Prescott Dispatch Center

2023 ANNUAL REPORT

Participating Agencies

- ## Bureau of Indian Affairs
    - Colorado River Agency
    - Fort Yuma Agency
    - Western Regional Office

- ## Bureau of Land Management
    - Colorado River District
    - Phoenix District
    - Arizona State Office

- ## United States Fish & Wildlife Service
    - Bill Williams National Wildlife Refuge
    - Cibola National Wildlife Refuge
    - Havasu National Wildlife Refuge
    - Imperial National Wildlife Refuge
    - Kofa National Wildlife Refuge

- ## United States Forest Service
    - Prescott National Forest

WildCAD Incident History
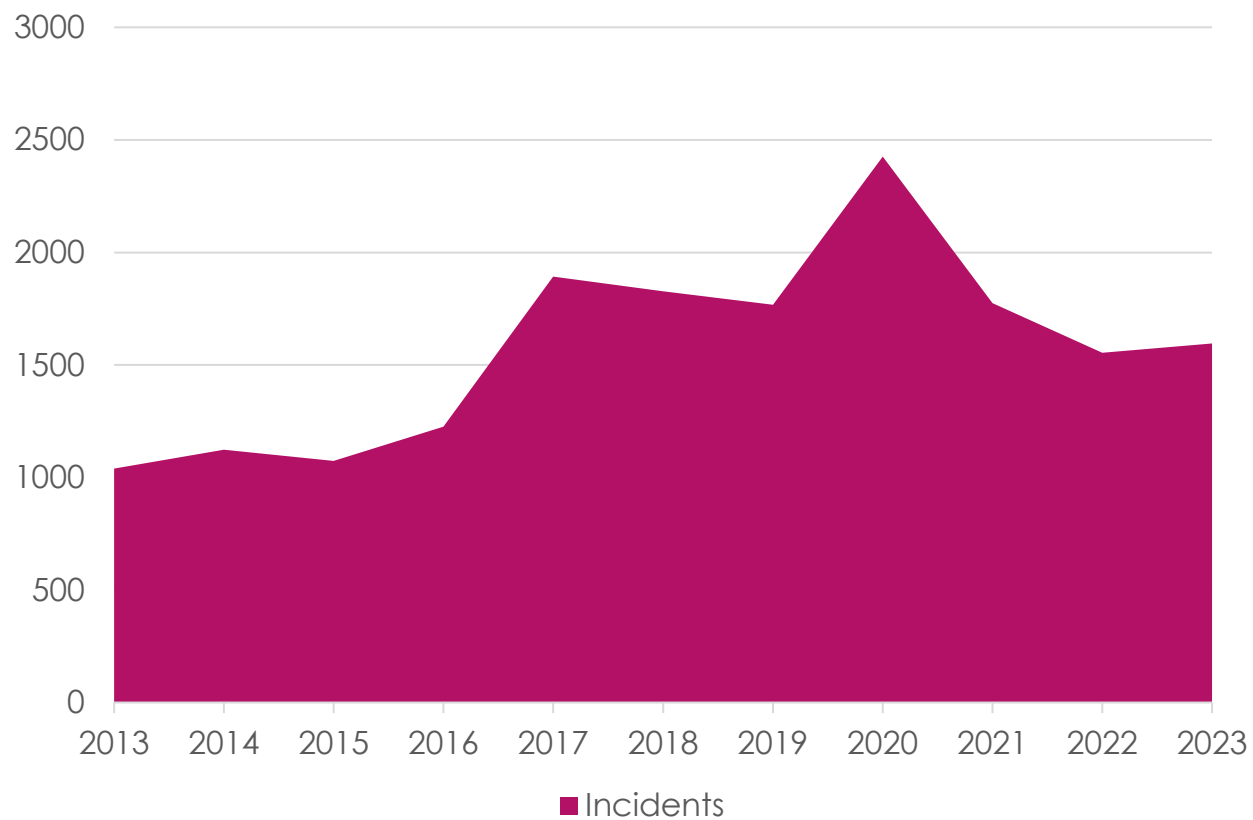
- 2013: 1,040
  - 2014: 1,124
    - 2015: 1,074
      - 2016: 1,226
        - 2017: 1,893
          - 2018: 1,828
            - 2019: 1,768
              - 2020: 2,426
                - 2021: 1,677
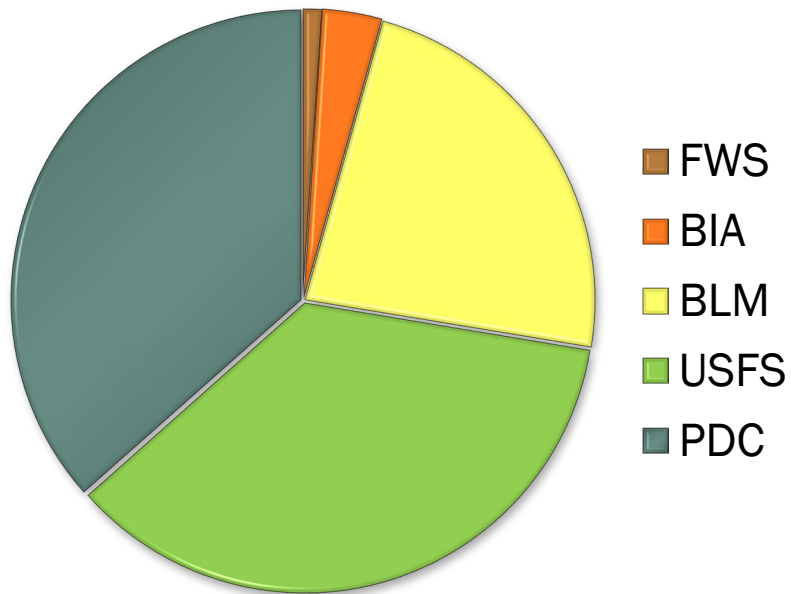   - 2022: 1,555

