Prescott Dispatch Center

2024 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

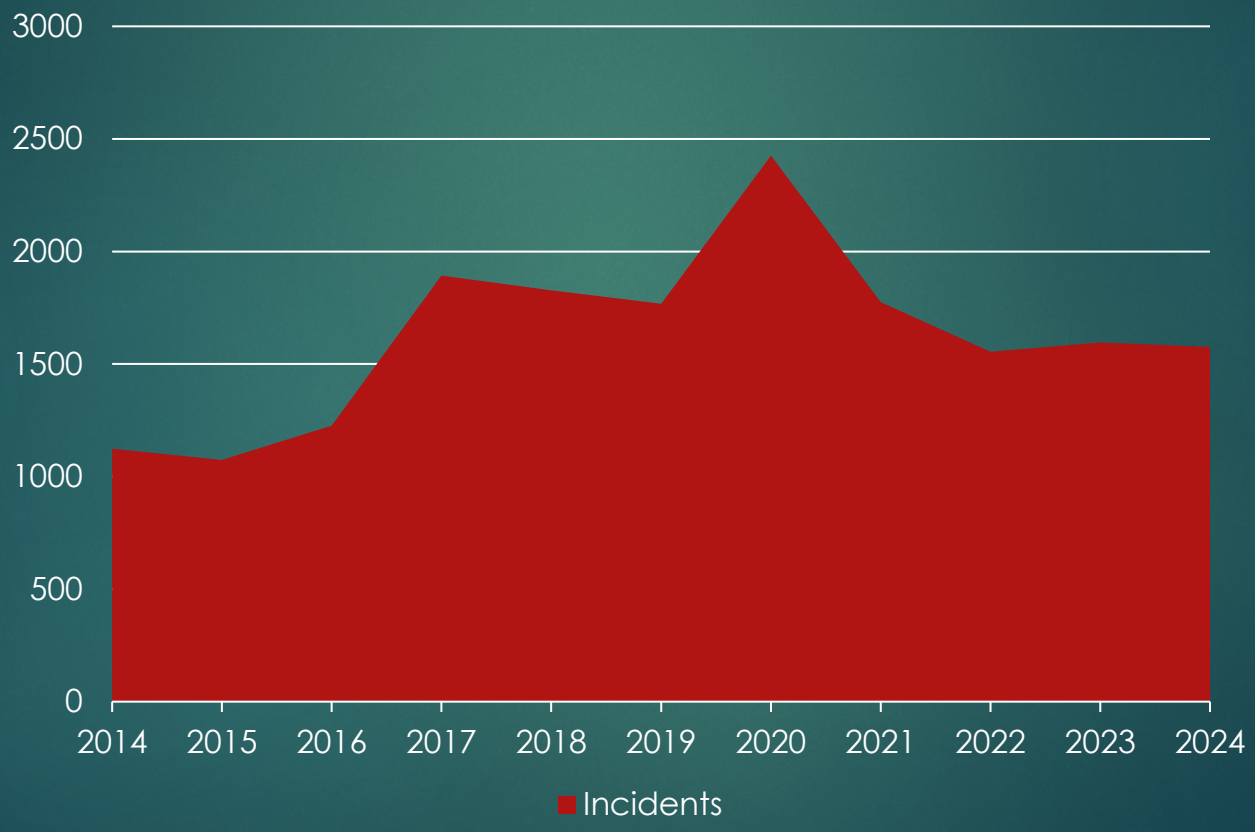
WildCAD Incident History

- 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**

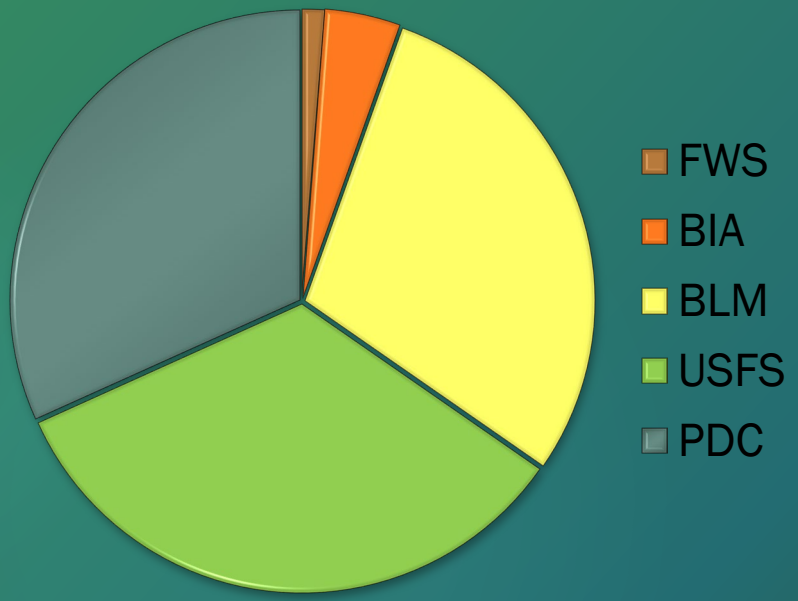
2024: 1,510 Incidents

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

