

Wildland Fire

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Division of Fire and Aviation



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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 for Agriculture. Like the National Park Service, all of these agencies 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

The National Park Service has 428 personnel, 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.

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|--------------------------------|-----|
| 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.



Credit: David Eaker, NPS

NPS Wildland Fire Statistics (as of 10/15/2007)

| HAZARDOUS FUELS TREATMENT | FY'06 Completed | FY'07 Planned | FY'07 Completed |
|--|---------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) Acres | | | |
| Mechanical | 8,232 | 5,539 | 6,599 |
| Prescribed Fire | 29,790 | 41,681 | 36,322 |
| Other | 536 | 346 | 248 |
| WUI Hazardous Total Acres | 38,558 | 47,566 | 43,169 |
| WUI Hazardous Fuels Total Funding | \$14,064,000 | | \$13,045,000 |
| Other Hazardous Fuels Treatments Acres | | | |
| Mechanical | 3,300 | 1,519 | 2,228 |
| Prescribed Fire | 72,975 | 99,471 | 159,891 |
| Other | 1,802 | 3,068 | 4,303 |
| Other Hazardous Fuels Total Acres | 78,077 | 104,058 | 166,422 |
| Other Hazardous Fuels Total Funding | \$18,084,000 | | \$17,602,000 |
| Hazardous Fuels Treatment Total Acres | 116,635 | 151,624 | 209,591 |
| Hazardous Fuels Treatment Total Funding | \$32,148,000 | | \$30,647,000 |

| OTHER | FY'06 | FY'07 |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Burned Area Rehabilitation | | |
| Acres | 24,006 | 28,117 |
| Funding | \$2,209,006 | \$1,418,417 |
| Emergency Stabilization | | |
| Acres | 2,486 | 7,484 |
| Funding | \$987,480 | \$944,502 |
| Ready Reserve | \$179,500 | \$158,000 |
| Facilities | \$2,041,000 | \$3,602,000 |
| Preparedness Funding | \$31,536,000 | \$34,695,000 |

| WILDLAND FIRE USE AND SUPPRESSION | FY'06 | FY'07 |
|-----------------------------------|--------|---------|
| Wildland Fire Use Acres | 23,874 | 42,898 |
| Suppression Acres | 94,572 | 116,512 |

| NPS FY'07 NATIONAL FIRE PLAN OPERATIONS & REPORTING SYSTEM (NFPORS) ACCOMPLISHMENTS | NON-WUI | WUI | TOTAL |
|---|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| AKR | 6 | 0 | 6 |
| IMR | 12,640 | 10,651 | 23,291 |
| MWR | 21,904 | 2,803 | 24,707 |
| NER | 0 | 391 | 391 |
| PWR | 17,140 | 4,900 | 22,040 |
| SER | 114,732 | 24,424 | 139,156 |
| NPS Total | 166,422 | 43,169 | 209,591 |

| FISCAL YEAR BUDGET | FY'07 |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Total Funding | \$129,013,000* |

* Funding activities 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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