

**2002**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR**  
**Pueblo Interagency Dispatch Center**

2002 A year to remember for the Pueblo Interagency Dispatch Center which was characterized with a motto of “it could be worse”. But through it all PIDC was tested to its breaking points and survived. The year was started by a continued drought with only 50% of snow pack and April 1<sup>st</sup> saw our first Type III incident, this was just the warm up for what was to come. During the month of April we had 5 type III, 1 type II and 1 type I incident. On average we were going to be seeing a large fire every 3 days until the end of June. May brought 10 type III and 2 type I incidents along with 6 other large incidents that did not go team. A day to note for PIDC was May 31<sup>st</sup>, which had 29 incidents for over 22,000 acres. June was by far our worst month for structures lost due to wildland fires with a one day loss of over 150 structures in less then 8 hours on the Iron Mtn Inc. June saw 3 type III, 2 type II and 5 type I teams. By the end of June we had seen the evacuation of over 15,000 people with in our fire areas. At the highlight of activity PIDC had in the zone 4 type I and 2 type II teams working at the same time.

All during the year PIDC saw new challenges and records being broken for our dispatch zone from acres burned, total fires and total number of incidents, the biggest by far is the fact that we’re still staffing 7 days a week due to the restoration projects from the summers incidents. We opened a expanded dispatch in April and did not close it until the second week of October, we went into a period of 24 hour staffing that lasted over 90 days, the expanded dispatch organization moved 5 times during the summer for reasons outside of our control.

## Large Incidents

April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Platte Springs	Type III	250ac
April 16 <sup>th</sup>	Cedar Mtn	Type III	130ac
April 16 <sup>th</sup>	La Junta	Type III	180 ac
April 17 <sup>th</sup>	Topaz Mtn	Type III	300ac
April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Snaking	Type I	1555ac
April 25 <sup>th</sup>	Andrix I,II,III	Type III	740ac
April 28 <sup>th</sup>	Pine Glen	Type III	75ac
April 30 <sup>th</sup>	Cuerno Verde	Type II	600ac
May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Hanover	Type III	2000 ac
May 4 <sup>th</sup>	Spattz	Type III	40ac
May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Thunder Ridge	Type III	63ac
May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Black Mtn	Type I	245ac
May 6 <sup>th</sup>	Squirrel	Type III	64ac
May 15 <sup>th</sup>	Furnish	Type III	8000ac
May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Schoonover	Type I	3860ac
May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Deep Cyn	Type III	40ac
May 26 <sup>th</sup>	Kirkwell	Type III	1350 ac
May 26 <sup>th</sup>	Bishop Ranch		400 ac
May 28 <sup>th</sup>	Crazy French	Type III	300 ac
May 31 <sup>st</sup>	El Paso Complex	Type III	6,600 ac
May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Pueblo Co. Complex	Type III	9,650 ac
May 31 <sup>st</sup>	LAX Complex		1,500 ac
May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Lincoln Complex		800 ac
May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Pinyon Complex		500 ac
May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Cheyenne Complex		1000
May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Albert Co. Complex		600 ac
May 31 <sup>st</sup>	worked 23 other incidents on the same day		
June 1 <sup>st</sup>	Iron Mtn	Type I	4000ac
June 1 <sup>st</sup>	James John	Type III	2,400 ac
June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bents Cyn	Type III	3,400 ac
June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Spring	Type III	12000ac
June 4 <sup>th</sup>	Trinidad	Type II	4700ac
June 4 <sup>th</sup>	Rio Grande Complex	Type II	200ac
June 7 <sup>th</sup>	Fort Carson		600ac
June 8 <sup>th</sup>	Haymen South	Type I x3	137500ac
June 8 <sup>th</sup>	Haymen South	Type II x3	
June 11 <sup>th</sup>	Haymen North	Type I	
June 18 <sup>th</sup>	Haymen East	Type I	
June 19 <sup>th</sup>	Million	Type I	8000ac
June 25 <sup>th</sup>	Mack Gulch	Type III	310ac

June, July and August

Haymen fire ordered a total of 4 Type I and 3 Type II teams  
 PIDC had within our zone 3 Type I and 2 Type II teams working at the same time.

Resource Order Statistics

Overhead 4-year avg 512 positions  
 2002 - 4333

Crew's 4-year avg 66  
 2002 - 391

Equipment 4-year avg 240  
 2002 - 2518

Aircraft 4-year avg 79  
 2002 - 1095

**PUEBLO DISPATCH CENTER WORKLOAD VOLUME OF BUSINESS  
 1998-2002**

**FIRES/ACRES BY AGENCY**

AGENCY	1998		1999		2000		2001		2002	
	FIRE	ACRES	FIRE	ACRES	FIRE	ACRES	FIRE	ACRES	FIRE	ACRES
BLM	12	10.1	12	16.4	28	49.5	33	731	43	376.5
STATE (CNTY INCLUDED)	303	6,278.5	1,045	23,826.7	1,276	13,539.1	263	16,004	1,506	122,168
FWS	15	894.7	21	192.5	7	52.1	9	475	18	114.4
NPS	0	0	2	1	1	5,542	1	4,700	1	300
FS (PSICC & RGF)	125	2,501.8	81	1,168.8	172	8,066.5	145	8,041	169	154,980
DOD	ND	ND	95	5,184	1	3,500	12	3,226	75	13,818.0
BIA	No rpt	No rpt	No rpt	No rpt	No rpt	No rpt	No rpt	No rpt	4	106
TOTALS	455	9,685.0	1,256	30,389.4	1,485	30,749.2	463	33,177.0	1,816	377,148

**Note: CSFS/County Totals reflect acreage called in by State Agencies**

**RESOURCE ORDERS PROCESSED**

<b>RESOURCE ORDER</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>
OVERHEAD	362	196	956	535	4,333
CREWS	78	56	97	32	391
EQUIPMENT	160	42	626	142	2,518
SUPPLY	821	75	1,540	457	50,000+
AIRCRAFT	55	27	152	82	1,095
PREVENTION	NO DATA	NO DATA	NO DATA	NO DATA	25

**RESOURCE ORDERS PROCESSED OUT OF AREA**

**(Note: PSICC and RGF combined)**

<b>1998</b>					
	<b>BLM</b>	<b>STATE/COUNTY</b>	<b>FWS</b>	<b>NPS</b>	<b>FS</b>
OVERHEAD	23	26	6	1	159
CREWS	0	4	1	0	18
EQUIPMENT	7	32	0	0	23

<b>1999</b>					
	<b>BLM</b>	<b>STATE/COUNTY</b>	<b>FWS</b>	<b>NPS</b>	<b>FS</b>
OVERHEAD	15	21	13	0	111
CREWS	0	0	0	0	8
EQUIPMENT	3	8	1	0	27

<b>2000</b>					
	<b>BLM</b>	<b>STATE/COUNTY</b>	<b>FWS</b>	<b>NPS</b>	<b>FS</b>
OVERHEAD	22	40	13	2	229
CREWS	0	1	0	0	23
EQUIPMENT	5	43	4	0	25

<b>2001</b>					
	<b>BLM</b>	<b>STATE/COUNTY</b>	<b>FWS</b>	<b>NPS</b>	<b>FS</b>
OVERHEAD	41	25	14	2	337
CREWS	0	0	0	0	19
EQUIPMENT	6	10	0	0	46

<b>2002</b>					
	<b>BLM</b>	<b>STATE/COUNTY</b>	<b>FWS</b>	<b>NPS</b>	<b>FS</b>
OVERHEAD	10	59	3	9	60
CREWS	0	5	0	0	5
EQUIPMENT	0	21	3	0	1