2023: 1,596 Incidents

- Majority of incidents between April and September: **1,277**
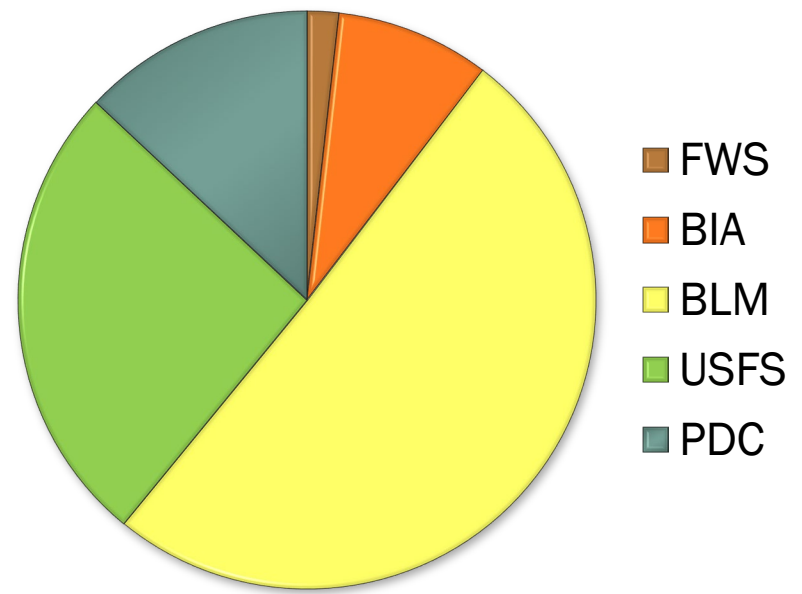- Over the calendar year, average number of incidents per day: **4**