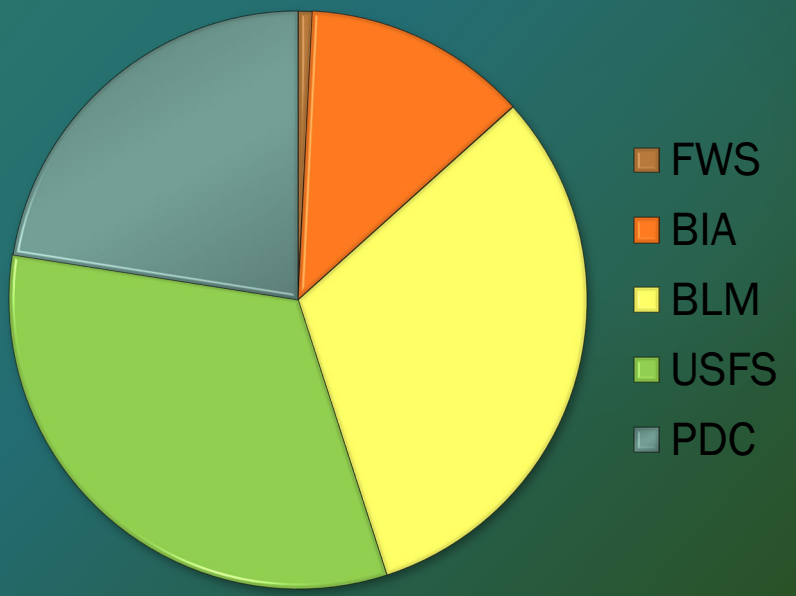
PDC Incidents per Year



2024 Incidents by Agency



All Incident Types



Wildfires & Smoke Checks

WildCAD Incident Types

Fire Related:

- Wildfire
- Non-Statistical
- False Alarm
- Prescribed Fire
- Smoke Check
- Vehicle Fire
- Agency Assist

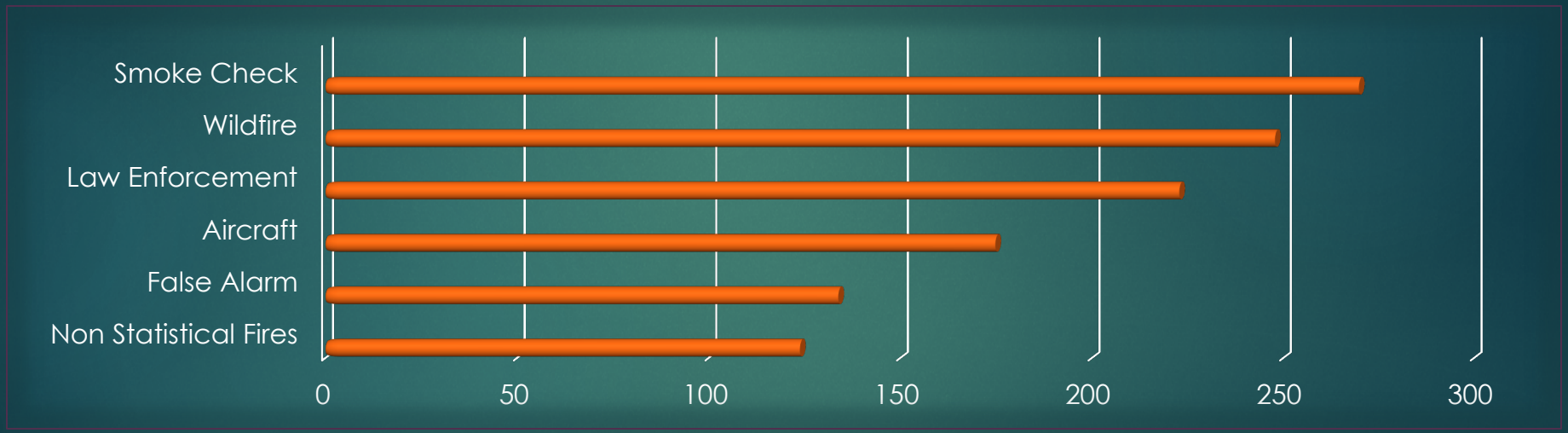
Smoke Check Sub Types:

