.1
LSD	26	210.05	5	99.5	31	309.55
MFX	9	977.7	10*	84.85	19	1062.55
RBX	6	89.53	3*	9	9	98.53
MRF	8	3.8	8*	1.84	16	5.64
RTX	2	41	3*	35.2	5	76.2
WRD	49	683.52	4*	6.31	53	689.83
Totals	108	2017	42*	238.52	150	2255.52

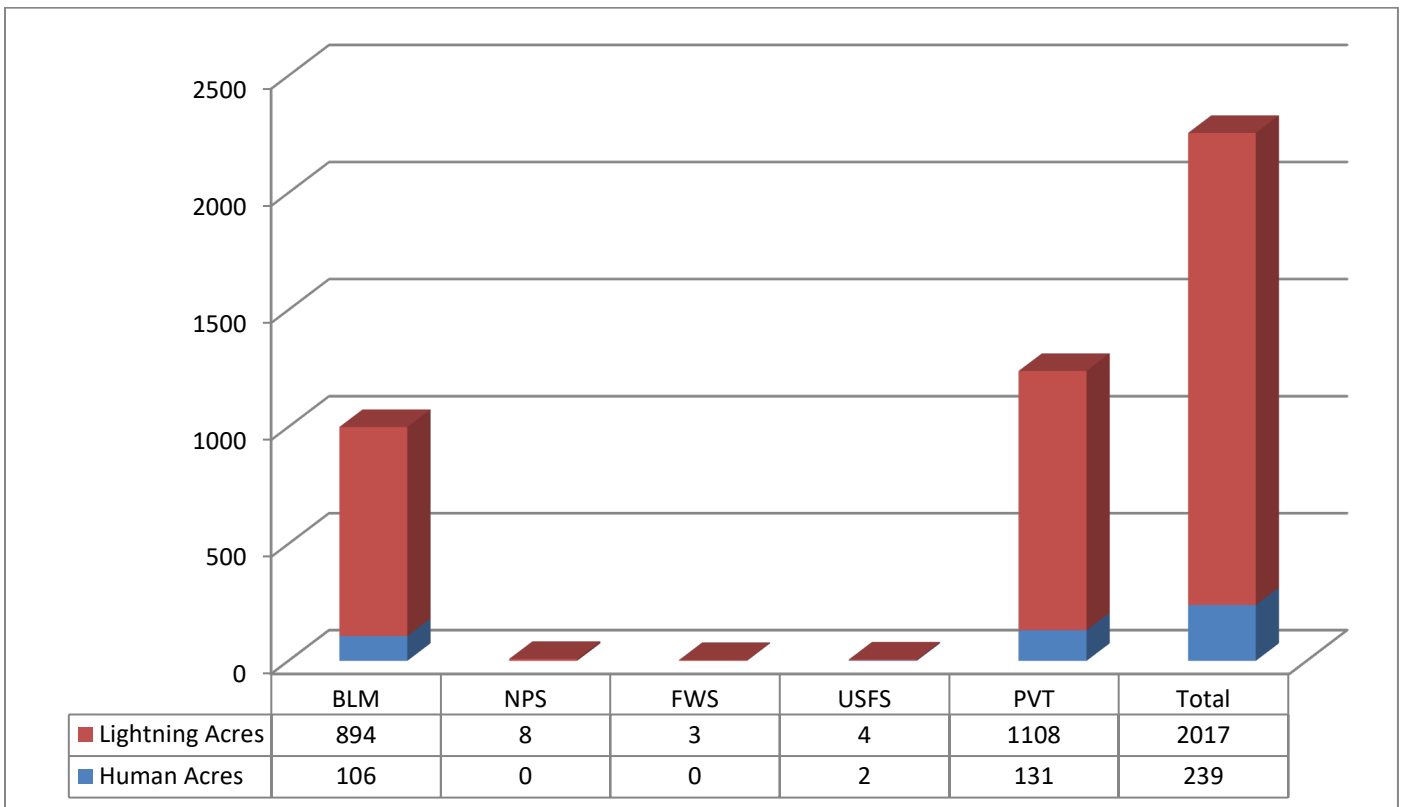
\* includes “Undetermined” cause

## 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**

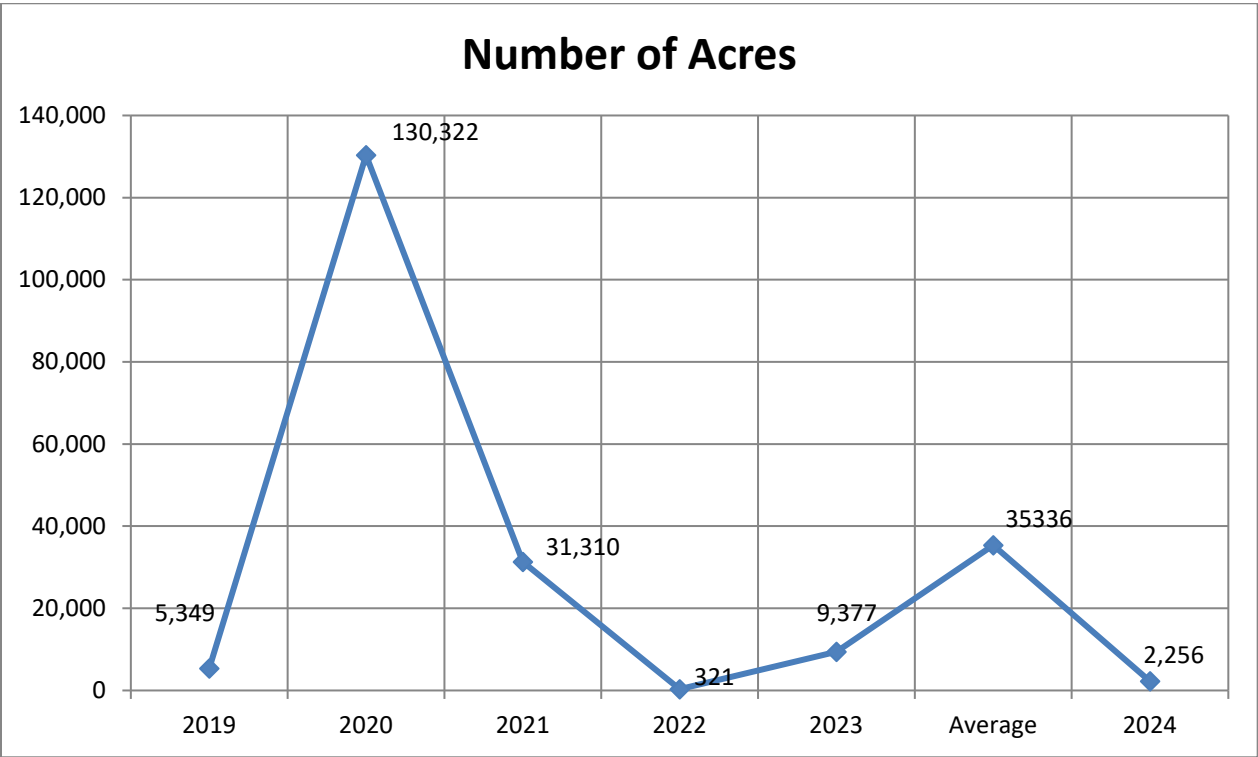
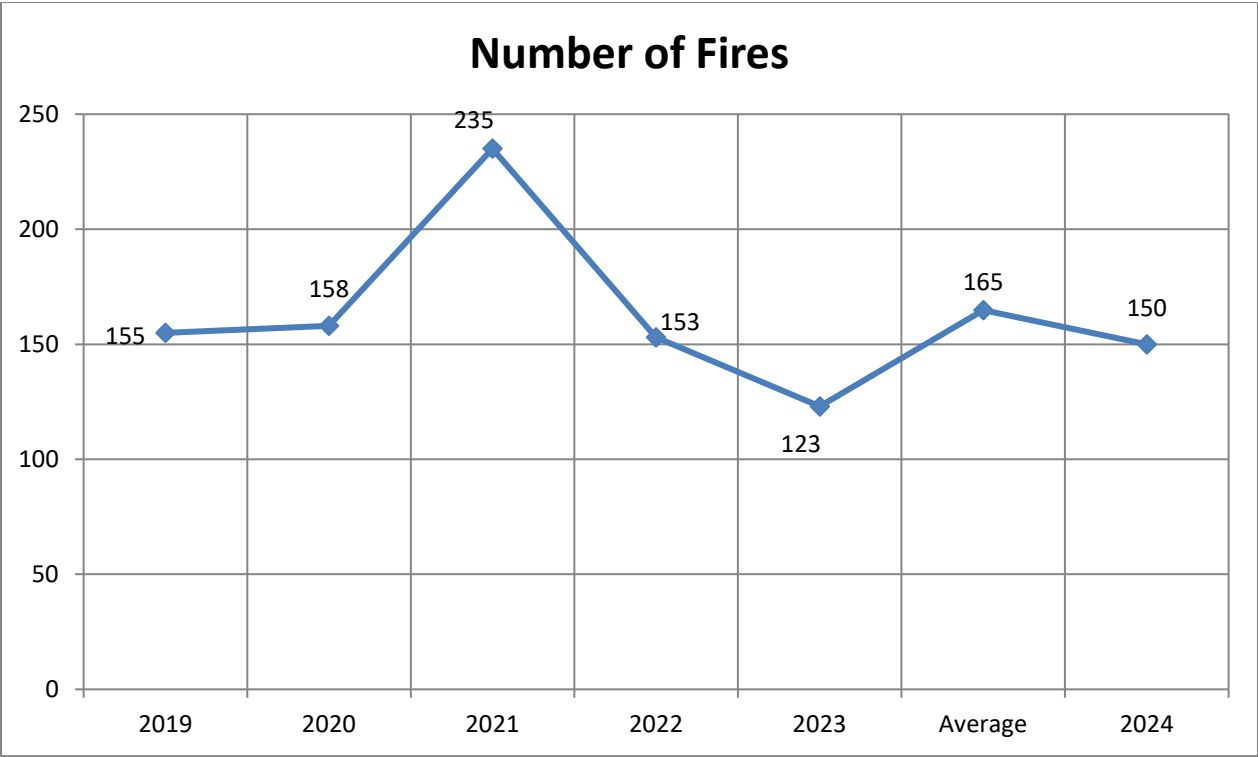
	Human	Human Acres	Lightning	Lightning Acres	Agency Fires	Agency Acres
BLM	10	106	75	894	85	999
NPS	0	0	7	8	7	8
FWS	0	0	1	3	1	3
USFS	8	2	8	4	16	6
PVT	24	131	17	1108	41	1239
Total	42	239	108	2017	150	2256

