

2023 END OF SEASON REPORT

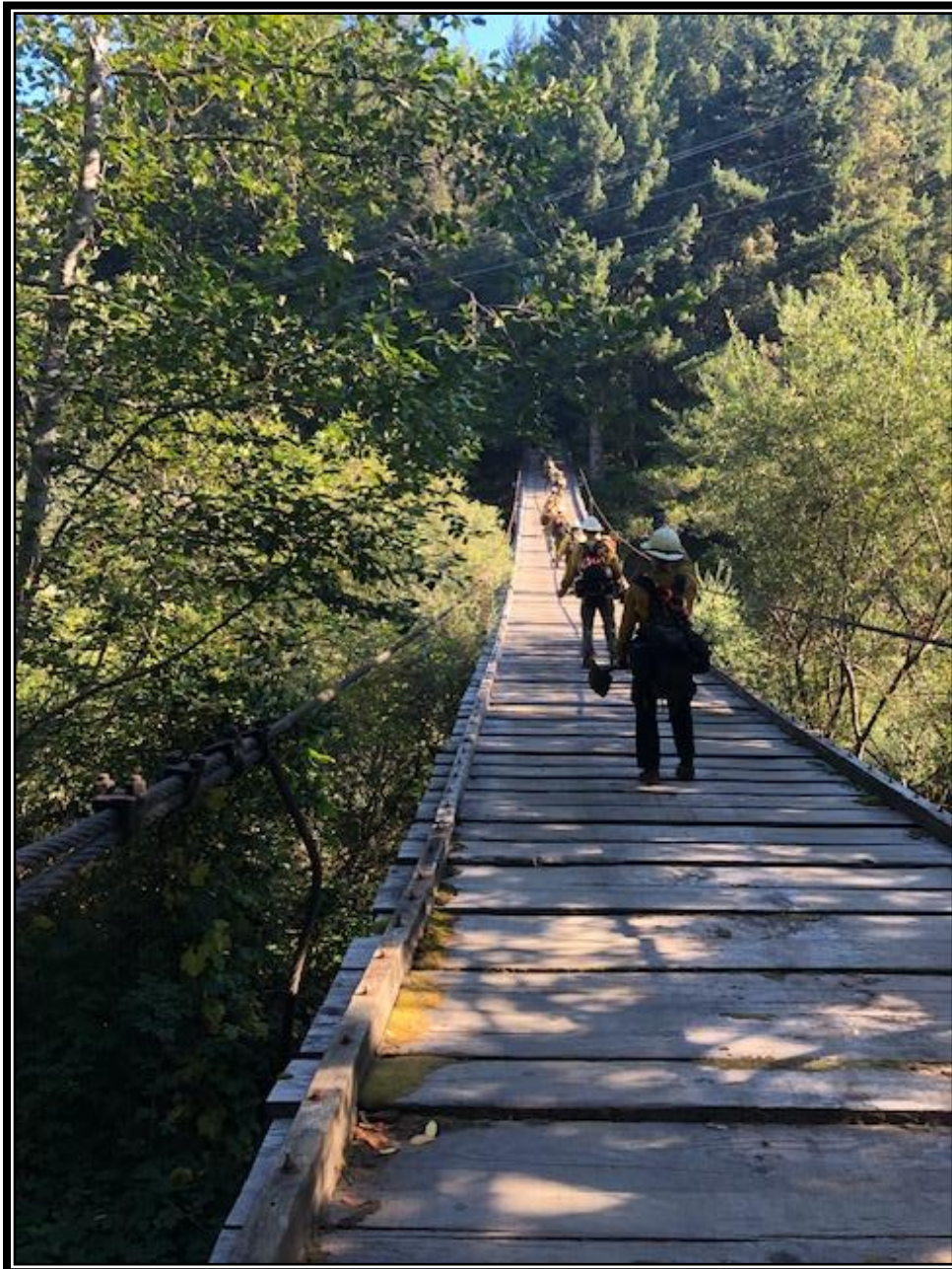


DROMEDARY PEAK HANDCREW



State of Utah
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Division of Forestry, Fire & State Lands





Port Orford, OR

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2023 Season Summary

The 2023 fire season started on May 1st with an 80 hour “critical training” period. The crew successfully completed this training on May 11th. This would also mark the first year Dromedary Peak would be transitioned into a “full season” crew.

