



Zion National Park Fire Management



Zion Receives Intermountain Fire Management Award

The Fire and Aviation Management Program at Zion National Park received the 2004 Intermountain Award for Excellence in a Complex Fire Management Program at the 2005 Intermountain Fire Management Conference held in Albuquerque, New Mexico during the last week of January. This award recognized the outstanding fire program at Zion and the varied operations they manage including fire aviation, prescribed fire, wildland fire use, fire information/education, fire ecology, fuels management, wildland fire suppression, interagency cooperation, training and support of cluster parks.

Zion National Park maintains a fire program of 35 -40 personnel, both permanent and seasonal. This includes a fire management officer, assistant fire management officer, fire ecologist, an information and education specialist, two wildland fire engine crews, a fuels crew, a fire effects crew, a fire program management assistant and a fire program clerk all based out of Springdale, Utah and a Fire Use Module and Helitak Module stationed out of Cedar City, Utah. All of these personnel work not only in Zion, but also in the seven cluster parks (Bryce Canyon, Cedar Breaks, Pipe Springs, Timpanogos Cave, Golden Spike, Capitol Reef and Glen Canyon) in which we oversee fire management operations. The park also works very closely and cooperatively with other federal, state and local fire management agencies through the Color Country Interagency Fire Management Area which incorporates most of Southwest Utah and Northwest Arizona.