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Introduction:

Pecos Zone ended this fire season on Dec, 31, 2012 with 245 fires, 210 false alarms and 285 smoke checks within the center's jurisdictional area. Total acres burned 63422. The table below depicts the number of fires and acres by agency for the year 2012.

	Total Fires	Total Acres
MEA	32	386.19
CAD	35	387.8
ROD	10	853.2
LCD	1	25
LNF	23	40572.66
BTR	0	0
SNR	0	0.00
AMP	0	0.00
RGP	0	0.00
BBP	5	31.2
CCP	1	1849
CHP	0	0.00
FDP	0	0
GUP	2	173
WHP	0	0.00
N5S	136	19144.09
TOTALS	245	63422.34

2012 Fuels and Weather:

Fuels reached a critical threshold in zones NM114 & NM115 around May 2012. Fuel loading in the eastern part of our zone was light and scattered into pockets, especially in the grass fuel models.

Over the Sacramento Mountains, the timber fuel models reached very high to extreme levels due to drought conditions. June showed an increase in fire activity. The Little Bear fire started in the wilderness area and was wind driven, with heavy fuel loading and dry conditions contributing to the high rate of fire spread. Lightning activity level was moderate, which kept the number of initial attack fires to a minimum.

Prescribed Burning

Acres Burned per Agency:

	RX Fires	RX Acres					
MEA	3	763.8	White Tail RX	Nogal Piles RX	Flume Ridge		
CAD	2	2050	Pecos River RX	Cottonwood Draw			
ROD	2	544.25	Juniper Rx	Ft. Stanton			
LNF	3	296	Grindstone	Slash Pit	Akers		
BTR	2	2310	Spring Ditch	North Tract			
SNR	1	2	Piles				
AMP							
RGP							
BBP	1	119	Big Bend Cane				
CCP							
CHP							
FDP							
GUP							
WHP							
NSS							
TOTALS	14.00	6085.05					

Lightning Summary

The first lightning-caused fires started on April 24, 2012 within the NM-CAD jurisdiction, total acres burned for that day was 137. Most of the lightning caused fires were located on the eastern side of the zone. The largest lightning caused fire was the Little Bear which started June 4, 2012 with total acres burned of 44,330 including all jurisdictions.

Breakdown of Lightning Fires by Agency

	Lighting Fires	Lightning Acres		Lighting Fires	Lightning Acres
MEA	13	364.05	BBP	2	.2
CAD	11	338.5	CCP	1	1849
ROD	2	8.8	RGP		
LCD			FDP		
LNF	14	40550.65	GUP	2	173
BTR			WHP		
SNR			NSS	50	18138.1
AMP			TOTALS	95	61422.3

Trespass/Cause Determination:

Lincoln National Forest has no fires under investigation. NM-MEA has 2 human caused fires, under investigation. New Mexico State Forestry NM-N5S, all fires over 1 acre in size, the IC in command makes the determination of cause; human, lightning, train, power lines, etc.

I-209- Large Incidents By Agency

Agency	Number of Incidents	Total 209 Acres Per Agency
NM-CAD		
NM-LNF	2	51,617
NM-MEA		
NM-N5S	6	7,698
NM-ROD	1	829
TX-BBP		
Totals		60,144

2012 Fire Activity and RX Breakdown:

	Human Fires	Human Acres	Lighting Fires	Lightning Acres	WFU Fires	WFU Acres	Total Fires	Total Acres	RX Fires	RX Acres	False Alarms
MEA	21	22.44	13	364.05			34	386.49	3	763.8	21
CAD	23	49.2	11	338.5			34	387.7	2	2050	22
ROD	8	844.4	2	8.8			10	853.2	2	544.25	17
LCD	1	25					1	25			
LNF	9	22.01	14	40550.65			23	40572.66	3	296	62
BTR							0	0	2	2310	1
SNR							0	0	1	2	
AMP							0	0			
RGP							0	0			
BBP	3	31	2	0.2			5	31.2	1	119	1
CCP			1	1849			1	1849			
CHP							0	0			
FDP							0	0			
GUP			2	173			2	173			
WHP							0	0			
N5S	86	1005.99	50	18,138.10			136	19144.09			22
TOTALS	151	2000.04	95	61422.3	0	0	246	63422.34	14	6085.05	146

Incident Numbers and Dispatch Hours by Agency:

The hours represent total hours that an incident was open, example:

Example: Lone fire started 08:00 hrs. and closed, 12:00 hrs., total of 4 hrs., two or more incidents may be opened at any time for any agency.