The crew maintained its organizational structure moving into the 2023 season with the 1-2-2 format: One Crewboss, two Squad Leaders, and two Lead Crewmembers. Although the organizational structure remained the same, Dromedary Peak promoted several individuals into new leadership roles. Prior to the season Caleb Bledsoe, and Santos Quintana accepted their first permanent positions as Squad Leader, and Lead Crewmember. The crew started and maintained Type II I.A. status for the duration of the summer.

The crew was assembled for 165 days, visiting four states, completing five 14 assignments, with 83 days on assignment, 13 days of travel, and 789 hours of overtime. The crew fulfilled four weeks of project before the first resource order came on June 12th. The first 14-day assignment was for the Region 3 where Dromedary Peak was hosted by the Lincoln NF. Three initial attacks were hit while proposition in Ruidoso NM. The Second 14-day assignment was all in Utah and was a combination of the Sunny Cove Fire, Monument Fire, and the Mtn Home fire. On the crew third “roll” we were ordered on a Support code to Colorado where we hit 4 small fires. This benefitted the crew in training up ICT5s for the crew. The 4th “roll” was to Region 6 for the Anvil Fire on the Rogue Siskiyou NF. This brought new country, and tactics for the crew that we haven’t seen in several years. Poison oak also brought on its own unique challenges. This was also the only “large incident” the crew was assigned to all year. The final and fifth “roll” was to a remote portion of Colorado on the border of UT and CO. The Border Fire. Four days there led into 10 days of proposition in the Grand Junction area for fire severity during the end September.



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Off-Season Assignments

After the seasonal crewmembers are laid off for the winter, the permanent employees begin the necessary preparations for the upcoming fire season. These preparations include cleaning, repairing and replacing gear, ordering new gear and equipment, repairing vehicles, hiring new crewmembers for the upcoming season, and various duties associated with administrating and managing a hand crew. When possible Dromedary Peak attempts to assist our local interagency partners in pile or broadcast burns. In April, Lead Crewmember Santos Quintana, along with Keifer Raduenz from Twin Peaks, participated in Niobrara Valley TREX. This was a valuable experience in working with our non-profits partners, The Nature Conservancy (TNC) in conducting broadcast burns in Nebraska on TNC land and Federal to reduce fuel loading and improve habitat.

Project Work

The 2023 season brought on its fair share for Dromedary Peak. Four Continuous weeks were completed immediately following the 80-hour critical training. The crew did work for Yuba State park camp grounds, flood control mitigation in Salt Lake County, and “cut and chip” projects for the Uintah Wasatch Cache National Forest. Additional projects happened for short durations in the North East Area for the community of Alpine Acres, as well as various other projects while assigned to preposition in Colorado, and New Mexico.

Personnel

Dromedary had 6 returning crewmembers coming back to us from previous years to fulfill saw team position or seasonal lead crewmember (LCM) positions.

The crew hired ten new seasonal crewmembers, two of those coming to us with experience from Washington DNR, and Klamath NF. The other 8 were all brand new to fire coming from Utah, California, Arizona, and Ohio. The majority of the brand-new crewmembers gained their basic training and NWCG course from Online training.

Late season we had 6 detailers from Thunder Mountain back fill position that opened up through out the season. We also had Shay Earl a returning crewmember replace Brigham Peck as LCM mid-way through the season.

Safety (Personnel and Vehicles)

Dromedary Peak’s 2023 season came with two minor injuries that happened during critical, and while assigned to project in Grand Junction Colorado. During the field day portion of critical a swamper on a saw team was pulling brush when his grip on a branch broke and caused him to fall with a forward motion onto his shoulder that was previously injured. This led to a crew extraction from the hill and transport by ambulance to the emergency room in Tooele. This ultimately led to the end of the season for this individual. The other injury occurs while the crew was prepositioned in Grand Junction Colorado. The crew was placed on project work on the Uncompahgre Plateau. While cutting one of the saw teams twisted their knee and had to be transport to Montrose CO to visit an urgent care. This led to a loss of about a month of the fire season for this individual.

