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# BIA Wildland Fire Fact Sheet

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Credit: BIA

## Leadership

- Lyle Carlile, Fire Director
- Bob Roberts Assistant Director



Credit: BIA

The Branch meets the unique needs of Indian Country by providing oversight to seven Interagency Hotshot Crews, the Model 52 Engine Program, the C-Faller Program and the Wildland Fire Prevention Program.

The BIA and tribes jointly manage aviation resources to aid in the safe and timely response of unwanted wildfires. Water scoopers, single engine air tankers, and an air attack platform make up Indian Country's winged resources.

The BIA contributes to 64 percent of the DOI firefighter work force. This is approximately 7,000 employees who are called when needed to assist with interagency wildland fire activities each year.

## Resources

In total, about 2,500 BIA and Tribal employees work together in Indian Country to protect and manage the federal land held in trust for our client tribes located on reservations.



Credit: Soledad Holguin

## Mission and Oversight



Credit: BIA

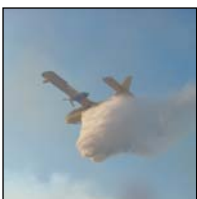
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Helicopters	15
Single Engine Air Tankers	5
Water Scoopers	2
Water Tenders	3
Engines*	204
Dozers	16

\* This number reflects only funded M-52 engines. The number of tribal Model 52 engines the BIA does not service is uncounted.

## BIA Fire Management Programs



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When a wildfire occurs on Indian Lands, it often threatens the livelihood of the people who live from the resources it contains. For this reason, providing a safe, effective and well-

trained initial attack fire suppression force to protect the economical, cultural and natural resources is essential.

## Tribal Programs



Credit: BIA

Tribes continue to place a greater emphasis on self-determination, and thus, the number of tribes assuming day-to-day fire management responsibilities continues to increase. There are four tribally-managed contract/compact Interagency Hotshot Crews and one tribal helitack program (Seminole Tribe).

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## BIA/Tribal Hotshot Crews

- Chief Mountain (MT)
- Fort Apache (AZ)\*\*
- Geronimo (AZ)
- Golden Eagles (CA)
- Navajo (AZ)\*\*
- Warm Springs (OR)
- Zuni (NM)\*\*



Credit: KTSK

\*\*Denotes BIA Programs

To learn more about the BIA Fire Management Program, visit [www.bia.gov/nifc/](http://www.bia.gov/nifc/)



Credit: Bryan Day

# Wildland Fire Fact Sheet (Last Updated: 1/6/2012)

Preparedness	FY09 Completed	FY10 Completed	FY11 Completed
<b>Wildfire – Unplanned Ignitions</b>	4,250	3,684	3,825
<b>Wildfire – Planned Ignitions</b>	837	566	789

\*Source: WFMI. Acres are the sum for which the statistical data owner is BIA

Fuels Treatments	FY09 Completed	FY10 Completed	FY11 Completed
<b>Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) Fuels Treated</b>			
Total	177,106	177,845	162,186
Mechanical Acres	68,943	66,974	57,252
Prescribed Fire Acres	105,205	103,646	103,046
Other Acres	2,958	7,225	1,888
<b>Non-Wildland-Urban Interface (Non-WUI) Fuels Treated</b>			
Total	102,946	116,271	70,182
Mechanical Acres	33,820	43,157	17,422
Prescribed Fire Acres	67,713	71,769	51,840
Other Acres	1,413	1,345	920
<b>Fuels Treatment WUI and Non-WUI Total Acres</b>	<b>280,052</b>	<b>294,116</b>	<b>232,368</b>
<b>Fuels Program Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$27,128,187</b>	<b>\$29,568,350</b>	<b>\$23,479,978</b>

\*Source: NFPORS

Burned Area Emergency Response	FY09 Completed	FY10 Completed	FY11 Completed
<b>Burned Area Rehabilitation</b>			
Acres (i.e. reforestation, seeding)	4,483	19,209	4,337
Units Each (i.e. replace/ replace minor facilities)	102	3,054	220
Miles (i.e. Fencing)	0	28	20
Expenditures/ Obligation	\$7,054,992	\$3,839,606	\$2,943,510
<b>Emergency Stabilization*</b>			
Acres (i.e. soil stabilization)	2,212	3,200	2,579
Units Each (i.e. culvert, cultural site protection)	227	222	1,482
Miles (i.e. flood protection, channel stabilization)	241	33	52
Expenditures/ Obligation	<b>\$721,725</b>	<b>\$892,380</b>	<b>\$4,306,156</b>

\*Source: NFPORS

Casual Hires – CALENDAR YEAR	2009 Completed	2010 Completed	2011 Completed
<b>Administratively Determined Firefighters*</b>			
Gross Amount Paid to BIA	<b>\$13,268,705.13</b>	<b>\$10,730,412.15</b>	<b>\$22,392,954.37</b>
Number of Payments	17,225	13,479	16,005
Percent of Total DOI Payments	69%	60%	64%

\*Source: Casual Payment Center Annual Report

Department / Bureau/Agency	DOI/Bureau of Indian Affairs	DOI/ National Park Service	DOI/ Fish and Wildlife Service	USDA/ U.S. Forest Service	DOI/ Bureau of Land Management
<b>Total Acres Managed</b>	<b>66,000,000*</b>	<b>84,331,948*</b>	<b>96,200,000*</b>	<b>193,000,000*</b>	<b>256,000,000*</b>

\*Source: Bureau/Agency Public Affairs Offices