- Report Only – No Action
- Relay to Neighbor

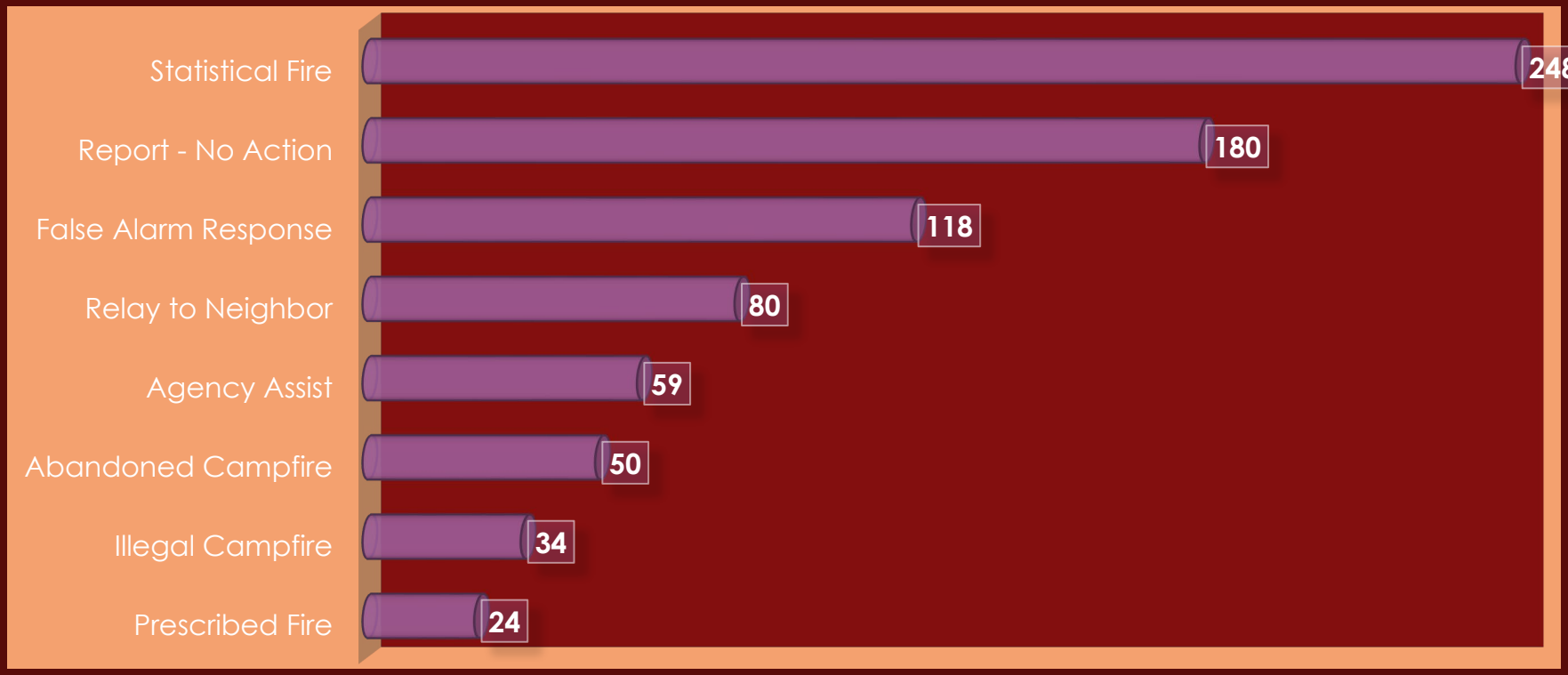
Non-Fire Related:

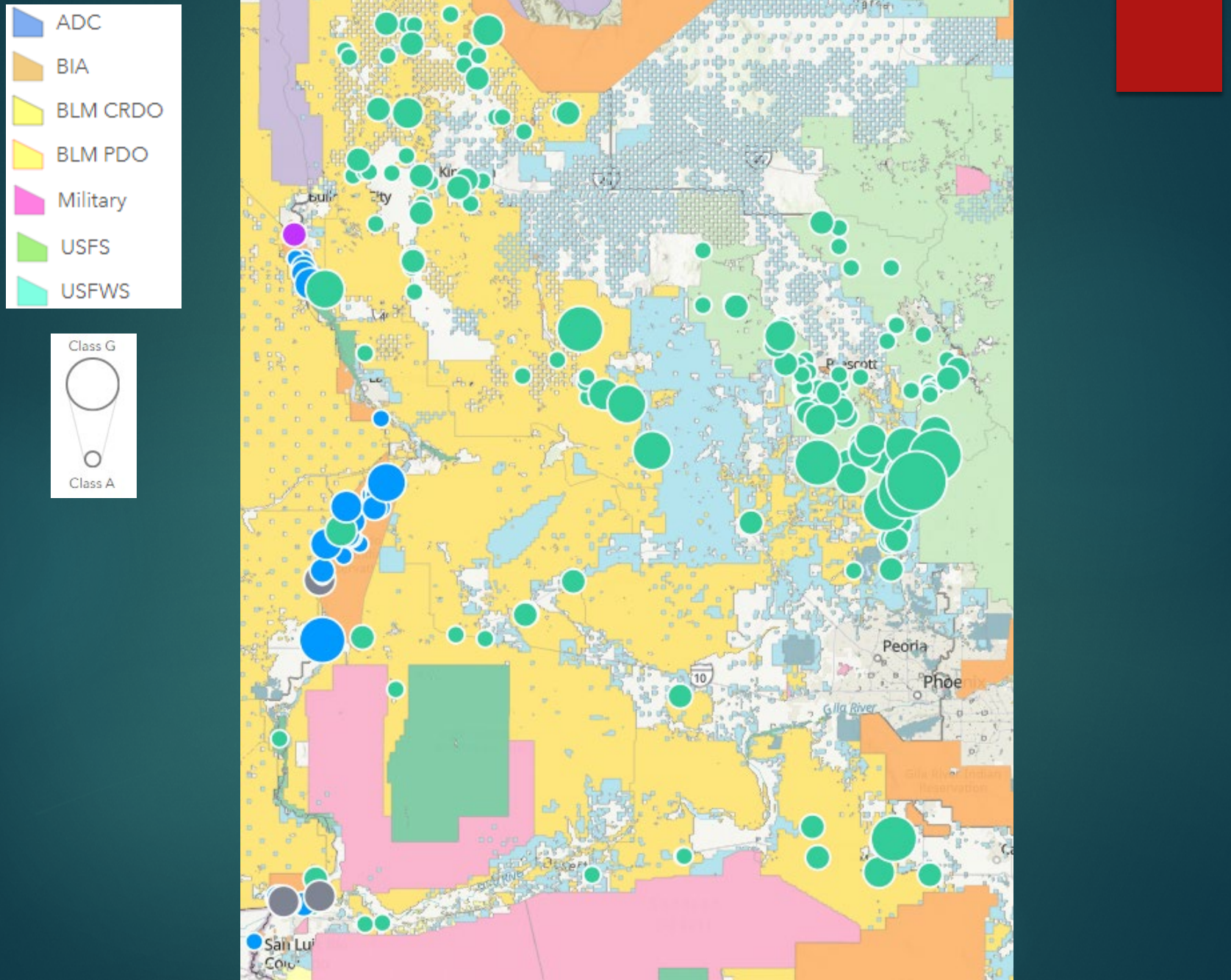
- Law Enforcement
- Smoke Check
- Resource Order
- Public Assist
- Emergency Standby
- Search & Rescue
- Aircraft
- Medical
- Hazmat
- Traffic Collision
- Miscellaneous