**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*

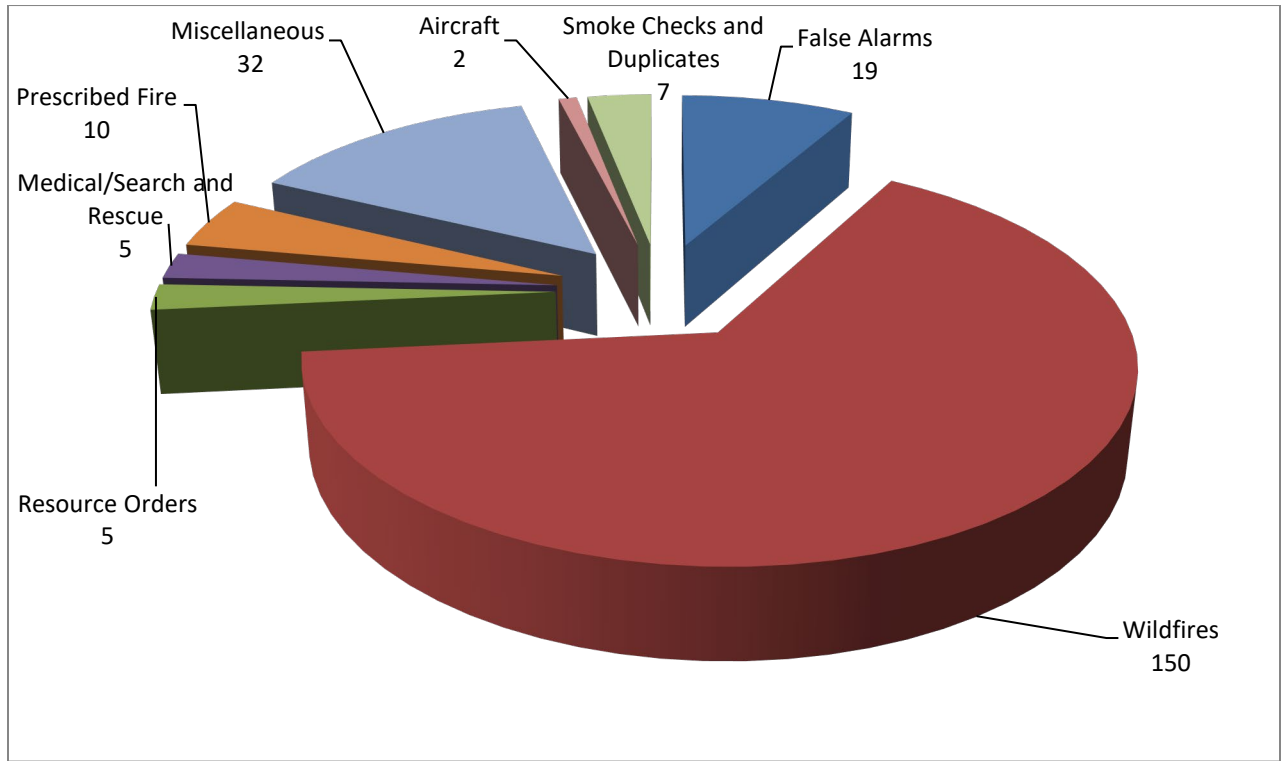
Incident Name	Start Date	Cause	Final Acreage	Agency	State & Unit	Team Name	Team Type
BIG GULCH	8/7/24	L	1161	BLM	LSD	Boles	4
TSCHUDDI	9/11/24	L	549	BLM	WRD	Frery	4

Per 209 criteria: 100 acres in timber and 300 acres in grass/brush (P/J is considered a brush type)



