

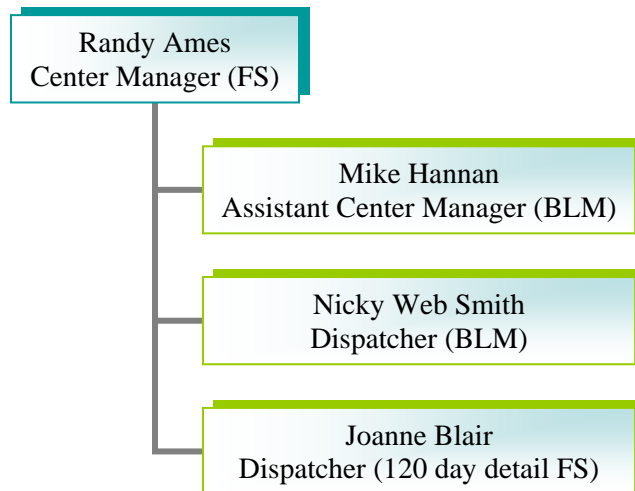


2006 Year End Report

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Medford Interagency Communication Center Organization



Medford Interagency Communication Center (MICC) is staffed and supported by Medford District Bureau of Land Management and Rogue River- Siskiyou National Forest. Oversight of the operation is provided by Tom Murphy, Medford District BLM Fire Management Officer and Mark Glos, Deputy Fire Staff, Rogue River- Siskiyou National Forest. The mission of MICC is to provide initial attack, extended attack and logistic support to the Forest Service Resources and daily monitoring and logistics support for the BLM Employees. MICC also supports the prescribed burning programs for both agencies.

At the beginning of the 2006 Fire Season the center lost long time employee Kent Dowding, who had the opportunity for a full time, higher grade position with Medford BLM in timber Management. To fill the opening left by Kent, we borrowed Mary Ceglia from the Cascade Zone, as an Initial Attack Dispatcher. In the meantime we flew a detail request which was filled by Joanne Blair, from the Tiller Ranger District, Umpqua National Forest. Mary continued to work at MICC until Joanne could report for duty and help with

the transition of Joanne until she felt comfortable in the position. Both of these folks did an excellent job and were an asset to the operations of MICC. I would also like to mention the excellent help we received from Mike Alexander, who has assisted us in the Center with our daily operations and emergency operations. Folks from both agencies supported the Center in expanded and initial attack during the times of increased fire activity in our area and with resource requests for incidents from around the country.

Fire Season Highlights

The 2006 Fire Season was an unusually busy season For MICC, with the season officially starting on May 24th. The first statistical fire occurred May 14th, on the Cascade fire Zone. The human caused fire, called the 60 Road fire was started by a careless smoker and burned 1 acre. The Fire season continued with three lightning storms passing over the area, with the first lightning caused fire reported on June 24th on the Cascade Fire Zone. The season continued with more lightning storms occurring in late July and again in early to mid August. The Forest ended the 06 season with 45 lightning fires burning a total of 30.35 acres. The Forest experienced 7 human caused fires for a total of 2 acres, so the overall total for the Forest was 52 fires for 32.35 acres. The figures were right on the Forest's 10 year average of 52 fires (1995-2005) and well below the 10 year average of 673 acres/ year burned. This was the result of aggressive suppression and pre-suppression by the Forest. The weather was also a contributing factor in keeping the acres burned well below the Forest average. The season started with above normal precipitation totals for the area as shown by the attached information from the National Weather Service, Medford.

The Medford District BLM lands experienced a total of 27 Fires burning a total of 27.28 acres (from ODF Grants Pass and Medford), of these, 19 fires were caused by lightning consuming 22.91 acres, and 4.91 acres were burned by Human caused fires.