2024 Top Incident Types by Quantity



Fire-Related Incidents by Quantity




ADC
BIA
BLM CRDO
BLM PDO
Military
USFS
USFWS
Class G
Class A
Peoria
Phoe
Gila River
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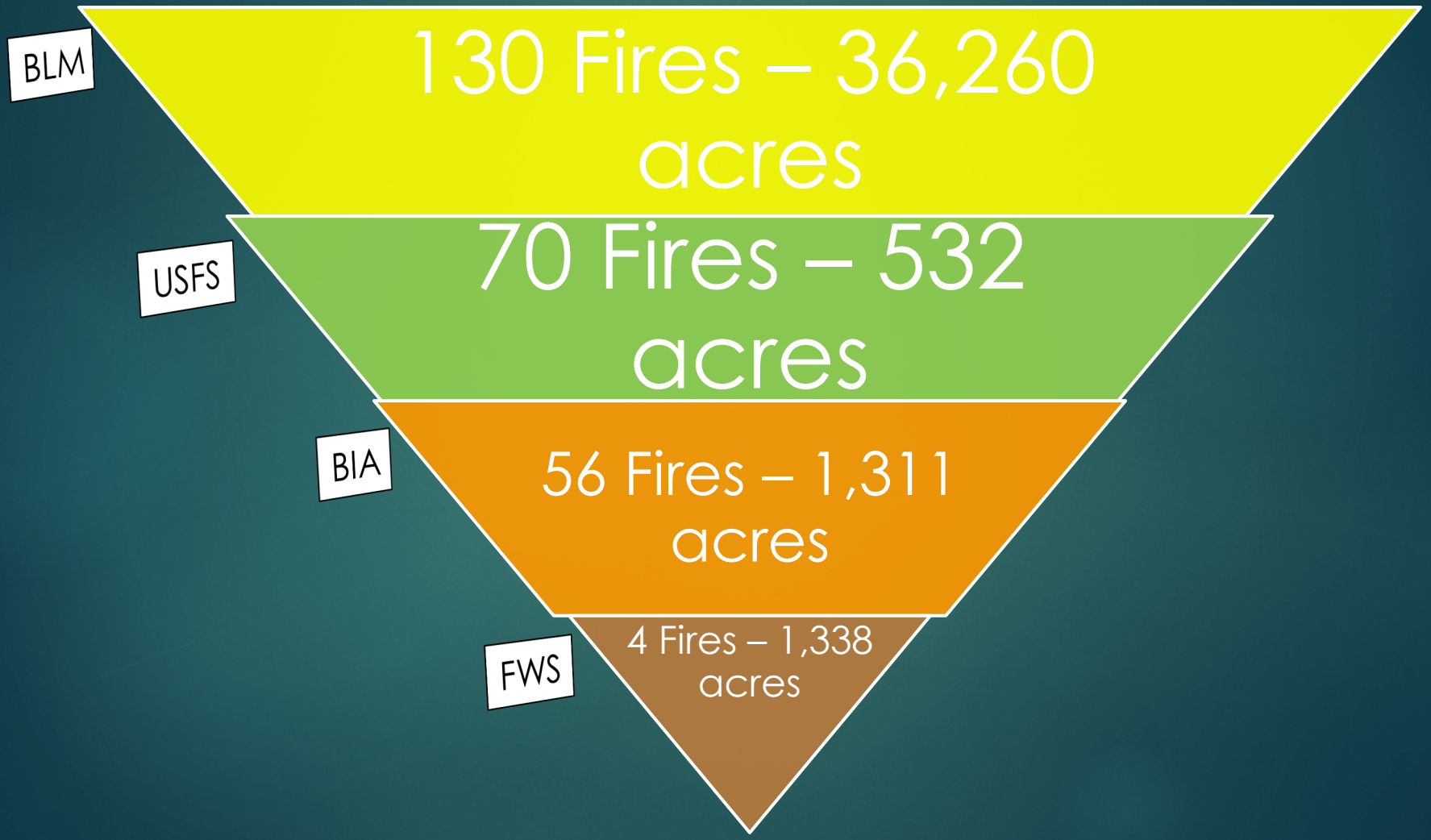
2024 *Statistical* Wildfires

(based on jurisdictional ownership)



IMT Incidents

- Refuge (AZ-IMR)
  - Type 3 - IC: Benjamin Stewart
  - Started on May 25th
  - Total of 1,041 acres
  - Declared Out on September 10th