PDC Incidents per Year

2023 Incidents by Agency

All Incident Types

Wildfires & Smoke Checks

Legend (left chart): FWS, BIA, BLM, USFS, PDC

Legend (right chart): FWS, BIA, BLM, USFS, PDC

WildCAD Incident Types

All Incident Types:
- Wildfire
- Prescribed Fire
- Law Enforcement
- Smoke Check
- Resource Order
- Vehicle Fire
- Public Assist
- Emergency Standby
- Search & Rescue
- Aircraft
- Medical
- Hazmat
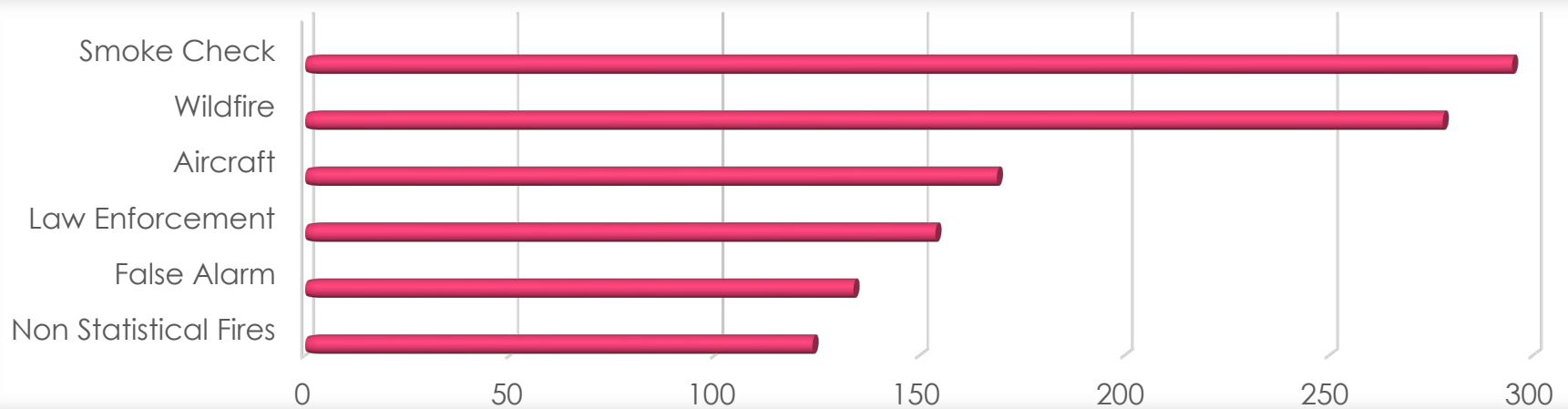- Traffic Collision
- False Alarm
- Miscellaneous
- Non-Stat

Wildfire Sub Types:
- Statistical
- Agency Assist
- Abandoned Campfire
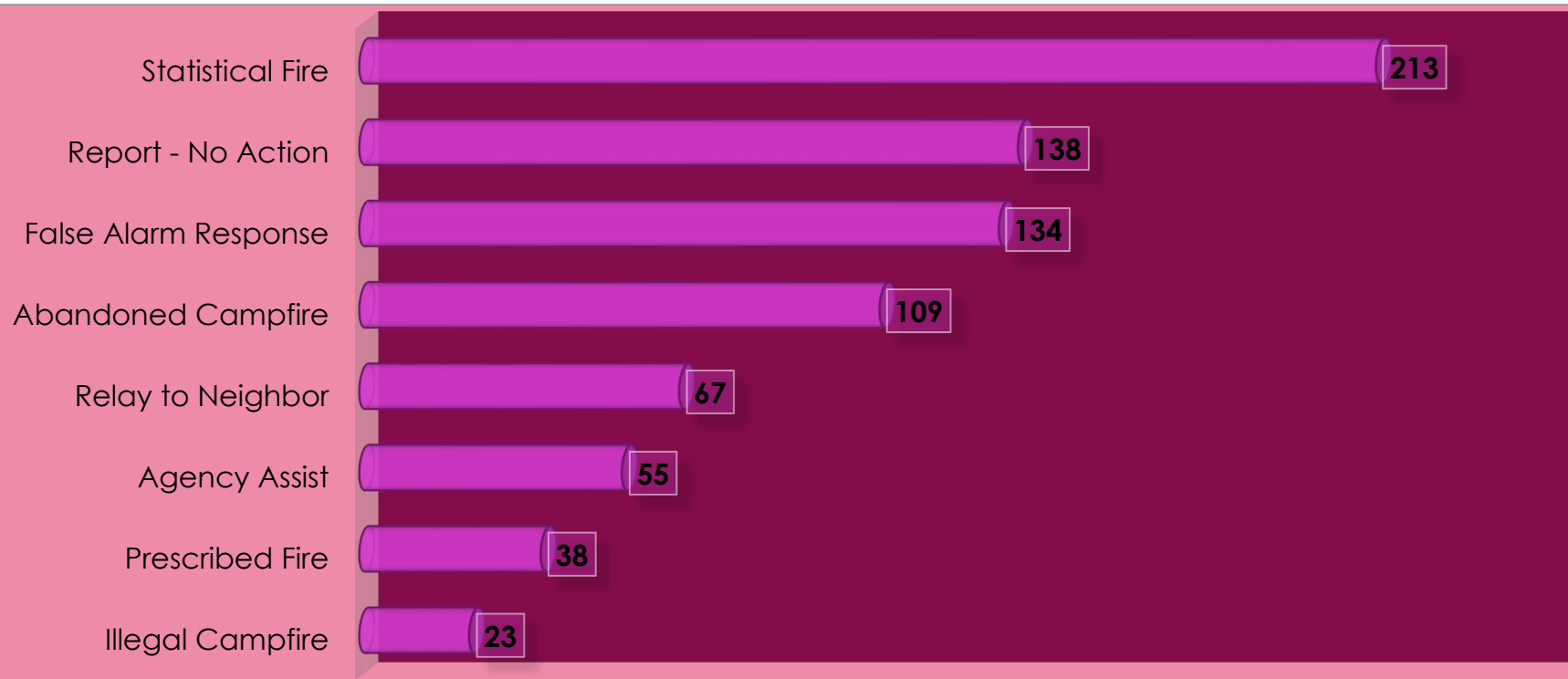- Illegal Campfire
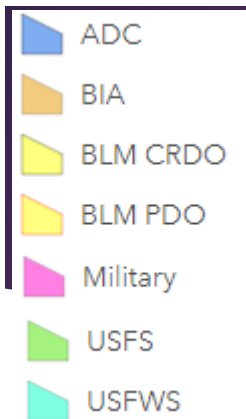- Restriction Enforcement