Average ERC's (Observed only)

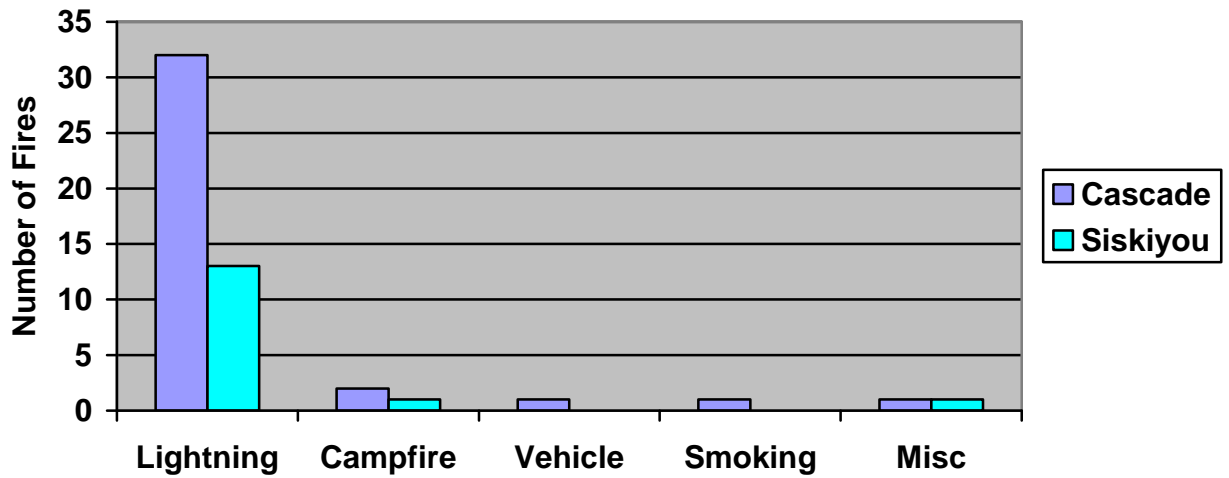
<i>Cascade Unit</i>	<i>Siskiyou Unit</i>	
<i>May</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>28</i>
<i>June</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>37</i>
<i>July</i>	<i>58</i>	<i>60</i>
<i>August</i>	<i>69</i>	<i>68</i>
<i>September</i>	<i>61</i>	<i>70</i>
<i>October</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>54</i>
<i>November</i>	<i>45 (2 Days only)</i>	<i>48 (2 Days Only)</i>

5/24/2006 - Fire Season Begins

11/2/2006 - Fire Season Ends

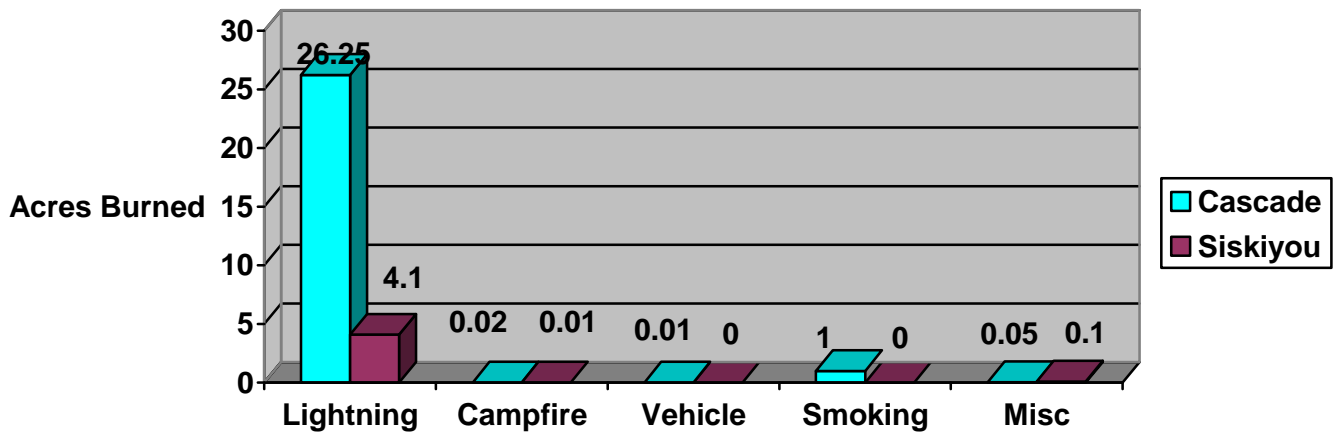
Fire Statistics - Forest Service

Number of Fires by Cause



Unit	Lightning	Campfire	Vehicle	Smoking	Misc.	Totals
Cascade	32	2	1	1	1	37
Siskiyou	13	1	0	0	1	15
<i>Totals</i>	45	3	1	1	2	52