The crew amassed 61,685 miles among five vehicles for an average of 12,308 miles per vehicle. No vehicles lost time due to accidents.



Critical Training Overview

Week 1	Week 2
<p>05/01/2023 Monday Introduction and Expectations, PT Test, RT-130, Squad Breakouts – Review Gear, and Grounds</p> <p>05/02/2023 Tuesday RT-212, Pack Test, Station Training – Weather observations, Radio use, Crew medical gear, Squad Breakouts – trucks, flat tire demo, rock removal,</p> <p>05/03/2023 Wednesday Six Minutes for Safety, Defensive Driving, Workplace Harassment, Tool Order/ Helicopter Sling ready, and Flight ready, First Aid/CPR, PT Hike.</p> <p>05/04/2023 Thursday Six Minutes for Safety, Saw Shop, Chipper Training, LPCC Saw Hands on Training.</p>	<p>05/08/2023 Monday (Cottonwood Field day) Hike to work site, Line Production, Spike out.</p> <p>05/09/2023 Tuesday (Cottonwood Field day) Line Production, lunch, Line Production, IWI, Travel Back to shop.</p> <p>05/10/2023 Wednesday Full Refurbishment, Lunch, Finish Refurbishment, Squad Break outs – 14-day assignment readiness, Cohesion Activity.</p> <p>05/11/2023 Thursday Morning PT, Squad Breakouts, Overhead Administrative Review, Crew Readiness Review.</p>
<p>Total Training Hours 80</p>	

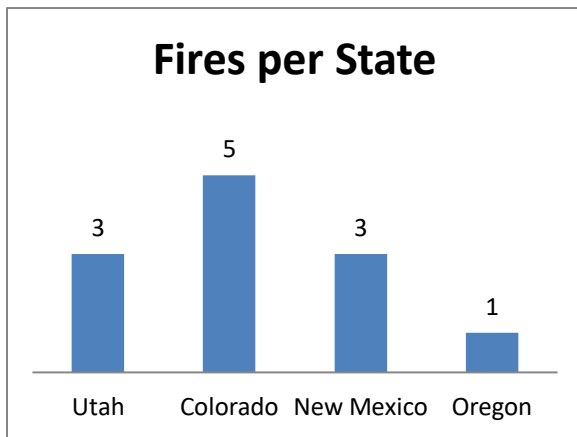
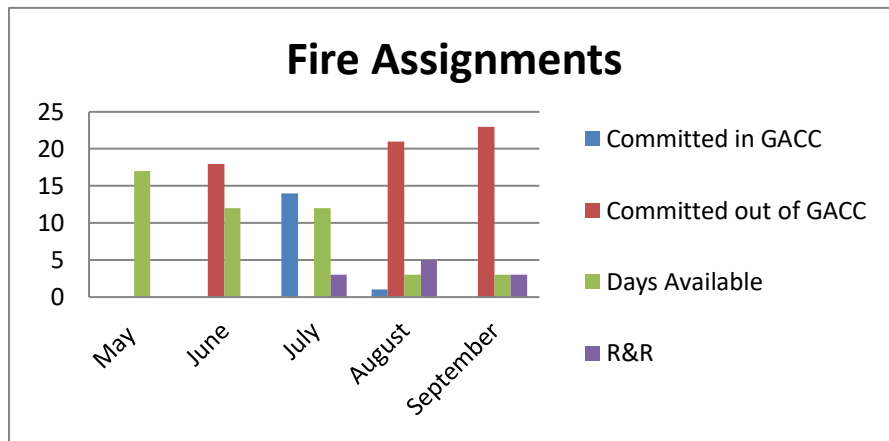