Smoke Check Sub Types:
- Report Only – No Action
- Relay to Neighbor

2023 Top Incident Types by Quantity

Fire-Related Incidents by Quantity

Category	Quantity
Statistical Fire	213
Report - No Action	138
False Alarm Response	134
Abandoned Campfire	109
Relay to Neighbor	67
Agency Assist	55
Prescribed Fire	38
Illegal Campfire	23

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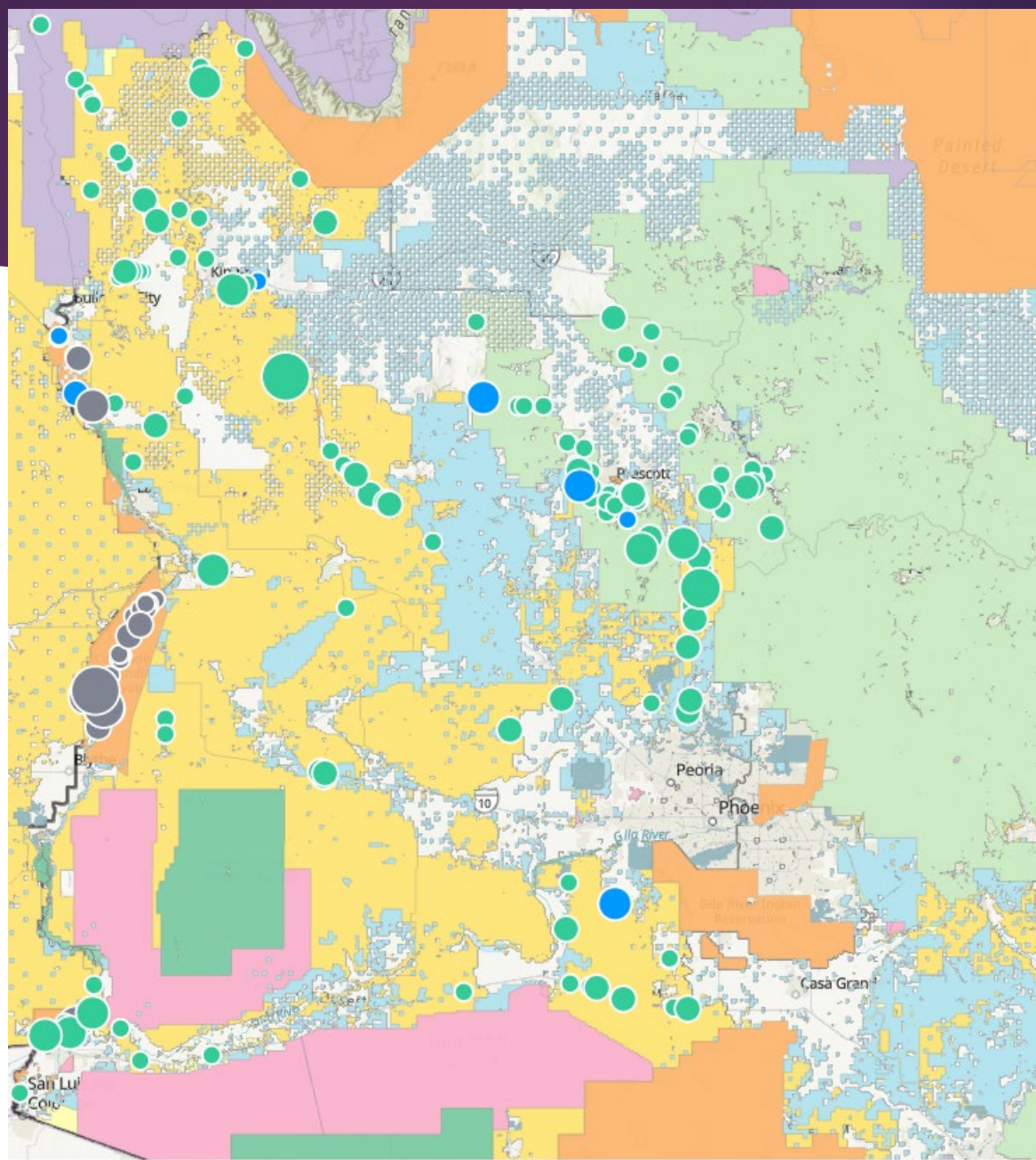- ADC
- BIA
- BLM CRDO
- BLM PDO
- Military
- USFS
- USFWS