# 2024 WildCAD Incident Action Summary

## Total WildCAD Incidents: 230



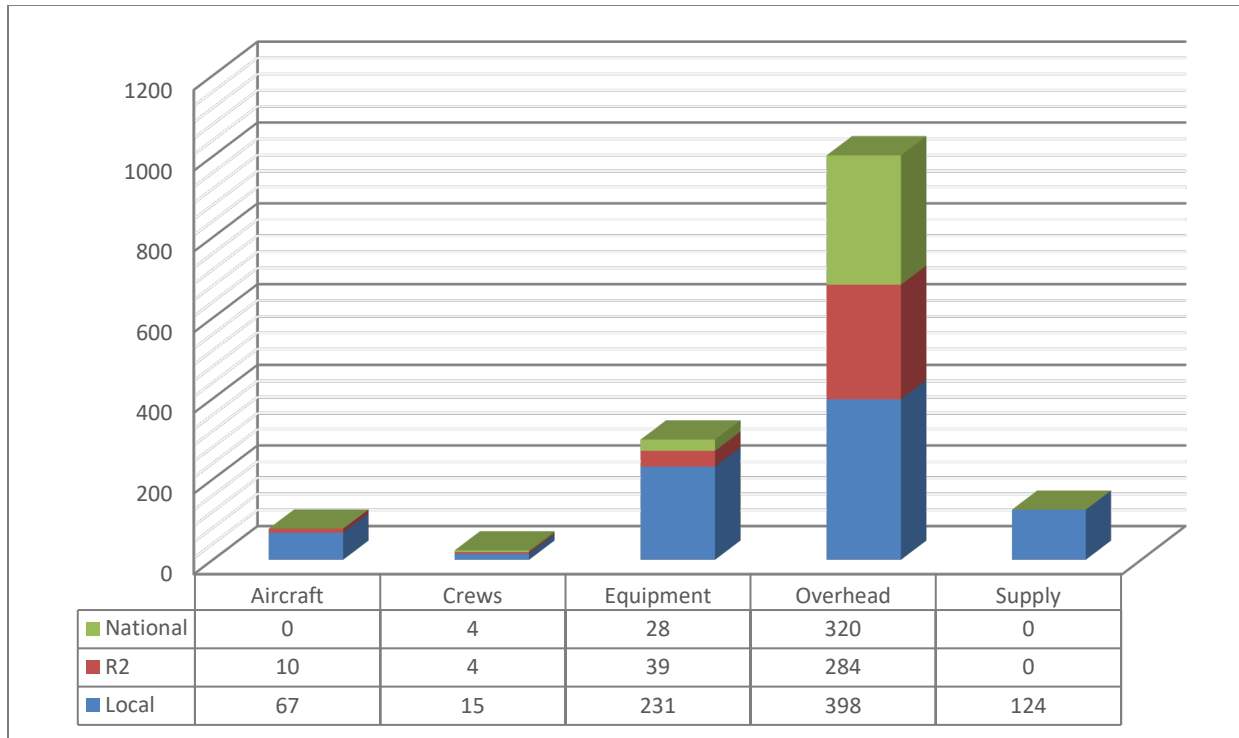
## Prescribed Fire Summary

7 units completed 280 acres of broadcast burning and 3879 acres of pile burns.