Agency	Incidents	Hours
ADC	23	11076
BBP	7	5694
BTR	3	142
CAD	63	30149
CCP	1	578
Eddy Ct.	3	79
GUP	3	2851
LCD	2	4336
Lincoln Ct.	4	439
LNF	150	97280
MEA	70	45406
NSS	84	32614
ROD	30	21263
SWCC	40	29508
TICC	2	394
TOTALS	488	278693

Education/Prevention:

The Southwest Incident Management Team (Reinarz) mobilized to the Little Bear Fire on June 9, 2012 and demobed on June 25th. A total of 57 Public Information Officers were assigned to the incident. This is a recap of what the PIO Function accomplished during the assignment:

During the incident, formal public meetings (as many as four meetings daily) were held in several communities that were affected by the fire. Approximately 7,400 people attended. The meetings were well received by the public. National, regional and local media also attended the meetings.

Remote community relations (trap lines) were set up to deliver critical information to communities that were impacted by the fire. Positive response from the communities reinforced the value and success of this important method of face-to-face communication.

Throughout the incident, PIO's were available daily from 0500 to 2200 hours to respond to the numerous media representatives who were staged outside the ICP, and by phone 24 hours a day. PIO's were always available for media interviews about the fire, and helped media arrange other side stories. Field media tours were arranged from day one, and continued until the IMT was released.

The use of social media continues to be an increasingly important and essential tool for incident communications with the public. The IMT monitored a variety of social media sites, tracking rumors, trends and public sentiment. By monitoring electronic communities and gathering information (e.g. rumors, underserved communities, trends, etc.), communication strategies can be assessed and adapted as appropriate. During the Little Bear incident, Public Information staff utilized Inciweb, Twitter, Facebook, Flickr, Vimeo and NMfireinfo to communicate fire information.

On June 18th, numerous dignitaries visited the incident. VIP's included Dept. of Agriculture Secretary Vilsak, New Mexico's U.S. Senators Bingaman and Udall, New Mexico U.S. Representative Pearce, New Mexico Governor Martinez, Forest Service Chief Tidwell, Forest Service Director of Fire and Aviation Management Harbour, and others. The group toured the fire near the Nazarene Church, and was provided a tour of the ICP. At the ICP they were joined by local elected officials and community leaders and received an operational briefing, followed by a Q and A session, and media opportunity.

Local law enforcement (Lincoln Co. deputies and Ruidoso police) were also hired to patrol and help enforce the fire restriction that was in place for the Lincoln National Forest.

Emergency Stabilization and Rehab:

Little Bear rehab project work completed for calendar year 2012 includes the following; Mulching and seeding 10,241 acres, seeding only 8,970 acres and landscape scale treatments for a total of 19,211 acres.

YEAR TO DATE RETARDANT OUT AS OF: December 31, 2012

<i>Base</i>	<i>Date Updated</i>	<i>Gallons of retardant pumped</i>
ALAMOGORDO AIRTANKER BASE	<i>December 6, 2012</i>	350,054
ROSWELL AIRTANKER BASE	<i>December 6, 2012</i>	46,209
SRR SEAT BASE	<i>Closed for season</i>	0
CARLSBAD	<i>Closed for season</i>	0

Total: 396,263 Gallons

Mescalero Helitack 2011 Summary:

Contributors and Co-Operators for FY 2012

The Exclusive Use Contract period is from April 15, 2011 through July 15, 2012 (92 Days). This year it was extended by the Bureau of Indian Affairs up to August 29, 2012 total of 137 days.

NPS.....\$38,000.00

BIA.....\$372,315.00

Availability cost is \$ 410,315.00 for 137 days on contract. The contract was extended by the Bureau of Indian Affairs for 45 days longer than the normal contract days due to the fire activity.

Cost Assignments

Costs, overall data summary and assignments are as follows:

Total

Incidents..... 19

Initial

Attack..... 12

Large Fire

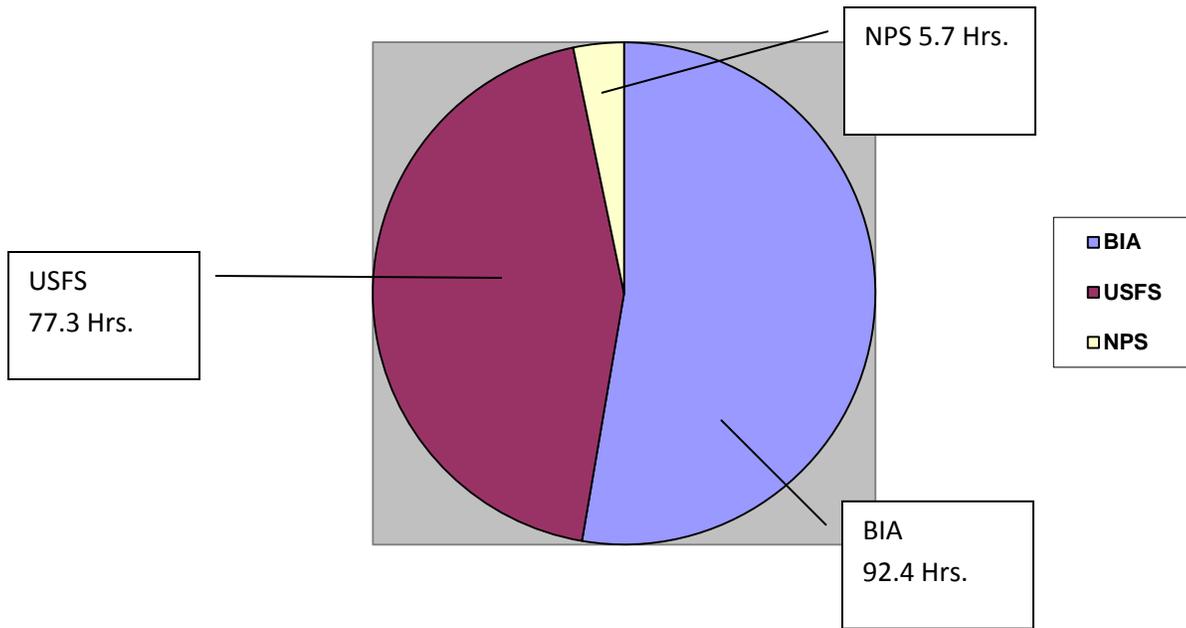
Support..... 3

Passengers Transported..... 511

<i>Cargo Hauled (including long line)</i>	171,689 lbs
<i>Total cost Flight Time</i>	\$169,261.00
<i>Total Cost Availability</i>	\$410,315.00
<i>Total Cost Pilot Extended Availability</i>	352 EP X \$47.00= \$16,544.00
<i>Total Cost Fuel Truck Extended Availability</i>	358 ET X \$30.00= \$10,740.00
<i>Total Cost Service Truck Mile Cost</i>	7,523.2 SMM X \$1.51= \$11,360.03
Total Cost	\$618,175.00

Agency Assignments and Flight Times

<i>BIA Mescalero Agency</i>	<i>Total Assignments: 6</i>
	<i>Total Flight Time: 15 Hrs.</i>
<i>USFS Lincoln National Forest</i>	<i>Total Assignments D-1: 2, D-2: 0, and D-3: 0</i>
	<i>Total Flight Time: 59.9 Hrs.</i>
<i>NPS Guadalupe Mtn.</i>	<i>Total Assignments: 1</i>
	<i>Total Flight Time: 5.7 Hrs.</i>
<i>USFS Tonto National Forest</i>	<i>Total Assignments: 1</i>
	<i>Total Flight Time: 17.4 Hrs.</i>
<i>BIA Northern Cheyenne Agency</i>	<i>Total Assignments: 5</i>
	<i>Total Flight Time: 54.5 Hrs.</i>
<i>BIA Crow Agency</i>	<i>Total Assignments: 3</i>
	<i>Total Flight Time: 22.9 Hrs.</i>
<i>Search and Rescue Flight Time</i>	0
<i>Projects Aircraft Flight Time</i>	0
<i>Incident Aircraft Flight Time</i>	175.4 Hrs.
<i>Helicopter Aircraft Total Flight Time</i>	175.4 Hrs



Northcott Type 3 Team

First resource order to kick off the season was 5/27/2012, TX-GUP, El Capitan. The last order was for the Horse Canyon, 6/30/2012.

Northcott Type 3 Team Assignments	
LNF	3
GUP	1
Out of Area	0
Total:	4 Assignments

ROSS Summary Year-to-Date Transactions

<u>Resources</u>	In Region Assignments	Out of Region Assignments	Total Assignments
<i>Type 1 Crews</i>	19	12	31
<i>Type 2 Crews</i>	16	12	28
			0
<i>Equipment</i>	202	45	247
<i>Best Value</i>	58	40	98
			0
<i>Single Resources</i>	362	81	443
Total resources dispatched by Alamogordo			847

	Overhead		Equipment		Crews		Totals	
	I/R	O/R	I/R	O/R	I/R	O/R	I/R	O/R
MEA	47	15	71	7	10	19	128	41
CAD	12	4	2	15			14	19
ROD	22	11	3	12			25	23
LNF	202	34	26	58	19	12	247	104
BTR			2	2			2	2
BBP	14	10			4	7	18	17
CCP	4	1	2	3			6	4
GUP	13	6	2	1			15	7
N5S	26		128				154	
Best Value	N/A							
TOTALS	340	81	236	98	33	38	609	218

I/R = In Region

*O/R= Out of
Region*