Class G
Class A

2023 *Statistical* Wildfires
(*based on jurisdictional ownership*)

BLM — 112 Fires – 1,973 acres

USFS — 60 Fires – 1,549 acres

BIA — 38 Fires – 885 acres

FWS — 3 Fires – 46 acres

IMT Incidents

- **Grapevine (AZ-PNF)**
  - Type 3 - IC: Ryan Barela
  - Started on July 21st
  - Total of 1,049 acres
  - Declared Out on September 20th

2023 Restrictions/Closures

Prescott National Forest
- *Stage 1*: June 29th – August 19th
- *Stage 2*: None

Bureau of Indian Affairs / Tribal Partners
- *Stage 1*: June 20th – August 15th
- *Stage 2*: None

Bureau of Land Management (CRD/PHD)
- *Stage 1*: __CRD:__ May 26th - August 25th / __PHD:__ June 6th – August 25th
- Stage 2: None

Fish and Wildlife
- Standard Stage 1 restrictions are in effect year-round.

CRD Fire Activity - 2023

Fire Size Class
A: 0 - .25
B: .26 - 9.9
C: 10 - 99
D: 100 - 299
E: 300 - 999
F: 1000 - 4999
G: 5000 +

74 Statistical Fires
623 Acres

- CRD (66 – 509 acres)   - Park (0)
- BOR agreement (1 – 0.25 acres)   - MSCP (0)
- FYA agreement (7 – 114 acres)

65 CRD Human Caused
215 Acres

Fire Size Class A/B:
60 Fires - 42 Acres

Fire Size Class C+:
5 Fires – 173 Acres

9 CRD Lightning Caused
408 Acres

Fire Size Class A/B:
8 Fire - 2 Acres

Fire Size Class C+:
1 Fires – 406 Acres

- ***False Alarm Response***: *61*

- ***Agency Assist***: *29*

★ 2020: 76 Fires – 4386 acres ★ 2021: 82 Fires – 4,499 acres ★ 2022: 66 Fires – 2,250 acres

PHD Fire Activity - 2023

Fire Size Class
A: 0 - .25
B: .26 - 9.9
C: 10 - 99
D: 100 - 299
E: 300 - 999
F: 1000 - 4999
G: 5000 +

**45 Statistical Fires
1,463 Acres**

- PHD (44 – 1,447 acres)
- BOR agreement (1 – 16 acres)

**44 Human Caused
1,441 Acres**

**1 Lightning Caused
22 Acres**

Fire Size Class A/B:
38 Fires - 17 Acres

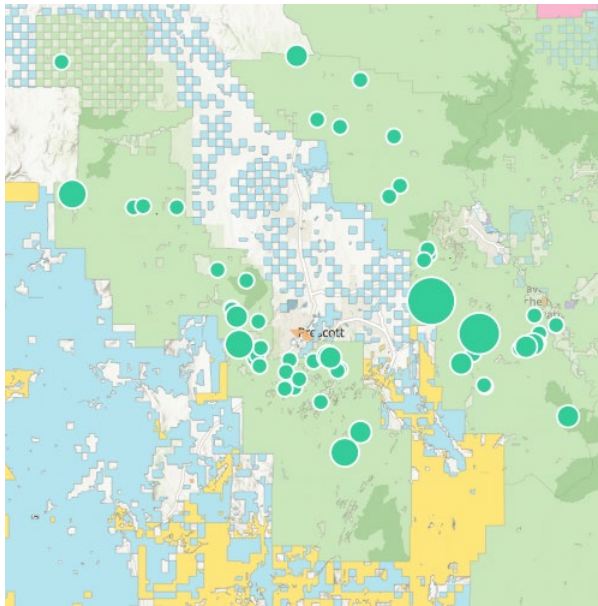Fire Size Class C+:
6 Fires – 1,424 Acres

Fire Size Class A/B:
0 Fires – 0 Acres

Fire Size Class C+:
1 Fire - 22 Acres

- ***False Alarm Response***: 26

- ***Agency Assist***: 11

★ 2020: 75 fires – 12,949 ★ 2021: 29 fires – 5,779 acres ★ 2022: 25 fires – 17 acres

