



2006 Season Report

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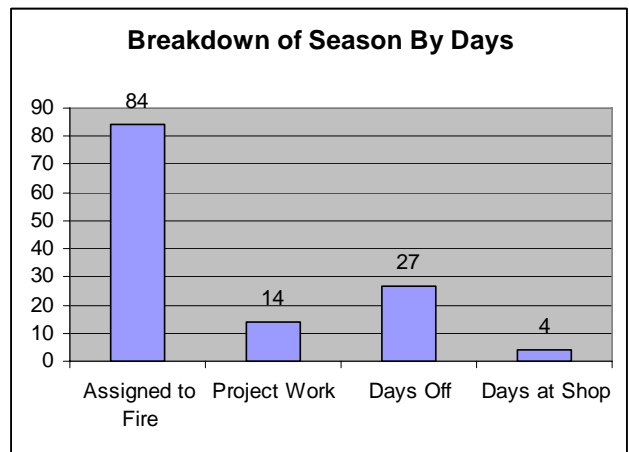
2006 Season Overview



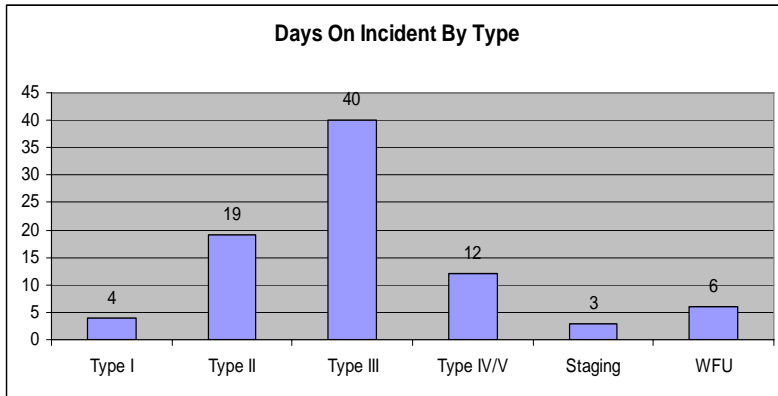
The UFRA Fire Crew is a partnership between the State of Utah’s Forestry, Fire and State Lands and UFRA. The crew is made up of students from UFRA, managed by the State of Utah’s Forestry, Fire and State Lands. This season our crew responded to 24 fires, completed 3 full tours and more than doubled the overtime of any past UFRA crew. We fought fire in Idaho, Utah and Wyoming. Crew orientation began May 3, the crew went available May 15 and ended September 20.

This fire season was extremely busy in Utah and the Western States. We started and ended our season on fires in Utah. Normally the UFRA crew would have ended in mid August. This year however there was enough interest from crewmembers to keep the crew running into September. Once the crew ended in September the remaining crewmembers were assigned to fill in on the Lone Peak Hotshots, Lone Peak Engines and Twin Peaks I.A. crew. This provided valuable learning experiences on other crews for those individuals that stayed on.

This fire season was extremely busy. The chart to the right shows a break down of days for the season. Refer to the following pages for more information regarding fire assignments and project work.



Fire Assignment Summary



Our first fire dispatch this year was May 19th to Southern Utah. Fire fuel types ranged from the desert to the big timber of Idaho. Fire assignments ranged from digging hand line, burnout operations, mop-up, to structure protection. The UFRA crew tripled their average amount of fires this year. The crew also made its first trip to Wyoming to fight a wildland fire.

Incident Dates	State	Mgmt Type	Fuel Type	Fire Size	Incident Name
5/19-5/22	UT	III/IV	1,2,5	F	Hurricane 2
5/28-6/2	UT	WFU	2,5,8	F	Chippean Ridge WFU
6/5-6/7	UT	III	4,5	C	Hobble Creek
6/9	UT	IV	1,2,5	C	West Joseph
6/10-6/14	UT	I	6,10	E	Annabella
6/14-6/17	UT	III	1,2,5	F	Cave
6/23-6/28	UT	III/IV	1,2,5,8	F	Pot Hole
6/28-6/30	UT	III	8,9,10	C	Carter 2
6/30-7/1	UT	III	1,2,5	C	Jones Hole
7/2-7/3	UT	IV	1,2	C	Devil's Step
7/4	UT	IV	5	B	South
7/4-7/5	UT	IV	1,2,5	C	Ranch House
7/13-7/15	UT	III	1,2,5	F	Baboon 2
7/15-7/19	WY	II	2,9	G	Thorne Divide Complex
7/19-7/23	WY	III/II	2,9	G	Sawmill
7/23-7/27	ID	III	2,9	E	Arco
7/31-8/14	ID	II	1,2,10	G	Potato
8/23-8/26	UT	IV	2,8	B	Argyle Ridge
8/26-8/28	UT	IV/V	2,8	B	Finger Canyon
8/29-8/30	UT				Utah Severity
8/31	UT	IV	1,2,5	B	Rose Creek
9/1-9/8	UT	III	1,2,5	F	Deep Creek
9/14-9/15	UT	III	1,2,5	E	Snow
9/19-9/20	UT	III	1,2,5	E	Impact