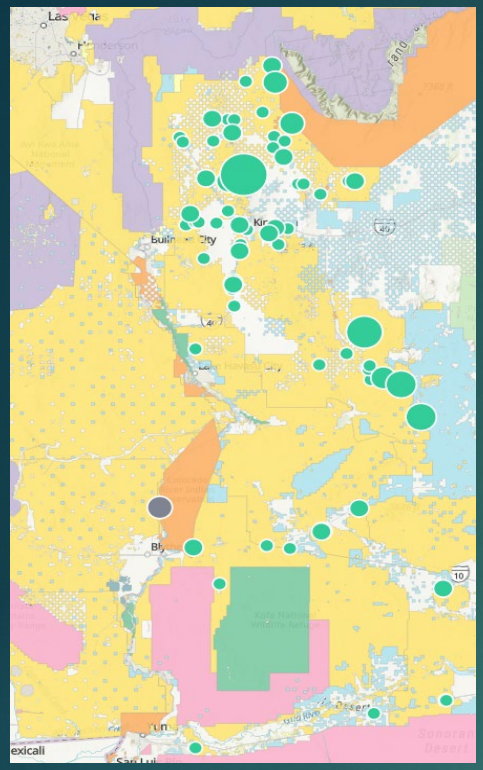
2024 Restrictions/Closures

Prescott National Forest
- *Stage 1*: June 6th – August 8th
- *Stage 2*: None

Bureau of Indian Affairs / Tribal Partners
- *Stage 1*: Standard Stage 1 restrictions are in effect year-round

Bureau of Land Management (CRD/PHD)
- *Stage 1*: **CRD:** May 30th – September 27th / **PHD:** June 10th – August 22nd
- *Stage 2*: None

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



CRD Fire Activity - 2024

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

85 Statistical Fires
6,530 Acres

- *CRD (73 – 6,504 acres)*
- *Hualapai Park (0)*
- *BOR agreement (0 – acres)*
- *MSCP (0)*
- *FYA agreement (12 – 26 acres)*

64 CRD Human Caused
179 Acres

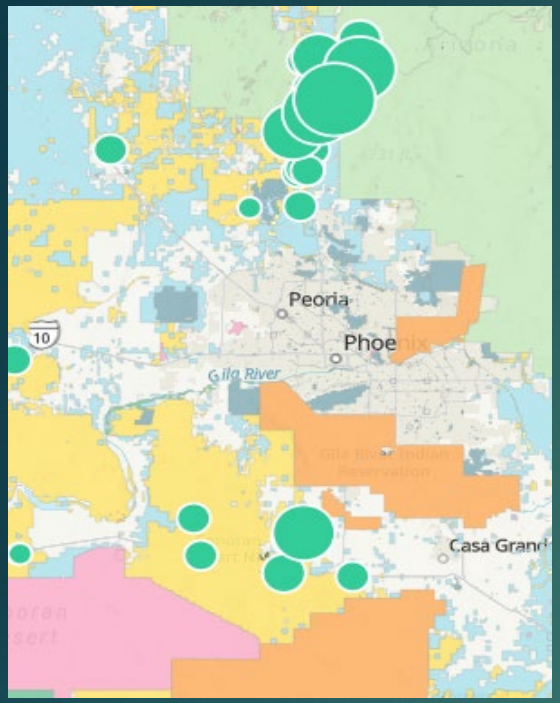
- Fire Size Class A/B: **61 Fires - 34 Acres**
- Fire Size Class C+: **3 Fires – 145 Acres**

21 CRD Lightning Caused
6,351 Acres

- Fire Size Class A/B: **13 Fires - 7 Acres**
- Fire Size Class C+: **8 Fires – 6,344 Acres**

- ***False Alarm Response**: 59*
- ***Agency Assist**: 38*

★ 2021: 82 Fires – 4,499 acres ★ 2022: 66 Fires – 2,250 acres ★ 2023: 74 Fires – 623 acres