PNF Fire Activity - 2023

- Grapevine 07/21 1,049 acres

**60 Statistical Fires
1,549 Acres**

**45 Human Caused
78 Acres**

**15 Lightning Caused
1,471 Acres**

Fire Size Class A/B:
43 Fires - 12 Acres
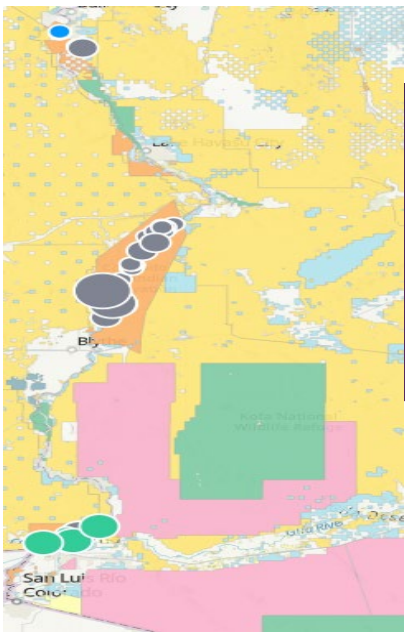
Fire Size Class C+:
2 Fires – 66 Acres

Fire Size Class A/B:
12 Fires - 5 Acres

Fire Size Class C+:
3 Fire – 1,466 Acres

- *False Alarm Response: 43*

- *Agency Assist: 15*

⭐ 2020: 52 fires – 12,181 ac   ⭐ 2021: 49 fires – 37,144 ac   ⭐ 2022: 45 fires – 9,494 ac

BIA Fire Activity - 2023

Fire Size Class
A: 0 - .25
B: .26 - 9.9
C: 10 - 99
D: 100 - 299
E: 300 - 999
F: 1000 - 4999
G: 5000 +

38 Statistical Fires
885 Acres

- CRA (31 – 771 acres)
- FYA (7 - 114 acres)

38 Human Caused
885 Acres

0 Lightning Caused
0 Acres

Fire Size Class A/B:
32 Fires - 10 Acres
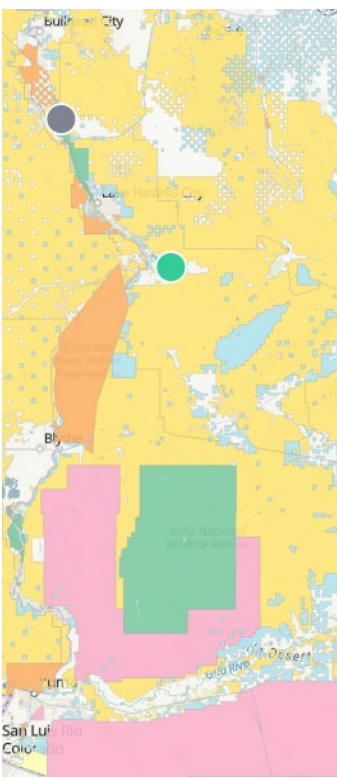
Fire Size Class C+
6 Fires - 875 Acres

Fire Size Class A/B:
0 Fire – 0 Acres

Fire Size Class C+
0 Fires – 0 Acres

False Alarm Response: 10

Agency Assists: 1

2020: 57 fires – 303 acres   2021: 49 fires – 420 acres   2022: 35 fires – 6,017 acres

FWS Fire Activity - 2023

Fire Size Class
A: 0 - .25
B: .26 - 9.9
C: 10 - 99
D: 100 - 299
E: 300 - 999
F: 1000 - 4999
G: 5000 +

3 Statistical Fires
46 Acres

- CBR (0)   - BWR (2)   - IMR (0)
- HVR (1)   - KGR (0)

3 Human Caused
46 Acres

Fire Size Class A/B:
1 Fires – 0.1 Acre

Fire Size Class C+
2 Fires - 46 Acres

0 Lightning Caused
0 Acres

Fire Size Class A/B:
0 Fires - 0 Acres

Fire Size Class C+
0 Fires – 0 Acres

False Alarm Response: 0

Agency Assists: 0

★ 2020-: 11 fire – 116 acres   ★ 2021: 5 fires – 2,446 acres   ★ 2022: 4 fires – 16 acres

UNIT	Burn Days	Acres Accomplished
PNF	55	20,243
BLM	19	3,398
FWS	4	951
BIA	0	0

Prescribed Fire Activity

2023 Resource Ordering/Mobilization

Processed over 5,000 requests

➢ *Overhead*
- Processed **3,055** requests
- PDC Resources include BIA, BLM, FWS & USFS overhead