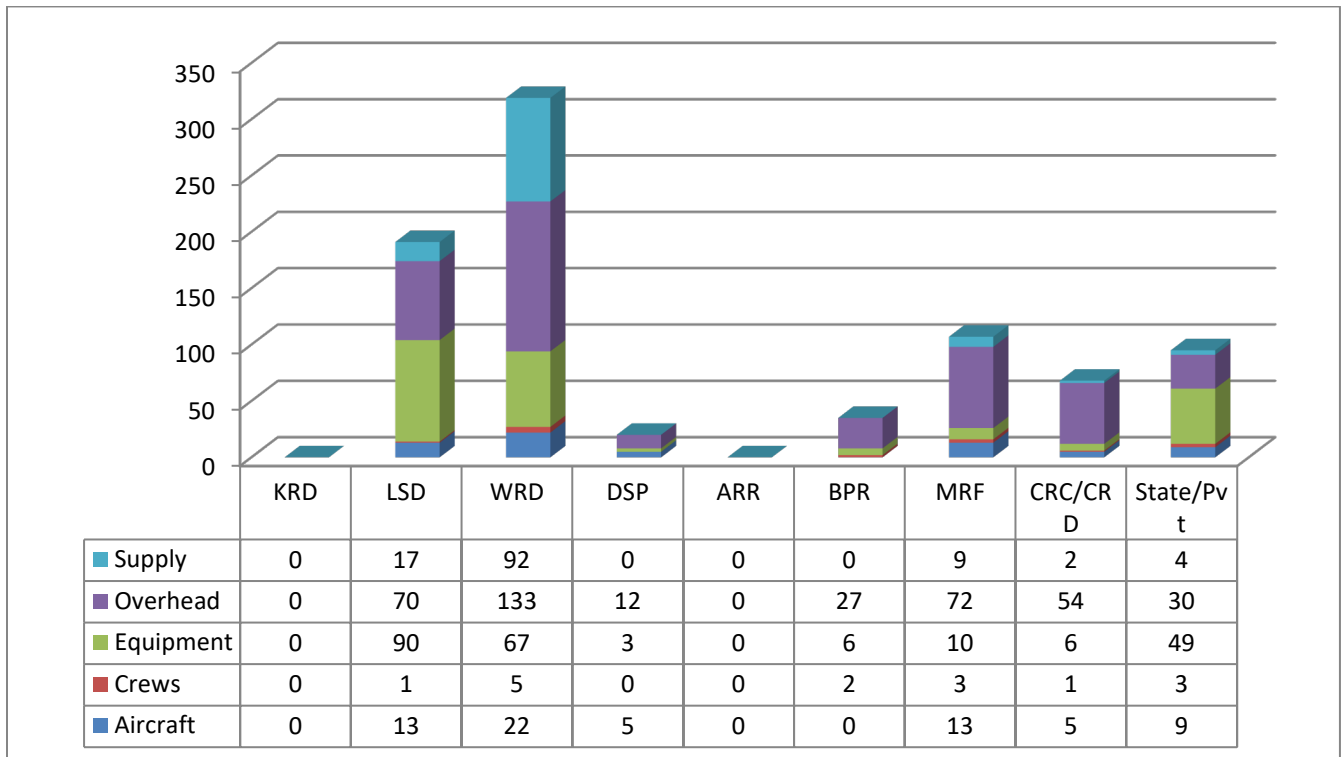
# CRC Resource Order Statistics

## IROC Orders Filled

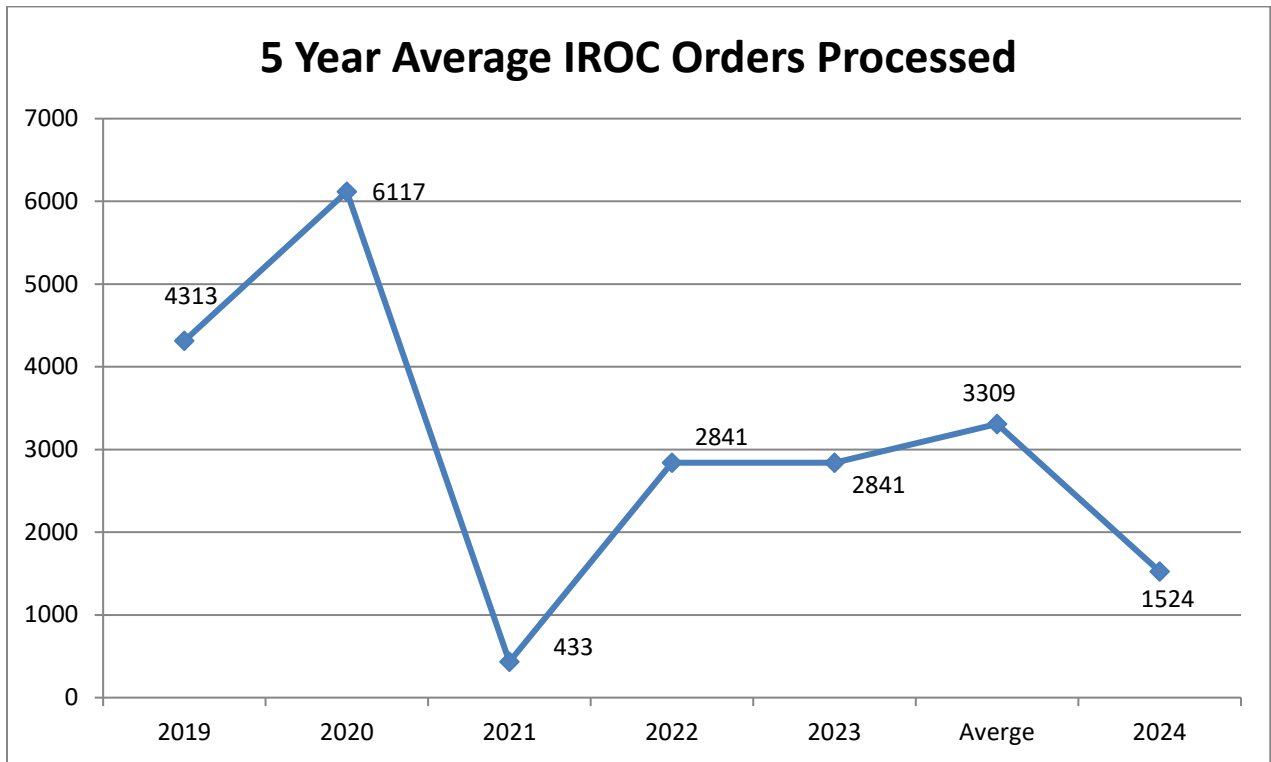
(Includes Incoming and Outgoing Orders)



