

Wildland Fire

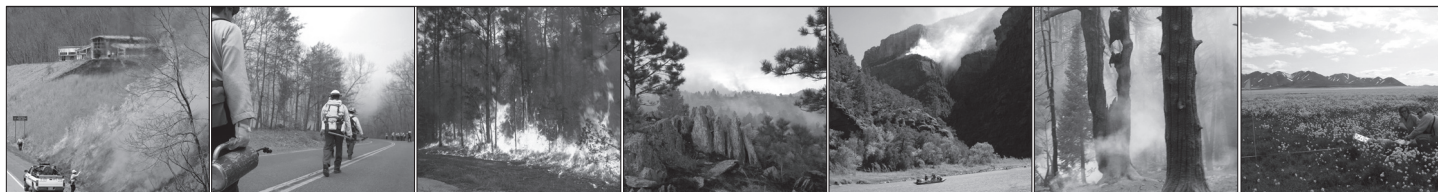
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Division of Fire and Aviation



Wildland Fire Fact Sheet

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Leadership – Fire and Aviation

Tom Nichols, Chief
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Administration

The National Park Service manages 391 park units and more than 84 million acres of land. These park units are located throughout the entire United States and its territories, from Maine to Guam. Of the over 84 million acres of land, 53 million acres have burnable vegetation.

The National Park Service is one of five federal land agencies that manage wildland fire. The others within the Department of the Interior are the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Bureau of Indian Affairs. The U.S. Forest Service resides within the Department of Agriculture. Like the National Park Service, all of these bureaus have portions of their total acreages that are burnable and must be managed by similar wildland fire support offices.

In times of need, NPS Fire Management resources are shared with Federal, State, Tribal, and non-governmental partners. Resources are listed as Human Resources and Equipment.

Human Resources

National Park Service fire management has 840 staff (620 full-time equivalents / FTEs), made up of hand crews, Fire Use Modules, engine and helitack crews, as well as support personnel in parks and regional and national offices. The two Type 1 Hotshot Crews, Alpine Interagency Hotshot Crew (IHC) and Arrowhead IHC are based at Rocky Mountain National Park and Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks, respectively. The National Park Service also supports one interagency smokejumper, based at West Yellowstone, Yellowstone National Park.

Fire Use Modules mainly support NPS and interagency prescribed fire activities and wildland fire use incidents. The NPS has 9 modules -

- Buffalo National River (AR)
- Zion National Park (UT)
- Saguaro National Park (AZ)
- Great Smoky Mountains NP (TN)
- Bandelier National Monument (NM)
- Yellowstone National Park (WY)
- Cumberland Gap NHP (KY)
- Whiskeytown NRA (CA)
- Black Hills at Jewel Cave NM (SD)

Equipment

The National Park Service maintains an inventory of equipment, strategically located throughout the United States, to assist in fire management activities.

Water Tenders and Foam Tenders	14
Helicopters	9
Engines	160
Airtanker Base (Knoxville, TN)	1

For More Information

To learn more about the National Park Service Wildland Fire Management Program, visit www.nps.gov/fire.



NPS Wildland Fire Statistics (as of 01/12/2009)

HAZARDOUS FUELS TREATMENT	FY'07 Completed	FY'08 Planned	FY'08 Completed
Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) Acres			
Mechanical	6,662	6,630	7,610
Prescribed Fire	36,441	58,936	76,706
Other	258	541	518
WUI Hazardous Total Acres	43,361	66,107	84,834
WUI Hazardous Fuels Total Expenditures	\$12,977,903	-	\$15,069,589
Other Hazardous Fuels Treatments Acres			
Mechanical	2,307	3,889	4,898
Prescribed Fire	159,891	45,272	44,170
Other	4,293	3,032	3,061
Other Hazardous Fuels Total Acres	166,491	52,193	52,519
Other Hazardous Fuels Total Expenditures	\$16,109,248	-	\$16,923,965
Hazardous Fuels Treatment Total Acres	209,852	118,300	136,963
Hazardous Fuels Treatment Total Expenditures	\$29,087,151	-	\$31,993,554

OTHER	FY'07	FY'08
Burned Area Rehabilitation		
Acres	28,117	30,307
Expenditures / Obligation	\$1,866,435	\$776,693
Emergency Stabilization		
Acres	7,484	9,443
Expenditures / Obligation	\$984,000	\$1,042,000
Ready Reserve	\$158,000	\$206,000
Facilities	\$2,617,000	\$1,898,000
Preparedness Expenditures	\$32,389,809	\$35,878,816

WILDLAND FIRE USE AND SUPPRESSION	FY'07	FY'08
Wildland Fire Use Acres	42,752	9,741
Suppression Acres	116,512	209,816

NPS FY'08 NATIONAL FIRE PLAN OPERATIONS & REPORTING SYSTEM (NFPORS) ACCOMPLISHMENTS	NON-WUI	WUI	TOTAL
Alaska Region	15	0	15
Intermountain Region	11,478	17,673	29,151
Midwest Region	13,139	3,166	16,305
National Capital Region	0	67	67
Northeast Region	345	741	1,086
Pacific West Region	9,500	12,114	21,614
Southeast Region	17,652	51,073	68,725
NPS Total	52,129	84,834	136,963

FISCAL YEAR BUDGET	FY'08
Total Expenditures	\$115,279,243*

* Expenditures include Preparedness, Suppression, Hazardous Fuels Reduction within the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI), Hazardous Fuels Reduction outside of the WUI, Ready Reserve, Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER), and Emergency Stabilization. The calculation is a total of Carryover + Appropriation + Rescission + Transfers.

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