



Lone Peak Hotshots



2013 End of Season Report

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Season Overview

The 2013 fire season started on April 10th with our spring critical training, required of all IHC's (Interagency Hotshot Crews) nationwide. This training consisted of over 80 hours of structured classroom and field training. Our continuing emphasis on physical fitness, crew cohesion and Hotshot principles and ethics were stressed throughout our training. The training was geared toward a comprehensive refresher training with the intent on preparing crewmembers for all conceivable situations they could possibly confront in day-to-day operations as well as improving current skill sets. The crew was put nationally available on 4/25/13 and went unavailable 10/22/13. During this time the crew responded to 26 incidents across 7 western states, which equated to 117 days assigned (including travel). The vast majority of fires the crew responded to this year were in a timber fuel type, contrary to the 2012 season which found the crew in mostly Great Basin brush fuel types. Once again, Lone Peak found ourselves engaged in a busy, dynamic fire season up until mid-September when, the fire season abruptly slowed down on both national and local levels.

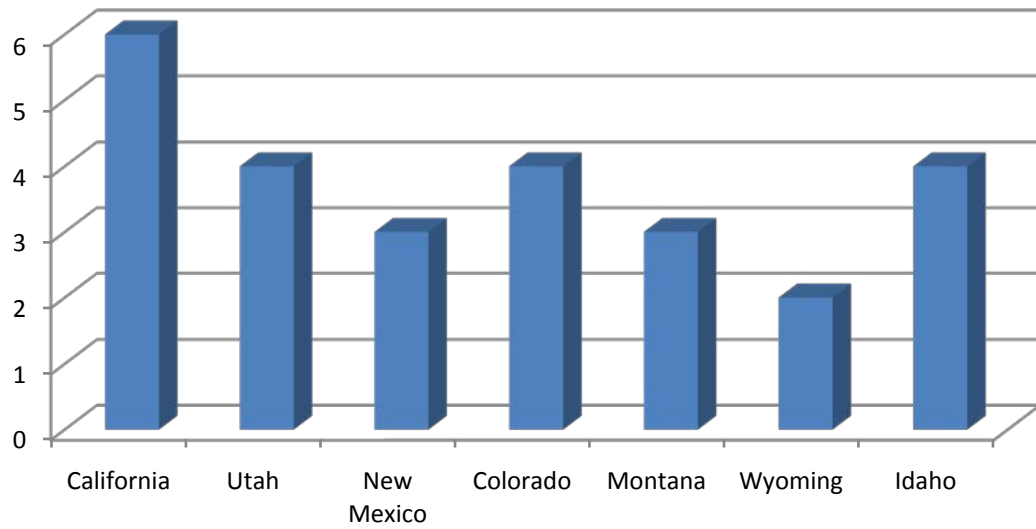
Hiring

For the 2013 seasonal hiring, Lone Peak filled 3 Lead crewmember and 8 crewmember positions. All permanent positions were in place for the duration of the year. In addition to our crewmembers who stayed for the entire season, we were able to welcome (9) detailers onto the crew this season. Of these detailers, (4) were from LPCC's (Lone Peak Conservation Center) Dromedary Peak Fuels Crew, (2) were from the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest, (2) were from the Payette National Forest and (1) was from the McCall Smokejumper Base.