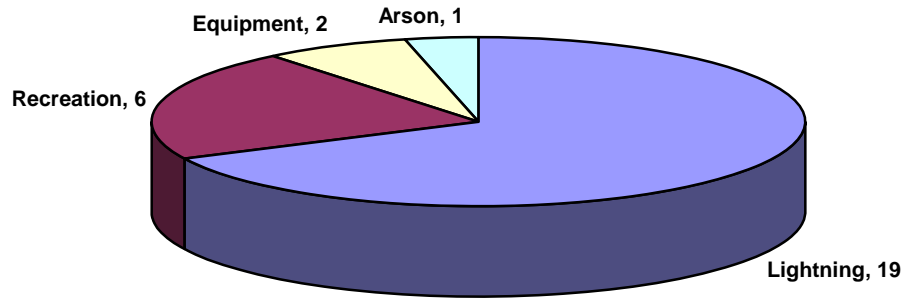
Total Acres by Cause



Unit	Lightning	Campfire	Vehicle	Smoking	Misc.	Totals
Cascade	26.25	.02	.01	1	0.5	28.05
Siskiyou	4.1	0.1	0	0	0.1	4.20
Totals	30.35	.03	.01	1	0.6	32.35

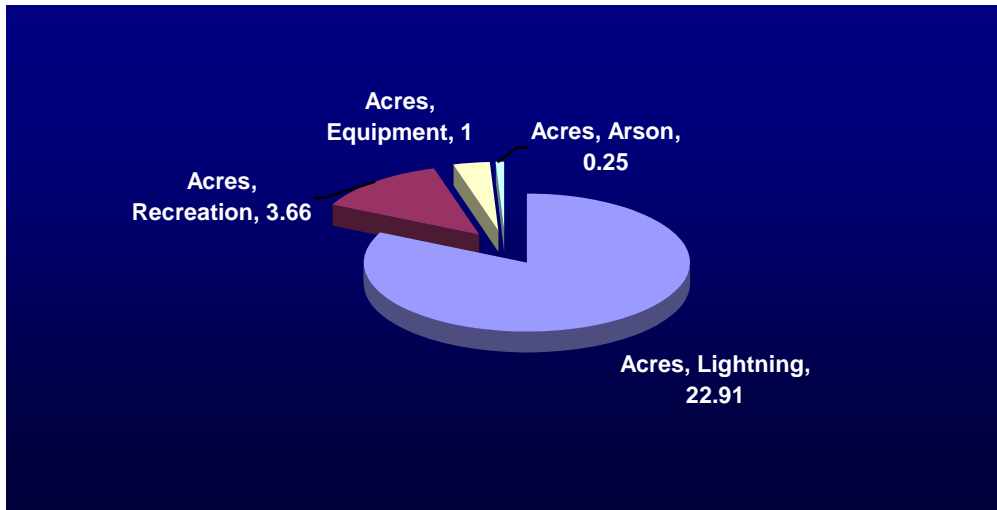
Fire Statistics - Bureau of Land Management

Number of Fires by Cause



	Lightning	Recreation	Equipment	Arson	total
BLM Fires	19	6	2	1	28

Total Acres by Cause



	Lightning	Recreation	Equipment	Arson	Total Ac.
BLM Acres	22.91	3.66	1.0	.25	27.80

Dispatch Actions

MICC processed 136 total Dispatch Action Records throughout the year. The total included, fires on the Forest, mutual aid fires with Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) on Private and BLM lands, non-stat fires and false alarms. Notified appropriate Dispatch Offices of fires reported on neighboring lands. The Center also took action on other types of incidents such as public assists, employee assists and search and rescue.

Resources

MICC is the host dispatch center for a number of resources from the Forest Service (FS), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), National Weather Service (NWS), and a number of contract companies that provide various resources such as aircraft, crews, engines and water tenders.

