

Dromedary Peak Handcrew

2021 Season Report



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The 2021 field season was a successful season for The Dromedary Peak Handcrew. It was a very safe season with minimal near-miss or injuries. We pushed record breaking fire experience for the Dromedary short season with 615 overtime hours. We fought fire in Arizona, Idaho, Nevada, Utah, and Wyoming. Dromedary held true to its standard of training new firefighters and supporting the center as a whole.

The Dromedary Peak Handcrew officially began the 2021 season on May 10th with a 40 hours of critical training. We focused on “hands-on-training” to prepare the crew. We facilitated an online version of the RT-130 course as well as an in-person RT-212 refresher courses. With the help from the overhead staff at LPCC, we also held S-212 courses for our new firefighters. Hands-on training at the center consisted of chipper operations, radio use, weather, medical scenarios, pump operations and physical fitness training. Dromedary Peak traveled to Johnson’s Pass to perform more field related skills and training as part of its critical training. On May 14th, the final step of critical training began with the annual base review by LPCC overhead. During this time, the crew’s administrative, logistical, and staff readiness were evaluated through scenarios, interviews, and discussion. The crew was made available for national assignment on the morning of May 15th through the Northern Utah Interagency Fire Center.

Dromedary’s first and only project of the year was the Tabiona Springs HOA cutting and piling project. This provided three days of quality cutting and swamping training for the entire crew. Mike Lefler the project coordinator was extremely satisfied with the quality of work left from the crew. As we finished our last shift on the project and the crew pulled back to the truck to refurb, the crew received its first fire assignment to Nevada on the Bunker Peak Fire.

The Bunker Peak fire was the start of the first of four, 14 day tours. One full shift was performed. This was a good opportunity on a slow fire to instill the fundamentals of securing the fire edge. The crew was reassigned to the Wilson Creek fire the second day where 13 more shifts were completed. Just north of Pioche, NV at 9000 ft the Wilson Creek was a high elevation fire that was burning actively, in rough terrain and thick fuel loading. The crew was challenged with long hikes, hard full shifts with weather varying from 30’s with snow, to 90’s and dry heat. The crew performed very good in the first real fire scenarios.

Kicking off the second, after R&R the crew was dispatched to Idaho on the Birch fire, just north of Grouse Creek, UT. The typical west desert fires that we see here in Utah. The crew was heavily relied on to secure edge up in the steep country that engine crews did not have access to. The crew once again performed well on this fire and we had a 1000 acre fire secured up in

about 3 days, and put the crew available for reassignment. After a day of sitting on prepo the crew was ordered to the Bennion Creek fire just east of Spanish Fork up HWY 6. Once again this was high elevation timber fire that was burning actively. For being only mid June this was unusual for us to see so many timber fires this early in our region. Working along side Alta IHC and Twin Peaks Handcrew the State performed very well on a federally managed wildfire. Good rapport was developed with federal overhead type resources and they were much appreciative of work perform on the fire. An incident with in an incident happened here in the form of a medical. Twin Peaks had an individual have a saw injury to the leg. The three state Handcrews worked together to get the injured individual off the hill and to higher care very quickly. This in my mind was a huge success that started for all crew during critical training. Following the the IWI the crew continued securing and mopping and finished out 14 days on the Bennion Creek.

The next 14 day role consisted of the Monk Springs fire in Fillmore, Willow Creek fire north of Salina, and the Snap Point fire on the Arizona Strip District just south of Saint George, Utah. These all were extremely hot and some steep fires. These were challenging fires for a Type II I.A. crew comprised of half first year firefighters. The challenge was met by a “slow is smooth” approach. The crew took on what was considers “type I” country or temps to hot to work in. Each of these assignments was tackled slowly and each incident was wrapped up without further growth the fire. An I.C. 4 assignment was taken by Terry to complete his task book on the Willow Creek incident. This would not be doable without the depth of experience of the crew overhead.