PHD Fire Activity - 2024

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
29,730 Acres

- *PHD (44 – 29,729 acres)*
- *BOR agreement (1 – 1 acre)*

35 Human Caused
1,850 Acres

Fire Size Class A/B:
28 Fires - 32 Acres

Fire Size Class C+:
7 Fires – 1,818 Acres

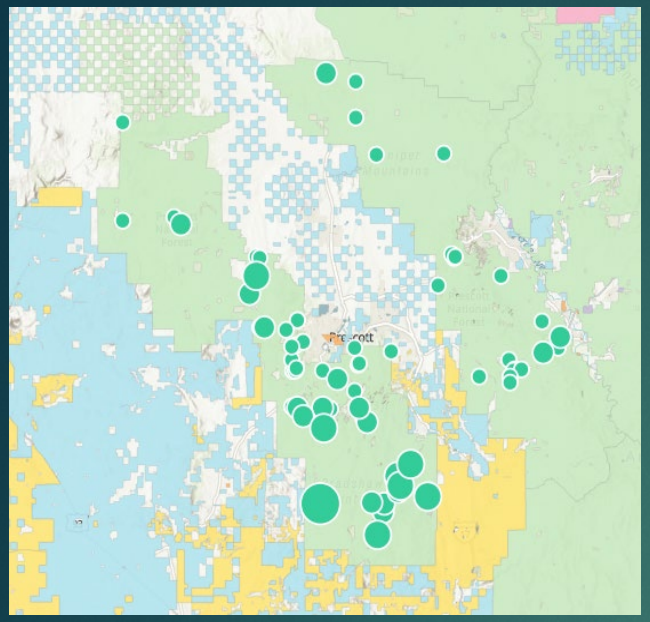
10 Lightning Caused
27,880 Acres

Fire Size Class A/B:
4 Fires – 10 Acres

Fire Size Class C+:
6 Fires – 27,870 Acres

- ***False Alarm Response**: 15*
- ***Agency Assist**: 26*

★ 2021: 29 fires – 5,779 acres ★ 2022: 25 fires – 17 acres ★ 2023: 45 Fires – 1,463 acres



PNF Fire Activity - 2024

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

70 Statistical Fires
532 Acres

41 Human Caused
44 Acres

29 Lightning Caused
488 Acres

Fire Size Class A/B:
39 Fires - 9 Acres

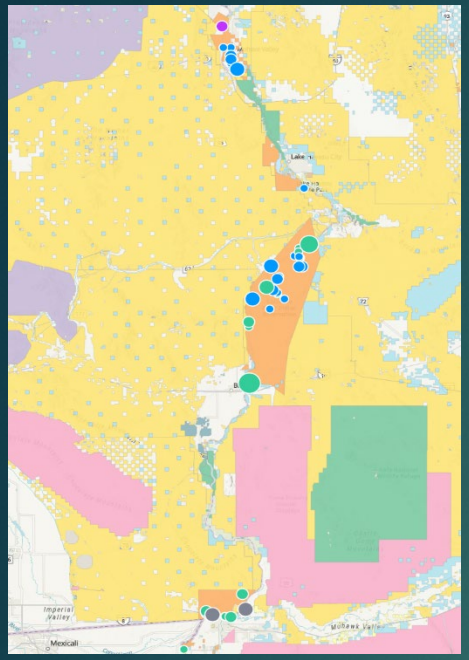
Fire Size Class C+:
2 Fires – 35 Acres

Fire Size Class A/B:
23 Fires - 11 Acres

Fire Size Class C+:
6 Fire – 477 Acres

- ***False Alarm Response: 36***
- ***Agency Assist: 9***

★ 2021: 49 fires – 37,144 acres ★ 2022: 45 fires – 9,494 acres ★ 2023: 60 fires – 1,549 acres



BIA Fire Activity - 2024

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

56 Statistical Fires
1,311 Acres

- CRA (44 – 1285 acres)
- FYA (12 - 26 acres)

56 Human Caused
1,311 Acres

Fire Size Class A/B:
48 Fires - 23 Acres

Fire Size Class C+
8 Fires – 1,288 Acres

False Alarm Response: 13

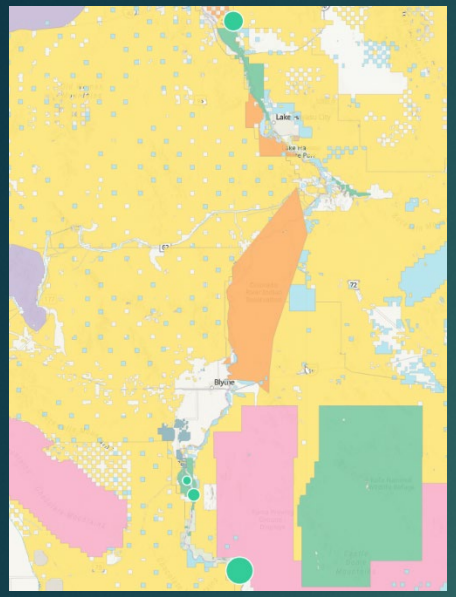
0 Lightning Caused
0 Acres

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

Fire Size Class C+
0 Fires – 0 Acres

Agency Assists: 1

★ 2021: 49 fires – 420 acres ★ 2022: 35 fires – 6,017 acres ★ 2023: 38 fires – 885 acres