➢ *Supplies*
- Processed **1,159** requests
- Requests include ongoing fire and incident replacement (NFES and non-NFES supplies)

➢ *Equipment*
- Processed **512** requests
- PDC Resources include BIA, BLM, FWS, USFS and contract vendor equipment

➢ *Aircraft*
- Processed **213** requests
- PDC Resources include USFS & BLM helicopters and Air Attack
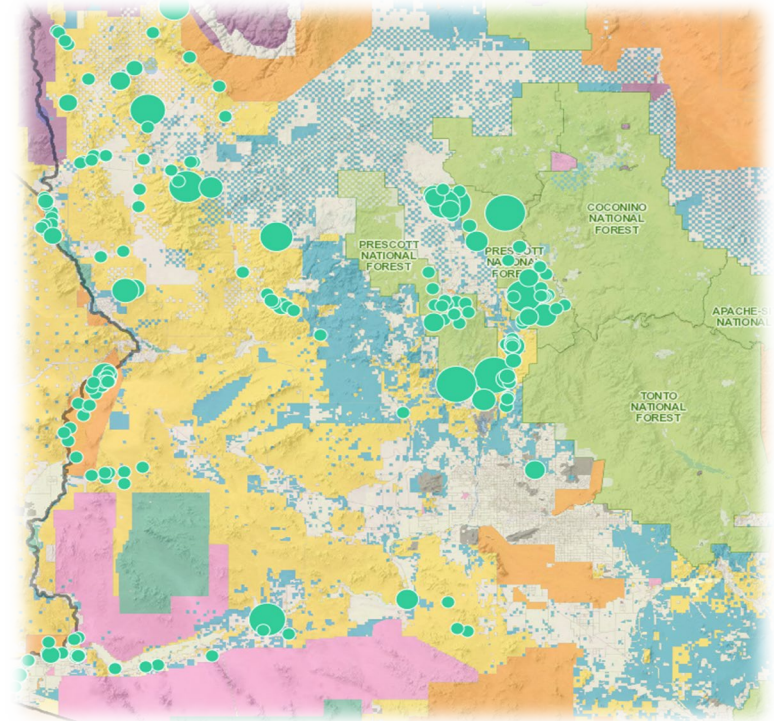
➢ *Crews*
- Processed **80** requests
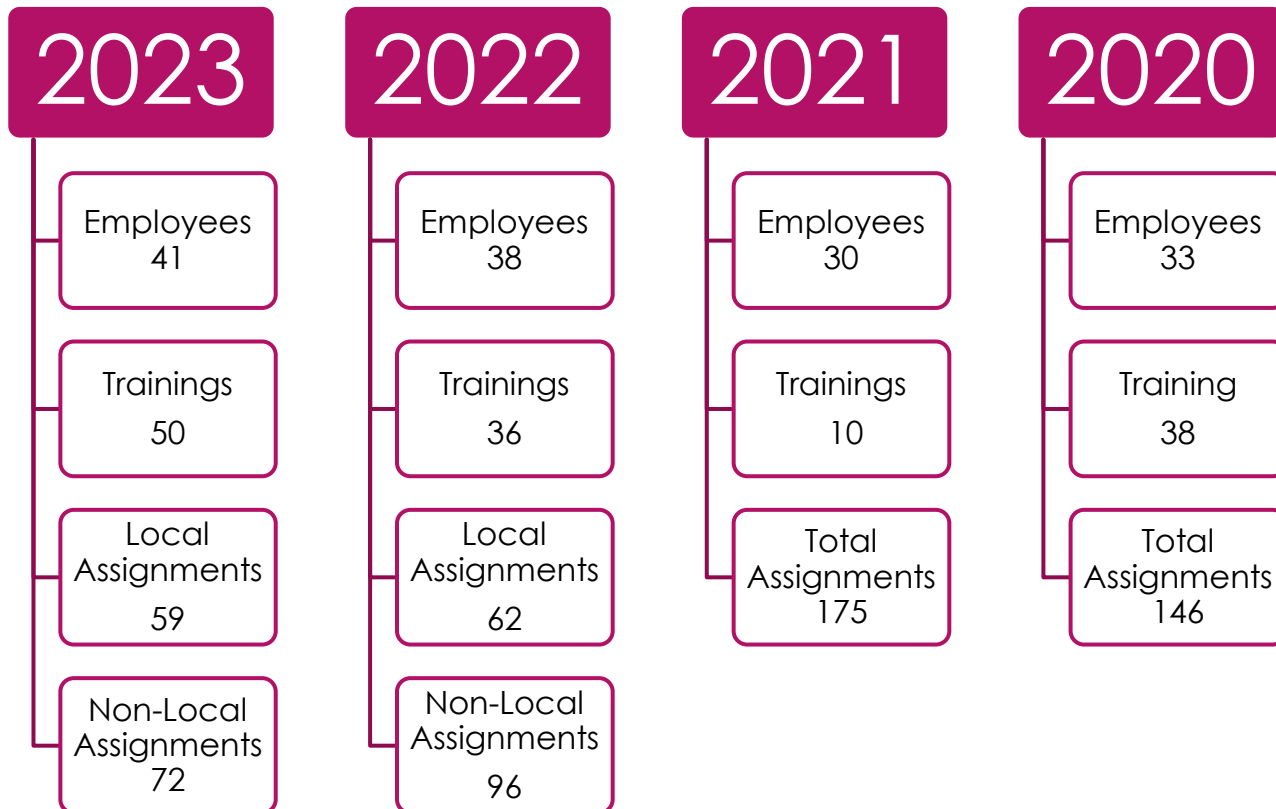- PDC Resources include Prescott Hotshots & a Fire Suppression Module

