Lone Peak Hotshots 2009

End of Season Report

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Lone Peak IHC Working a Spot Fire on the Horse Valley Fire, UT

CREW OVERVIEW:

The Lone Peak Hotshots are a nationally recognized Type 1 Interagency Hotshot Crew (IHC), based out of the Lone Peak Conservation Center, in Draper, Utah. Established in 2001 under a cooperative partnership between the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest and the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands, Lone Peak became the first state managed hotshot crew in the nation. Operating under this partnership, Lone Peak is held to all of the national IHC standards that the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management hotshot crews must follow in addition to strict state standards. Two notable differences from other interagency hotshot crews are: Lone Peak IHC must be available nationally for dispatch 180 days (May 1 to Oct. 31) each year and seasonal employees are allowed the option to be call when needed during the winter months in addition to working up to nine months each fire season.

SEASON OVERVIEW:

The Lone Peak Hotshots began and ended the 2009 fire season with dispatches to California. In between the two trips to California, LPIHC fought fire in five additional states with most of the season spent in the home state of Utah. Smaller fires dominated the fire load this season with most fires being I.C. Type 3 or smaller. During the slower times of the fire season, LPIHC worked on National Fire Plan projects through out the communities of Northeastern Utah.

On April 13, 2009 all seasonal crew members were hired, pack tested, and put into training for a period lasting just over two weeks. The crew went available nationally on April 30th, 2009 and received our first dispatch a week later to the Jesusita Fire in Santa Barbara, California. After returning to Utah, fuels reduction projects closed out the remainder of May and carried the crew into the third week of June before the next fire dispatch.

Dispatches to smaller fires continued to keep the crew busy throughout July and August and eventually lead up to the Mill Flat Fire in Southwestern Utah, which went Type 1, burning 12,607 acres. After the Mill Flat Fire, the crew did a few more weeks of project work before travelling to Oregon for the Tumble Bug Complex. Following the Tumble Bug, a short trip to Nevada came a week before ending the season with a short dispatch to California. The order was for prescribed burning on the Six Rivers National Forest but a fire in the Redwood National Park was also attended to. The crew officially disbanded for the 2009 season on October 27, 2009 after being available for fire for 181 days.

HIRING:

Hiring for seasonal positions on LPIHC was very competitive for the 2009 fire season. Over a hundred of applications were processed for seven crew member positions. Three positions were filled internally; bringing in crew members from the other Lone Peak Conservation Center resources. The other four positions were able to be filled by very experienced firefighters from various locations throughout the U.S. The folks hired brought vast amounts of training and qualifications to the crew.

INJURIES:

Lone Peak Hotshots had no lost time injuries for the 2009 fire season.

TASK BOOKS/TRAINING:

Task books and training are a large part of Lone Peak's daily crew operations. Due to the large number of ICT3 and smaller fires, LPIHC was presented with many training opportunities. The crew was able to complete the following task books through out the 2009 season. Six single resource task books (2-TFLD, 2-DOZB, 1-CRWB, 1-FIRB). Other operational task books (2-ICT4, 1-FALC, 2-FFT1, 4-ICT5).

DETAILS:

Three details were accomplished during the 2009 fire season. In April, Donny Bennett, Crew Assistant Supt., detailed into the Wasatch Front FMO position for the State of Utah for a time duration of nine months. This detail presented UFRA Crew Boss, Wade Snyder, the opportunity to fill in as the Crew Assistant Supt. for the 2009 season.

In September, Brent Morrison, Squad Leader, took a 10 day detail on a State Fire Warden Engine in Weber County. This detail was utilized as a training opportunity for ICT-4 assignments in an area that typical sees a large amount of late season fires.

In addition to these two details, LPIHC was able to move Jamie Schnick, Lead Crewmember, to Dromedary Peak Fuels Module to act as the crew leader. This was a three month detail which allowed for vast amounts of leadership training as well as a Crew Boss task book to be signed off. This detail allowed Lowden Perkins, crew member, the opportunity to fill in as the Bravo Squad Lead Crewmember.

2009 PROJECTS:

Project	Total Man Hours Committed	Type of Project
Summit Park Pile Burn	625	Mixed Conifer Pile Burn
Stage Coach Estates	4392.5	Cut/Chip Oak Brush Along Road
Samak	776.5	Cut/Chip Dead and Down Along Road
Samak Pile Burn	33	Oak Brush Pile Burn
South Canyon	143	Shaded Fuel Break/Hazard Tree Removal
Taylors Cove	41	Girdle and Spray Russian Olive

2009 FIRES:

Incident Type	Date	Incident Name	Incident Number	Op. Periods	Fire Class	Fuel Type	Mngmt Level
Wildfire	5/8-5/16	Jesusita	CA-LPF-001479	5	F	6,9	1
Wildfire	6/12-6/29	Gila ABCD Misc	NM-GNF-020091	14	N/A	N/A	N/A
Wildfire	6/13-6/21	Joshua	NM-GNF-020091	9	D	2,9	3/4
Wildfire	7/10-7/17	Horse Valley	UT-DIF-090224	8	F	10	3
Wildfire	7/18-7/21	Bridge	UT-DIF-090163	4	F	2,6,9	3
Wildfire	7/25-7/28	Andy	ID-BOF-000446	3	C	2,5,8	3
Wildfire	7/29-8/2	Cliff	UT-CCD-090438	3	E	2,6	3
Wildlfire	8/3-8/4	Alkali	UT-MOD-009190	2	C	2,6	4
Wildfire	8/4-8/7	Diamond	UT-MOD-009119	4	C	1,6	4
Wildfire	8/7-8/10	Lockerby	UT-SES-009216	3	E	2,6	3
Wildfire	8/15-8/18	Fischer	UT-MLF-009228	3	B	6,8	4
Wildfire	8/22-8/27	Rathole	UT-VLD-000127	6	F	2,6,9	3
Wildfire	8/27-8/30	Buckeye	UT-MLF-009254	4	B	2,6,9	4
Wildfire	8/30-9/6	Mill Flat	UT-DIF-090383	7	G	2,5,8,9	1
Wildfire	9/9-9/10	Water Well	UT-NWS-000732	2	C	2,6	4
Wildfire	9/22-9/30	Tumble Bug	OR-WIF-000145	8	F	2,8,9	2
Wildfire	10/2-10/6	Quakin Aspen	NV-ELD-000243	5	D	6,8	3
Wildfire	10/10-10/11	Tall Trees	CA-RWP-002058	2	B	9,10	4
RX	10/8-10/15	FY10 SRF Misc	CA-SRF-002046	6	RX	9	RXB2

2009 Crew Members:

Superintendent: Mathew Armantrout
Assistant Superintendent: Wade Snyder

ALPHA SQUAD	BRAVO SQUAD	CHARLIE SQUAD
Squad Leader:	***Squad Leader:***	***Squad Leader.***
Preston Ley	Kris Bruington	Brent Morrison
Lead Crewmember:	***Lead Crewmember:***	***Lead Crewmember:***
Brett Larsen	Lowden Perkins	Dean Bures
Crewmembers:	***Crewmembers:***	***Crewmembers:***
Kyle Yurkovich	Greg Winterland	Ben Covault
Daniel Lang	Darren O'Loughlin	John Sims
Michael Jefferson	Andrew Guinta	Davis Oatway
	James Norvell	Chris Koehler
	Nate Moeller	Steven Taggart

2009 Detailers:
Dave Voyles, Ryan Lafontaine, Taylor Nelson, Jamie Schnick