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Incident History

Management Level	Risk Type	Incident Name	Incident Number	Number of Shifts
		2023 SWCC Support	NM-SNF-000049	7
IV	WF	Allison	NM-N5S-000413	2
III	WF	Chance	NM-N5S-000440	3
IV	WF	Coyote	NM-N5S-000468	2
IV	WF	Sunny Cove	UT-ASF-100092	5
III	WF	Monument	UT-GRD-100114	5
IV	WF	Mtn Home	UT-WDD-230220	4
		RMA support	CO-RMC-230003	2
V	WF	Black Ridge	CO-GND-000210	4
III	WF	Little Mesa	CO-UPD-000186	3
IV	WF	Harvest	CO-WRD-000127	4
II	WF	Lee	CO-WRD-000150	1
		RAC MOB support	OR-NWC-000003	1
I	WF	Anvil	OR-RSF-000413	14
IV	WF	Border	CO-GRD-230412	5
		RMA Support	CO-RMC-230003	4
		GMF Support 23	CO-GMF-000004	5



Mtn Home Range, UT



Dromedary Peak Handcrew 2023 Crew Organization



Dromedary Peak 2023 SEASON DATA

Crew Name:		
	QUESTIONS	RESPONSE
AVAILABILITY		
1	Total days crew was assembled?	165
1a	Start Date	5/1
1b	End Date	10/12
2	Total number of days assigned to incidents? <i>(Includes travel)</i>	83
2a	How many days were in official travel status?	13
2b	How many 14 day assignments were completed during total number of days assigned?	5
2c	How many assignment extensions? <i>(how many requested)</i>	0
2d	Number of days on project work while assigned?	12
2e	Number of days on project work while not assigned?	18
3	Total number of days off?	44
3a	Days off in pay status?	7
3b	Days off in non-pay status?	8
3c	Number of days in station or otherwise and not accounted for above?	0
4	Number of days as a Type 2IA	165
TRAINING		
5	Number of days in training?	83
6	Number of days of non fire mandatory training?	8
7	Number of instructor hours dedicated to non-crew training courses?	50
8	Number of task books initiated?	6
8a	Number of task books completed?	
TRANSPORTATION		
9	Total miles driven? <i>(Total of all vehicles)</i>	61,685
10	How many vehicles do you have?	5
11	Number of vehicle accidents? <i>(Vehicle down for repair due to accident)</i>	1
12	Number of injury vehicle accidents?	0
12a	Vehicle accidents above where fault was Government Driver?	1
13	Number of days vehicle down for failure or repairs? <i>(Non-accident, total all vehicles)</i>	0
14	How many times did your crew fly? <i>(Count each leg as a flight)</i>	0
14a	Commercial	0
14b	Charter	0
PERSONNEL		
15	Total number of funded personnel on crew?	22
16	On average how many personnel did you have on incidents?	22
17	Total number of career appointments? <i>(excluding apprentices)</i>	0
18	Number of apprentices on crew?	0
19	Number of career positions that were vacant?	0
20	Number of career employees on the crews that are eligible for retirement in the next 5 years?	0
ACCIDENTS AND INJURIES		
21	Number of non-injury incidents? <i>(bee stings, poison oak, etc)</i>	1
22	Number of injury accidents?	2
23	Number of injury accidents that required medical attention? <i>(no lost time)</i>	0
24	Number of injury accidents that required medical attention? <i>(lost time)</i>	2
PROJECTS		
25	Total Fuels Treatment Acres? <i>(while assigned and unassigned)</i>	9
25a	Mechanical? <i>(which includes RX prep work)</i>	0
25b	Burned?	0
INCIDENT SUPPORT		
26	Number of Shifts crew leadership fulfilled incident leadership positions?	0
26a	Number of shifts crew personnel filled other ICS positions while assigned?	0
26b	ICS Position(s) crew filled? ie, HEQB, FELB, etc	0
COVID-19		
27	How many times did your crew get tested on assignment?	0
27a	How many positive cases did the crew have?	0
27b	How many days was your crew out of service due to covid?	0