NFDRS

- Operate the Weather Information Management System (WIMS) for 15 DOI RAWS and 4 USFS RAWS
- Document and disseminate NFDRS Indices and Components to field units
- Implement the Western Arizona Zone NFDRS Operating Plan
- Produce Fire Danger/Outlook/Current Conditions products for DOI & USFS units
- Display Fire Danger Pocket Cards according to NWCG standards
- Assist with Response, Preparedness, Staffing Levels and communicate to field units
- Utilize FireFamilyPlus software to provide fire management with tools to aid in decision making

Mapping

- Manage PDC ArcGIS Online project with shared access to multiple layers
- Create new layers to meet agency/PDC needs
- Coordinate with agency's GIS specialists for updates
- Provide on-demand map products
- Edit Response Areas as needed

PNF AD Program

2023
- Employees
  41
- Trainings
  50
- Local Assignments
  59
- Non-Local Assignments
  72

2022
- Employees
  38
- Trainings
  36
- Local Assignments
  62
- Non-Local Assignments
  96

2021
- Employees
  30
- Trainings
  10
- Total Assignments
  175

2020
- Employees
  33
- Training
  38
- Total Assignments
  146

PDC Website

Manage site to provide products & services in support of the participating agencies and PDC staff

2023 PDC Staffing

- **Center Manager**: Barry Wallace
- **Assistant Center Manager**: Bec Sandle
- **Assistant Center Manager**: Ashley Epright
- **IA/Aircraft Dispatcher**: Brandon Padron
- **IA/Aircraft Dispatcher**: Mariah Heye
- **IA/Aircraft Dispatcher**: Nicole Wescott
- **Intelligence/Support**: Viola Plummer
- **Logistics Dispatcher**: Sara Sexson

2023 Accomplishments

- Successful transition to next generation computer aided dispatch: WildCAD-E
- Staffed Expanded Dispatch from late May to mid August, hosted Type 3 IMT
- Provided 24-Hour staffing from late May through July
- Increased capabilities with virtual dispatching and on-call work
- Supplemental workforce (local & non-local) of 22 dispatchers
- Hosted National Weather Service staff onsite at PDC
- PDC Staff received training and assignment opportunities
- Successfully managed Prescott NF AD Program, timely processing of travel and time
- Provided personnel for training cadre, hiring events and local emergency drills
- Enhanced & maintained PDC Website
- Provided IQCS program management assistance
- Maintained WildCAD-E database including phone directory, run cards, resources
- Remained on the cutting edge of Dispatch information technology including FireNet, SharePoint, IRWIN, text notification system, electronic records

Looking into 2024…

Continued focus on excellent customer service to all the agencies we serve

- **NFDRS**
    - Continue to enhance and implement interagency Fire Danger Operating Plan for the PDC area of responsibility (PNF, BLM, BIA, FWS)
- **IROC**
    - Continued development, enhancement, and training
- **IRWIN**
    - Track the latest system integration and connected applications
- **InFORM**
    - Contribute to successful completion of fire reports
- **AGOL**
    - Enhance ArcGIS Online for incident mapping and intel
    - Use during Initial Attack and Aircraft dispatching
- **CAD**
    - Continue to enhance WildCAD-E for PDC operations
- **FireNet**
    - Enhance PDC SharePoint site with easy access to files