## Local IROC Orders Placed by Unit

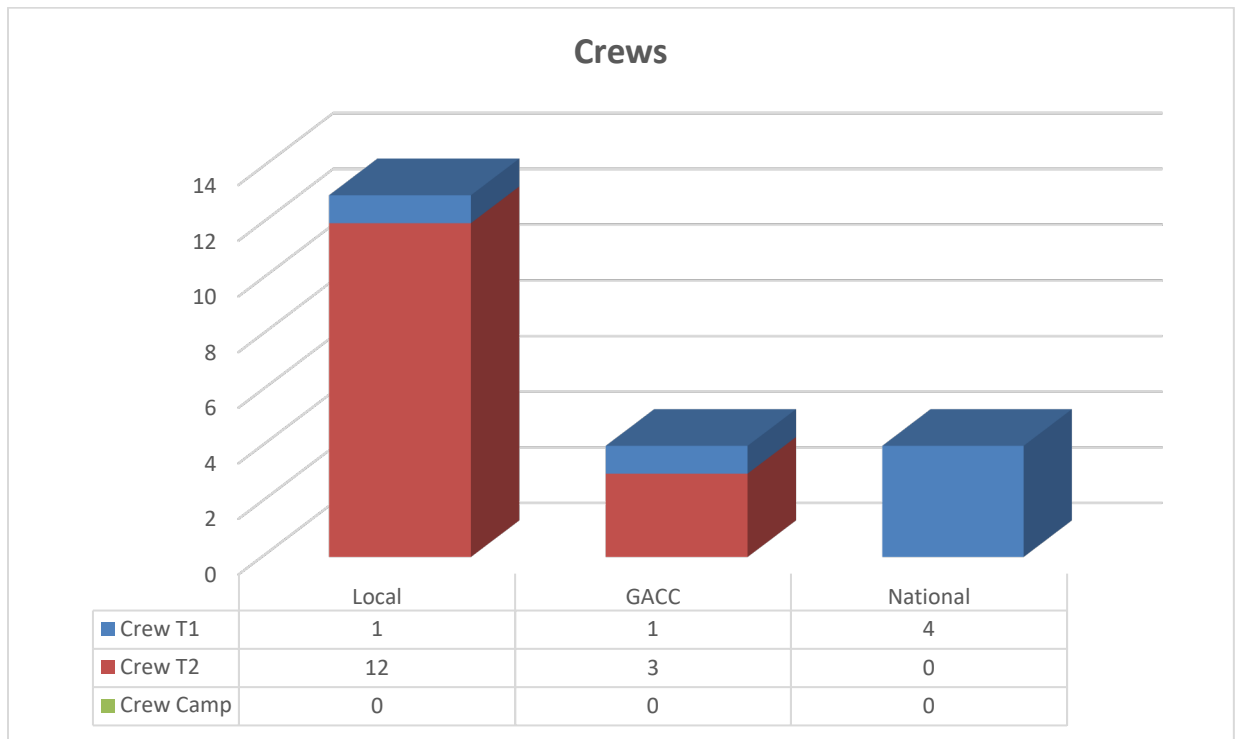


# IROC Orders Processed: Five-Year Average, 2019-2023





## Crew Summary



## Craig Hotshot 2024 Summary

Craig IHC worked on 10 Wildfires nationally and 2 RX assignments within R2 (1 for SWD BLM West Rim RX and Burdick RX for High Planes District BLM). These included assignments to New Mexico, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Washington and Oregon (totaling 87 days assigned to incidents, including travel). The crew participated in several fuels reduction projects for the BLM (prescribed fire and mechanical treatments, for a total of 14 days and approximately 450 acres treated). By the end of the fire season, the crew had worked roughly 900 hours of overtime while assembled). The fleet consisted of 4 vehicles, 1 trailer and UTV. The Supt truck and Alpha Buggy were down for one roll in August/September due to repairs over the minimum amount. The mileage driven between all 4 vehicles was roughly 47,000 miles. After going available Nationally the crew was assigned to SWCC Support and the Blue 2 fire and stayed busy through September when the crew finished up on the Snag fire in Idaho.