Project Assignment Summary



At the beginning of the season we were able to do project work at the Manorlands of northeastern Utah for the State of Utah. This project consisted of cutting, chipping, or piling of dead and down beetle killed trees. This allowed the crew to get familiar and learn more about using and working around chainsaws. Our next couple of projects were under the Good Neighbor Authority with the U.S. Forest Service. These projects were in southern Utah putting in new tread for trails that had grown over. This project was helpful in getting the crew ready for cutting hand line on fires on later in the season.

Due to the extreme fire season UFRA did less project work than in years past. In 2005 the crew did a total of 29 days of project work, this year (2006) the crew did a total of 14 days on project. The projects we were on were helpful in preparing and conditioning the crew to fight fire.

2006 UFRA Crew

Name	Position	Dates With Crew
Riley Pilgrim	Crew Boss	May 3 – September 20
Jonathan Palma	Assistant Crew Boss	May 3 – September 20
Sheldon Baumgartner	Squad Boss	May 3 – August 15
Josh Gibson	Squad Boss	May 3 – August 15
Lyle Jennings	Squad Boss	May 3 – September 14
Josh Ludwig	Lead Crewmember	May 3 – August 8
Jason Poulson	Lead Crewmember	May 3 – September 20
Ryan Prestwich	Lead Crewmember	May 3 – September 20
Marshall Andrews	Crewmember	May 3 – September 20
Robert Boren	Crewmember	May 3 – September 20
Curtis Crandall	Crewmember	May 3 – September 13
Derek Deitlaf	Crewmember	May 3 – May 29
Shane Fowles	Crewmember	May 3 – September 20
Raymundo Gallardo	Crewmember	May 3 – August 15
Jasen Kennington	Crewmember	May 3 – September 20
Kyle Kinyon	Crewmember	May 3 – September 8
Ben Perkins	Crewmember	May 3 – September 20
Sean Reay	Crewmember	May 3 – September 20
Kory Tippets	Crewmember	May 3 – July 6
Ben Tomco	Crewmember	May 3 – August 15
Geoff Whatcott	Crewmember	May 3 – September 20

2006 UFRA Detailers

A special thanks to all the UFRA crewmembers that helped fill open positions on UFRA and the other Lone Peak fire crews. These individuals were able to expand their knowledge of fire by filling open positions with other crews.

UFRA	Lone Peak Hotshots	Lone Peak Engines	Twin Peaks I.A.
Kendrick Mathews	Curtis Crandall	Riley Pilgrim	Jonathan Palma
Beth Gerber	Lyle Jennings	Jason Poulson	Robert Boren
David Voyles	Kendrick Mathews	Ryan Prestwich	Jasen Kennington
		Marshall Andrews	Ben Perkins
		Shane Fowles	Geoff Whatcott
		Beth Gerber	
		Sean Reay	
		David Voyles	

Season Data Summary

Number of days the crew was available:	129
Number of days committed to incidents:	84
Number of 14-day assignments:	3
Number of Extensions to 14-day incidents:	0
Number of days of R & R:	4
Number of days off available:	10
Number of days off unavailable:	13
Number of days in staging:	3
Number of days on type I/II incidents:	23
Number of days on Type III/IV/V incidents:	52
Number of days on WFU incidents:	6
Number of vehicle accidents:	0
Number of times crew flew:	0
Number of career personnel:	2
Number of career positions that remained vacant:	0
Number of days on project:	14
FFT1/ICT5 Task books completed:	3
CRWB Task books completed:	1
DOZB Task books completed:	1

2006 UFRA Crew Photograph



Back Row (Left to Right): Riley Pilgrim, Kendrick Mathews, Geoff Whatcott, Ryan Prestwich, Jasen Kennington, Curtis Crandall, Ben Tomco, Kyle Kinyon, Jonathan Palma, Lyle Jennings.
Front Row (Left to Right): Marshall Andrews, Josh Gibson, Shane Fowles, Robert Boren, Ben Perkins, Sean Reay, Raymundo Gallardo, Sheldon Baumgartner.

Picture taken at Devil's Tower, Wyoming during the Thorne Divide Fire.