

### LONE PEAK HOTSHOTS 2010

### END OF SEASON REPORT





### **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 between (May 1 and 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:**

On April 21, 2010 all seasonal crew members were hired, pack tested, and placed through critical training consisting of classroom instruction and field work. The crew went available nationally on April 30, 2010 and received the first fire dispatch on June 10th to the Coronado National Forest outside of Portal, AZ on the Horseshoe Fire.

Dispatches to smaller fires throughout the Salt Lake West Desert and Northwest Nevada continued to keep the crew relatively busy throughout July. August kept the crew busy in Idaho on the Little Beaver and Hurd fires respectively. The Twitchell Canyon fire on the Fishlake National Forest, Beaver Ranger District was a large part of the crews' summer as we were

dispatched four separate times during the summer. Twitchell Canyon was the last fire of 2010 for the crew when we demobilized for the final time on October 10th. While not on fire assignment the crew completed various types of project work. These projects consisted of pile burning, National Fire Plan Fuels Mitigation and Habitat Restoration projects. The crew called End of Season on October 28, 2011 after 181 days of availability.

### HIRING:

Hiring for seasonal positions on LPIHC was very competitive for the 2010 fire season. Over a hundred of applications were processed for five crew member positions. Two positions were filled internally; bringing in crew members from the other Lone Peak Conservation Center resources. The other two 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 2010 fire season.

### TASK BOOKS/TRAINING:

Task books and training are a large part of Lone Peak's daily crew operations. Due to the slower than usual fire season, task book assignments were harder to come by. However, the crew was able to complete the following task books for the 2010 season. One CRWB task book was completed this year. Other operational task books completed include 2- FFT1/ICT5, 2- HECM, 1-FEMO and several other FFT1/ICT5 assignments were completed.

### **DETAILS:**

The 2010 was the season of change at Lone Peak. With Donny Bennett taking the Superintendent position, this opened up some movement below. With this change happening in February, the time needed to hire several key positions was short. The staff and management determined that detailing individuals would be more beneficial. Kris Bruington was selected to detail in as the Assistant Superintendent for the season. With Kris taking his detail, this provided a vacancy in his position as Bravo Squad Leader. Jamie Schnick was selected to detail in to the squad leader position for the season.

The next major detail was with Brent Morrison. Brent was selected by the McCall Smokejumpers to attend rookie school. With Brent's completion of rookie training, he worked for the duration of the season out of McCall. With Brent's vacancy as Charlie Squad Leader, this allowed Dean Bures the opportunity to detail in as squad leader.

This was also the first year we provided seasonal crewmembers the opportunity to take on assignments outside of the program. By working on inter-agency partnerships we were able to send crewmembers working on HECM taskbooks to work with the Wasatch Rappel ship out of Mountain Green, Utah. With this opportunity Darren O'Loughlin was able to complete his HECM taskbook.

### 2010 PROJECTS:

Project	Total Man Hours Committed	Type of Project	
Hatts Ranch Pile Burn	880	Tamarisk Pile Burn	
Castle Valley	506	Chip Tamarisk and Russian Olive	
Crowley Pile Burn	325.6	Juniper Pile Burn	
Quichipa Habitat Restoration	880	Juniper and Piñon cut and pile	
Argyle Canyon	880	Beatle kill removal	
Scofield Canyon	880	Mixed conifer WUI fuel break	
Price River	880	Tamarisk and Russian Olive chip and pile	
Bryce Woodlands	880	Mixed conifer pile burn	

### 2010 FIRES:

Mgmt. Level (e.g. I, II, III, IV, or IA)	Risk Type (WF, RX)	<u>Date</u>	Incident Name	Incident Number	Operation Periods (#) of Periods	Fire Size Class	Fuel Type
IV	RX	05/03 - 05/05	HATTS RANCH	LP-SES-RX0001	3	В	2
IV	RX	05/12 - 05/13	CROWLY	LP-SES-RX0002	2	В	1, 2
II	WF	06/10 - 07/01	HORSESHOE	AZ-CNF-010037	14	F	1, 5, 8
IV	WF	07/08 - 07/10	MARBLEHEAD	UT-NWS-000250	3	E	1, 2
III	WF	07/25 - 07/30	ROCK CREEK	NV-WID-000107	4	G	1, 2
N/A	N/A	07/30 - 07/31	0444 RAC MOB 2010	OR-COC-000444	1	N/A	N/A
II	WF	08/01 - 08/03	DUTCH	CA-KNF-005561	1	E	1, 2, 8
II	WF	08/05 - 08/13	LITTLE BEAVER	ID-BOF-000499	9	G	1, 2, 8, 10
III	WF	08/15 - 08/21	TWITCHELL CANYON	UT-FIF-000089	9	F	1, 2, 4, 10
II	WF	08/22 - 09/01	HURD	ID-BOF-000695	8	F	2, 4, 10
III	WF	09/07 - 09/08	AUGUSI	UT-VLD-000199	2	F	1, 5, 10
II	WF	09/09 - 09/13	TWITCHELL CANYON	UT-FIF-000089	8	F	1, 2, 4, 10
III	WF	09/13 - 09/16	COTTONWOOD	NV-WID-000189	4	F	1, 5
II	WF	09/17 - 09/21	TWITCHELL CANYON	UT-FIF-000089	7	G	1, 2, 4, 10
II	WF	09/25 - 10/5	TWITCHELL CANYON	UT-FIF-000089	11	G	1, 2, 4, 10



### 2010 CREW

### SUPERINTENDENT: DONNY BENNETT ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT: KRIS BRUINGTON

### **ALPHA SQUAD**

## SQUAD LEADER: PRESTON LEY LEAD CREWMEMBER: LOWDEN PERKINS CREWMEMBERS: RYAN LAFONTAINE SCOTT SWENSEN STEVE TAGGART

MATT MULLINS

**ADAM EVERETT** 

### **BRAVO SQUAD**

# SQUAD LEADER: JAMIE SCHNICK LEAD CREWMEMBER: DARREN O'LOUGHLIN CREWMEMBERS: JON SIMS JAMES NORVELL MIKE JEFFERSON STEVEN MICHEALIS

### **CHARLIE SQUAD**

SQUAD LEADER.
DEAN BURES
LEAD CREWMEMBER:
BEN COVAULT
CREWMEMBERS:
KYLE YURKOVICH
DAN LANG
ANDREW GIUNTA
MIKE ANTHONY
JED MCFARLANE



2010 DETAILERS: MATT MORTENSEN, KADELL DEASON, BRET BOTHORP