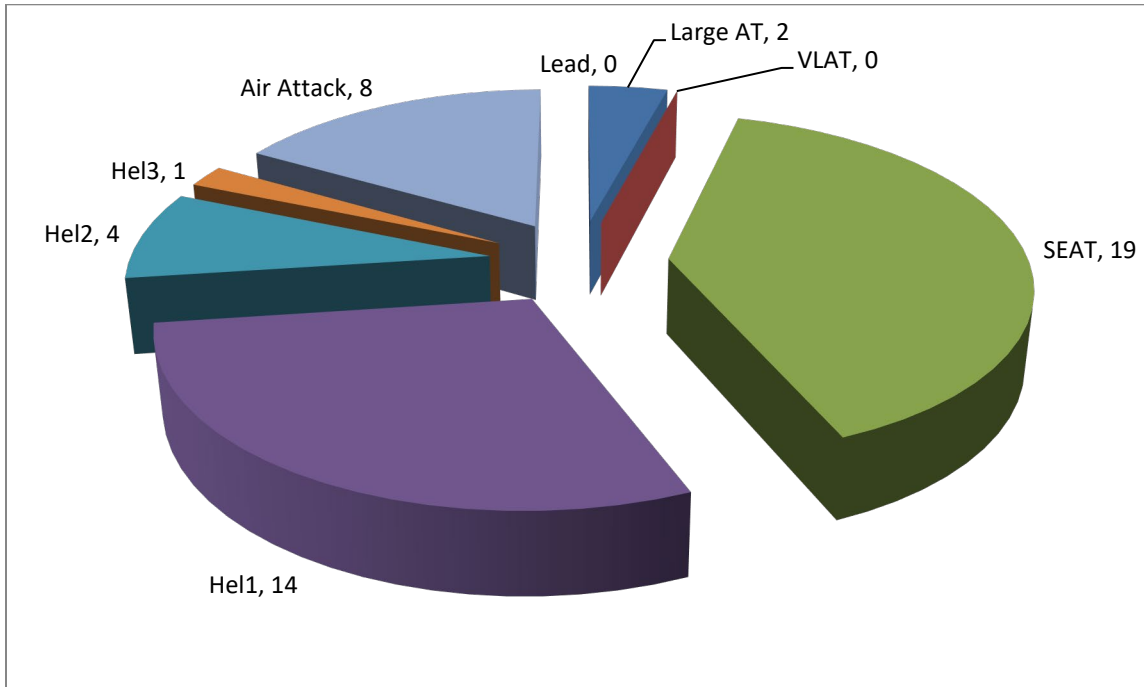
The crew reported to work on April 22nd which ended up being a PP later than intended due to issues with OSO and hiring. Following their two-week Operational Preparedness Training, the crew was made available nationally as a Type 1 crew. The crew was ordered up by SWD BLM to help with fuels work. The crew did 5 days before being demobed due to weather and a lack of work. A few days after returning home the crew was ordered for a lightning fire near Dolores, CO but had to turn down the assignment due to half the crew getting sick. During this time the remainder of the crew completed the Meeker fuel break for NWD BLM (Roughly 100 Acres treated). Assignments that followed were spread out through New Mexico, Wyoming RX, Colorado, Montana, Idaho, Oregon, Washington and finishing up back in Idaho.

The seasonals were laid off Friday the 20th of September and the career seasonals went through PP22 before getting laid off. We were lucky enough to have 2 apprentices this summer. One of them came from the USFWS in Illinois and participated throughout the summer with the crew and helped early season 1 PP before the crew came on. The second was from NPS in NW Colorado and she was able to be with the crew for 3 rolls.

The 2024 season was very successful season with a couple minor injuries that didn't cause individuals to miss time. We had some personnel issues during the season but were handled as appropriately as possible. The crew had lots of opportunity for training and growing throughout the ranks. The crew was able to maintain their IHC status all but (1) 14 day assignment which was a success due to issues with recruitment and retention. I looked at the 2024 season as a success and a continuation of growth from the 22 season.

# Aircraft Summary

## Tactical Aircraft Orders by Aircraft Type



**TOTAL ORDERS: 178**

## Craig SEAT Base usage

The Craig SEAT Base was not activated in 2024.