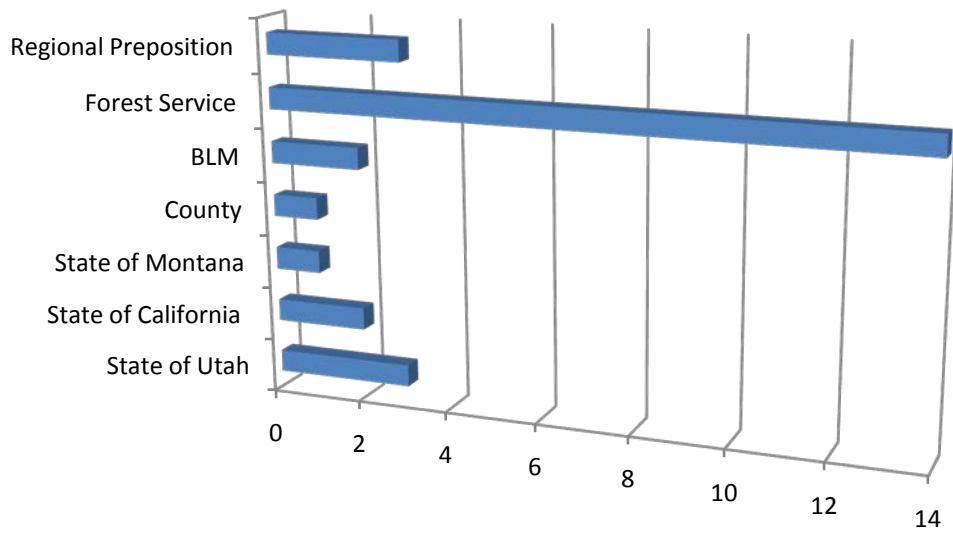
Training

Training is a very important aspect of the Lone Peak Hotshots development program. While official training opportunities are extremely important, so too are unofficial or unstructured training. Everyone on the crew, regardless of position is expected to facilitate or seek out opportunities to train, learn, mentor or instruct based on applicable skill sets or qualifications. The desire to improve and grow as hotshots, is required of all crewmembers within the Lone Peak Hotshot ranks. This season we initiated 12 PTB's (Position Task Books), and completed 4. These PTB's were: Division Supervisor (DIVS), Helicopter Crewmember (HECM), Advanced Firefighter/ Incident Commander Type 5 (FFT1/ICT5), and Prescribed Fire Burn Boss Type 3 (RXB3).

Incidents By State



Incidents by Jurisdiction





Incident Summary

Mgmt. Level (e.g. I, II, III, IV, or IA)	Date	Incident Name	Incident Number	Operation Periods (#) of Periods	Fire Size Class
N/A	5/1-5/2	OSC-May Staging	CA-OSC-000026	1	N/A
I	5/3-5/5	Springs	CA-VNC-025314	2	G
II	5/5-5/6	Panther	CA-BTU-005648	N/A	E
N/A	5/6-5/8	2013 KNF ONC Preposition	CA-KNF-000292	2	N/A
V	5/9-5/10	Little Deer	CA-KNF-003015	2	A
N/A	5/11-5/13	2013 KNF ONC Preposition	CA-KNF-000292	3	N/A
III	5/23-5/28	Grassy Trails	UT-SES-000001	5	D
N/A	6/1-6/5	R-3 Large Fire Support	NM-R03-000001	3	N/A
III	6/5-6/8	Sawmill Canyon	NM-GNF-000217	2	C
II	6/8-6/17	Silver	NM-GNF-000230	8	G
III	6/20-6/22	Bull Gulch	CO-RGD-000438	2	C
II	6/23-6/26	East Peak	CO-HUX-000444	4	G
II	6/27-6/29	Ox-Cart	CO-RGF-000289	2	F
II	6/29-7/7	West Fork Complex	CO-SJF-000285	6	G
III	7/11-7/13	Hell's Kitchen	UT-RID-000125	2	C
II	7/15-7/23	West Mullan	MT-LNF-005055	9	G
N/A	7/24-7/25	2013 R-1 Support	MT-R01-000005	2	N/A
III	7/25-7/29	Millcreek	MT-SWS-000037	4	F
III	8/3-8/7	Packer Creek	WY-BTF-000019	5	E
III	8/8-8/10	Green	WY-BTF-000021	3	F
III	8/11-8/20	Millville	UT-BRS-000615	10	F
N/A	8/25-8/26	2013 BOF Preposition	ID-BOF-000428	1	N/A
IV	8/26-8/27	Logger	ID-BOF-001256	2	B
IV	8/27-8/29	2013 BOF Preposition	ID-BOF-000428	2	N/A
II	8/29-9/8	Weiser Complex	ID-PAF-013082	10	G
III	10/3	Argyle Canyon RX		1	B

<u>Training Description</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Orientation	1
Introduction/Expectations	1
Physical Training	9
Flight Weight	0.5
Pack Test	2
PT Testing	1
Crew SOP's	4
Briefings / AAR's	1
Chain of Command, ICS, Tool Order	1
Team Building Exercises	1
LCES, 10/18, Common Denominators	1
52 Club	0.5
Fireline Refresher	8
Know Your Fire Shelter	1.5
Crew Cohesion Discussion	1
Firefighter Health and Fitness	0.5
6 Minutes for Safety (15 minutes daily)	1.5
Ethics and Conduct for Hotshot Crews	2
Predictive Services	1
Chainsaw Refresher/ Maintenance	5
Saw Fireline Operations	0.5
Situational Awareness	0.5
Hazard Tree Falling Ops	0.5
Line Construction / Downhill Checklist	1
Air Operations Refresher	4
Pump / Hydraulics Refresher	4
Chipper/Vehicle Training	2
Project Expectations	0.5
Team Building Exercises	2
Fire Weather S190/S290 Refresher	1.5
Individual Development Plans	1
Small Unit Operations	2
Proper Gear / PPE	0.5
Crew Carrier Specifics	1
Ignition Operations Refresher	4
Fire Weather Observations	1.5
Field Radio Programming	1.5
IRPG / Ops Guide	0.5
Entrapment Avoidance	1
Medical Review	4
Line Construction	5
Medical Scenario	2
Spot Fire Procedures	0.5
Gridding	0.5
Mop Up	0.5
Helicopter Safety / Flight Ready	0.5
Helispot / Medivac Site Construction	0.5
Drop Gear and Run to Safety Zone	0.5
Daily Refurb	0.5
Firing and Holding	0.5
Maps/ GPS use	2