FWS Fire Activity - 2024

Refuge (AZ-IMR) – 1,041 acres

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

4 Statistical Fires
1,338 Acres

IMR (1) 1,041 acres / CBR (2) 1 acre
- HVR (1) 296 acres / KGR (0) / BWR (0)

4 Human Caused
1,338 Acres

Fire Size Class A/B:
2 Fires – 1 Acre

Fire Size Class C+
2 Fires – 1,337 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: 1

Agency Assists: 0

★ 2021: 5 fires – 2,446 acres ★ 2022: 4 fires – 16 acres ★ 2023: 3 fires – 46 acres

UNIT	BURN DAYS	ACRES
PNF	27	9,074
BLM	13	1,133
FWS	5	677
BIA	0	0

Prescribed Fire Activity

2024 Resource Ordering/Mobilization

Processed 5,470 requests

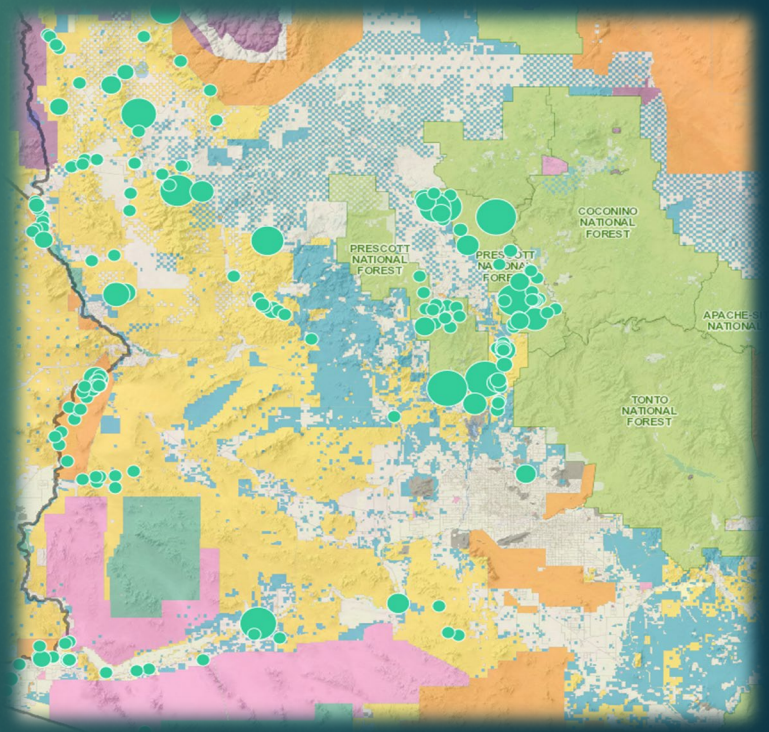
- ***Overhead***
  - Processed **3,449** requests
  - PDC Resources include BIA, BLM, FWS & USFS overhead
- ***Supplies***
  - Processed **1,062** requests
  - Requests include ongoing fire and incident replacement (NFES and non-NFES supplies)
- ***Equipment***
  - Processed **610** requests
  - PDC Resources include BIA, BLM, FWS, USFS and contract vendor equipment
- ***Aircraft***
  - Processed **277** requests
  - PDC Resources include USFS & BLM helicopters and Air Attack
- ***Crews***
  - Processed **72** 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

PDC Website

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

2024 PDC Staffing

Center Manager: Barry Wallace

Assistant Center Manager: Bec Sandle

Assistant Center Manager: Brandon Padron

Dispatcher: Sara Sexson

Dispatcher: Savanna Brooks

Dispatcher: Nicole Wescott

Dispatcher: Viola Plummer

2024 Accomplishments

- Staffed Expanded Dispatch from May to August, hosted Type 3 IMT
- Provided 24-Hour staffing from May through July
- Supplemented PDC workforce with 17 dispatchers on assignment
- 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 2025…

Continued focus on excellent customer service for 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