The following is a list of local resources available:

Agency Employees

<i>USFS- Rogue River</i>	<i>181</i>
<i>BLM-Medford District</i>	<i>187</i>
<i>Total Agency</i>	<i>368</i>

Agency Engines

<i>BLM</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>USFS</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Total Agency</i>	<i>10</i>

Contract Resources

<i>Engines</i>	<i>23</i>
<i>Water Tenders</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>Handcrews</i>	<i>24</i>
<i>Aircraft</i>	<i>14</i>

AD's

<i>USFS Hire</i>	<i>19</i>
<i>BLM Hire</i>	<i>9</i>
<i>Total AD's</i>	<i>28</i>

MICC filled and dispatched numerous resources orders for local and non-local incidents. The following is a break down on the number of resources filled and dispatched by request type.

<u>Request Type</u>	<u># Filled</u>
Overhead	439
Crews	234
Equipment (Eng., WT., Misc.)	262
Aircraft	52
Total Request Filled	987

The local agencies BLM - Medford District and the Forest Service High Cascade and Siskiyou Mountain Districts of the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest provided support as overhead on incidents locally and nationally through out the 2006 Fire Season. The following is a break down of Days on Assignment by Agency and Unit.

<u>BLM</u>	<u>USFS</u>
AD's-BLM - 357 Days	AD's-USFS - 917 Days
Ashland - 658	CAZ - 200
Butte Falls - 210	SIZ - 399
Glendale - 307	S.O. - 507
Grants Pass - 403	JHS - 26
Operations - 275	Other - 110
Field Services - 113	
DM Staff - 78	Total USFS 2159 Days
Other/ MEO - 19	
Total BLM 2420 Days	

The Center also made Airline travel arrangements for agency folks assigned to out of area incidents. The Center arranged travel for 18 BLM Personnel and 33 USFS Employees for a total of 51 commercial flight arrangements.

Fuels Management

MICC supports the BLM Medford District Fuels Group and the High Cascade and Siskiyou Mountain Ranger District's, Fuels Management programs. In 2006 the BLM units treated 26,788 acres and the Districts treated 1502 acres. Treatment of these acres consisted of various methods of prescribed burning for hazard reduction and activity fuels.

Medford District FY 2006 Hazardous Fuels Accomplishments

Resource Area	JT Mech WUI		JQ Mech Non-WUI		JW RX Fires WUI		JM RX Fire Non-WUI		TOTAL
BFRA	3,498	106%	404	101%	1,806	90%	139	139%	5,851
ASH RA	4,434	117%	0	100%	3,868	111%	43	43%	8,349
GPRA	3,467	102%	192	192%	3,685	115%	507	101%	7,856
GLRA	2,702	100%	641	107%	869	109%	529	106%	4,745
TOTAL	14,101	107%	1,237	112%	10,228	108%	1,218	122%	26,788

Forest Fuels Treatment Acres

District	WHHF	KV	BD	RAC	WILDLIFE	TOTAL
<i>Cascade</i>	485	92	410	18	119	1097 ac
<i>Siskiyou</i>	277		128			405 ac
					<i>Total Acres</i>	<i>1502 ac</i>

MICC is responsible for gathering information from each and compiling a list of planned and accomplished acres that are entered into the Regional Situation Report (SIT). MICC also supports the burning operations by providing communication, area weather forecasts, spot weather forecast, and ordering resources needed to accomplish the burning projects.

Employee Safety

MICC provides for daily tracking of BLM personnel, the Center is required to account for every field-going BLM employee.

The employee checks in with dispatch via phone, radio, or computer (IN-Out Board, which is an internet based system).

MICC is responsible to account for all in field personnel prior to the close of business each day. Personnel returning after hours are required to check-in with Jackson County 911 Center. A list is provided to 911 each evening by MICC of personnel still out after closing with their planned ETA's. The 911 Center Calls the MICC on duty dispatcher if no contact is made with the employee at their expected return time. Call down and search procedures are in place for when an employee is more than 15 minutes late. Depending on the time of year, MICC may track from 5 to 100 personnel checked out to the field on a daily basis.