Dromedary’s final 14 day role began just south of Pocatello on the Idaho Falls District, with the Idaho BLM. The crew is pretty seasoned at this point and being placed in the Idaho desert fuel type with another Utah based type II crew, quick work was made of this classic 2000-acre desert tactics fire. Three shifts were spent here before being reassigned to the Dempsey Fire south of Lava Hot Springs ID. This was a Type 5 incident in the timber. The crew secured, mopped up, and cold trailed a 1-acre fire in 1 shift. This had local resources jaw dropped at the work put in by Dromedary Peak. With one shift to monitor the crew was once again reassigned to the Soda Lake fire north of Big Piney Wyoming. We spent the remainder of our 14 days securing, mopping, and monitoring this fire. Upon return home to Lone Peak Conservation Center the crew was quickly dismantled and sent out to bolster other crews or return to school.

Dromedary staff supported:

- Lone Peak IHC with 3 firefighter (Santos Quintana, Jared Mahoney, and Jaden Deason).
- Alta IHC with 3 firefighter (Jakob Rogge, Jacob Anderson, and Ryan Murphy).

-Twin Peaks IA with 3 firefighters (Dylan Sayre, Caleb Raehl, and Brigham Peck).

-Engine 1668 with 1 firefighter (Abdusalam Ibrahim).

-Engine 1667 with 2 firefighter (Drake Soper, and David Palacios)

Overhead staff:

Chad Stilson: Took on a Overhead assignment on a local Initial Attack up Parley Canyon, doing GIS work. He also fulfill a detail working under FFSL GIS team up at the state office building.

Dan White: Went out on assignments to California as Base Camp Manager trainee.

Kevin Frank: Took a detail with the Wasatch Front fulfilling a Dispatch role.

Training is a big part of our program throughout the entire season. Some of the PTB's we were able to complete over the 2021 season include: ICT4 (1), ICT5(1), FFT1(4), HECM(t) BCMG(t), GISS(t)

Thank you to all who helped by contributing to Dromedary Peak's success!

2021 LPCC CREW SEASON DATA

Crew Name: Dromedary Peak Handcrew

QUESTIONS		RESPONSE
AVAILABILITY		
1	Total days crew was assembled?	86
1a	Start Date	May 10 th
1b	End Date	Aug 4 th
2	Total number of days assigned to incidents? (Includes travel)	62
2a	How many days were in official travel status?	15
2b	How many 14 day assignments were completed during total number of days assigned?	4
2bb	How many assignment extensions?	0
2c	Number of days on project work while assigned? (list specific type: e.g.. Trails, fuels etc.)	0
2d	Number of days on project work while not assigned?	3
3	Total number of days off?	13
3a	Days off in pay status?	4
3b	Days off in non- pay status?	5
3c	Number of days in station or otherwise and not accounted for above?	6
TRAINING		
4	Number of days in training?	86
5	Number of days of non fire mandatory training?	4
6	Number of instructor hours dedicated to non-crew training courses?	64
6a	Number of task books initiated?	2
6b	Number of task books completed?	6
TRANSPORTATION		
7	Total miles driven? (Total of all vehicles)	26,574
8	How many vehicles do you have?	5
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? (Non-accident, total all vehicles)	0
11	How many times did your crew fly? (Count each leg as a flight)	0
11a	Commercial	0
11b	Charter	0
PERSONNEL		
12	Total number of funded personnel on crew?	21
13	On average how many personnel did you have on incidents?	20
13a	Number of day's crew leadership fulfilled incident leadership positions?	4
14	Total number of career appointments? (excluding apprentices)	4
15	Number of UFRA interns on crew?	0
16	Number of career positions that were vacant?	0
17	Number of career employee's on the crews that are eligible for retirement in the next 5 years?	0
ACCIDENTS AND INJURIES		
18	Number of non-injury incidents? (bee stings, poison oak, etc)	1
19	Number of injury accidents?	0
20	Number of injury accidents that required medical attention? (no lost time)	1