Critical Training Summary

Project Work

With the abrupt end to the fire suppression season, the Lone Peak Hotshots quickly moved into project work mode. From mid-September to mid-October the crew was actively engaged in fuels reduction and mitigation projects. In an interesting note, on the Argyle Fuels Reduction project the crew was able to complete all phases of the project within the same fire season, with the same group of folks. From the initial start of identifying the fuel loading, removal and stacking of fuels, and prescribed fire treatment of the unit, this experience in all phases allowed crewmembers with limited experience in fuels treatment to see the end product and to further understand the intent behind the action. From understanding tree selection in the cutting process, burn pile site selection and pile size restrictions, to actually visualizing the BTU outputs of piles and scorch. Crewmembers gained valuable experience typically unavailable to hotshot crewmembers due to fire suppression operations.



Safety

Vehicles: A total of 64,301 miles were driven by the four crew vehicles during the season. There were no major mechanical issues with any of the vehicles. In addition, we had no vehicle accidents that were deemed reportable due to injury or significant vehicle damage.

Personnel: The crew had no lost time injuries. We had our fair share of poison oak, bee stings, slips, trips, and falls. Every crewmember was bumped, battered and bruised, which is nearly unavoidable in this line of work. For all of the hours on the fireline and driving we had another safe season. The crews' commitment to safe operations ensured this outcome with a bit of luck as well.

Season Data Summary

2013 INTERAGENCY HOTSHOT CREW SEASON DATA

Crew Name: Lone Peak Interagency Hotshots		
QUESTIONS		RESPONSE
AVAILABILITY		
1	Total days crew was assembled?	198
1a	Start Date	4/10
1b	End Date	10/24
2	Total number of days assigned to incidents? <i>(Includes travel)</i>	117
2a	How many days were in official travel status?	13
2b	How many 14 day assignments were completed during total number of days assigned?	6
2bb	How many assignment extensions?	1
TRAINING		
4	Number of days in training? <i>*4 - 10</i> <i>Schedule</i>	*10
5	Number of days of non fire mandatory training?	3
6	Number of instructor hours dedicated to non-crew training courses?	22
6a	Number of task books initiated?	12
6b	Number of task books completed?	4
TRANSPORTATION		
7	Total miles driven? <i>(Total of all vehicles)</i>	64,301
8	How many vehicles do you have?	4
9	Number of vehicle accidents? (Vehicle down for repair due to accident)	0
9a	Number of injury vehicle accidents?	0
9b	Vehicle accidents above where fault was Government Driver?	0
10	Number of days vehicle down for failure or repairs? <i>(Non-accident, total all vehicles)</i>	0
11	How many times did your crew fly? <i>(Count each leg as a flight)</i>	0
PERSONNEL		
12	Total number of funded personnel on crew?	23
13	On average how many personnel did you have on incidents?	23
13a	Number of days crew leadership fulfilled incident leadership positions?	26
14	Total number of career appointments? <i>(excluding apprentices)</i>	5
16	Number of career positions that were vacant?	0
ACCIDENTS AND INJURIES		
18	Number of non-injury incidents? <i>(bee stings, poison oak, etc)</i>	3
19	Number of injury accidents?	1
20	Number of injury accidents that required medical attention? <i>(no lost time)</i>	1
21	Number of injury accidents that required medical attention? <i>(lost time)</i>	0
PROJECTS		
22	Total Fuels Treatment Acres? <i>(while assigned and unassigned)</i>	98
22a	Mechanical? <i>(which includes RX prep work)</i>	96
22b	Burned?	2



Crew Roster

- Kris Bruington
- Preston Ley
- Ryan LaFontaine
- Darren O'Loughlin
- Davis Oatway
- Jacob Blehm
- Rick Fowler
- Tim Casperson
- Kadell Deason
- Zach Beerman
- T. Steven Michaelis
- Seth Webb
- Sean Salinger
- Josue Hurtado
- Ryan Hopkins
- Noah Greenwald
- Brett Branin
- Carlos Flores
- Jacoven Tate
- Dallin Brown

Detailers

- Cody Steffensen-LPCC
- Chase Bowen-LPCC
- Jeremy Morgan-LPCC
- Shane Fowles-LPCC
- Nathan Beckham-UWF
- Cameron Kirkham-UWF
- Alex Rickert-PAF
- Josh Williams-PAF
- Brent Morrison-MYL