

Alta IHC 2023 Season Report



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Season Summary

On May 8th 2023, the Alta Hotshots began their 80 critical training with 20 returners and 4 new hires for the 2023 fire season! During critical training this year a crewmember suffered a season ending injury which required surgery (he is recovering well and hungry to come back to the crew in 2024). On May 18th Alta Hotshots went available nationally and spent the next few weeks doing critical fuels mitigation work around the state and with our federal partners in the area.

June 4th was the crews first dispatch of the year which took us to Region 9, the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. The crew spent 14 days helping the local forest with RX unit prep and patrolling their critically dry forest, fortunately we didn't have to use our skills and got through that tour without any fires. The next roll was down to Region 3 for a preposition in New Mexico, after a few days of helping out on some RX units the crew was relocated to Flagstaff, Arizona. A few short days later on July 4th, the Alta Hotshots hit their first fire for the 2023 season, the Stockton Hill fire just outside Kingman, AZ. This was a great first fire for the crew demanding a lot from us on the first shift keeping us on the line overnight and into the next day to help defend the homes in the area. From this point on the fire season was pretty consistent for the crew and our next assignment was the Sunny Cove up Flaming Gorge in Utah. The crew was able to catch the Sunny Cove fire in two days and then were reassigned to the Hayden Fire just south of Salmon, ID. This was our first team fire of the season and it did not disappoint; the crew was able to test their skills and abilities in many different tactics and strategies ultimately making a positive difference on the outcome of that fire. From there the crew continues north for their next roll to the Ridge fire near Hungry Horse, MT. This was by far the crews favorite tour of the season, what we would call a Hotshot tour consisting of long days and miles and miles of direct line working towards other hotshot crews. The crew was extremely proud of all the work they had done on this incident and that we were able to catch it before the deluge got to it. After Montana the remainder of the fire season would be spent in southwestern Oregon on the Chilcoot/Ridge fire for a tour and then two back to back rolls on the Anvil fire. The first few days the crew was on loan to the Ridge fire (not the same Ridge fire from Montana) about 30 min west of the Chilcoot incident. The Ridge fire was filled with direct line and a lot snagging and we were able to close the door on this incident so we could focus our efforts on the Chilcoot fire. Fortunately, the rains came in and slowed the Chilcoot fire down to a place where the crew was able to get in some work and monitor the fire. The Anvil fire was a great way to end the season for Alta, our first tour was a mixed bag of tactics from going direct and chasing spot fires in steep snaggy terrain to installing water bars and rehabbing dozer lines. Our second tour to the Anvil fire the crew was tasked with many different operations mostly rehab and repair work and buttoning up of the incident to hand it back to the local unit. This provided the crew with a different perspective on the aftermath of fire operations and what goes into reducing the operational foot print during a campaign fire.

The Alta Hotshots 2023 fire season was spent in 5 different regions with 179 days assembled as a crew and spent a total of 119 days assigned to fires. The crew had 6 full 14-day assignments and finished with a 10-day partial assignment in region 6. The crew filled various positions in ICS leadership on different incidents, such as: TFLD, HEQB, CRWB, ICT5 and HECM. Alta IHC has always prioritized training and education and the 2023 fire season was no exception with 11 task books initiated and completing 7 from FFT1 to TFLD. We also had a few details this year consisting of a CRWB detail with Dromedary Peak T2IA to complete a CRWB task book and another detail with Salt Lake Heli tack to complete a HECM task book. Both details were a great success and a huge thanks to both Dromedary Peak and Salt Lake Heli tack. Within the crew we had multiple individuals working on FFT1/IC5 and being able to complete several of those as well.

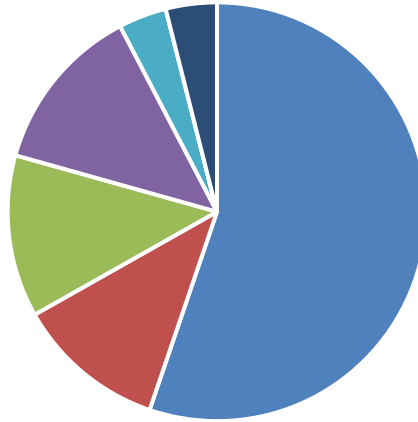
Overall, it was a safe and successful season!

2023 INTERAGENCY HOTSHOT CREW SEASON DATA

Crew Name: Alta IHC		
	QUESTIONS	RESPONSE
AVAILABILITY		
1	Total days crew was assembled?	179
1a	Start Date	May 8th 2023
1b	End Date	Nov 2nd 2023
2	Total number of days assigned to incidents? <i>(Includes travel)</i>	119
2a	How many days were in official travel status?	25
2b	How many 14 day assignments were completed during total number of days assigned?	6
2c	How many assignment extensions? <i>(how many requested)</i>	0
2d	Number of days on project work while assigned? <i>(list specific type: e.g.. Trails, fuels etc.)</i>	20
2e	Number of days on project work while not assigned?	7
3	Total number of days off?	28
3a	Days off in pay status?	7
3b	Days off in non- pay status?	21
3c	Number of days in station or otherwise and not accounted for above?	0
4	Number of days as a Type 2IA	0
TRAINING		
5	Number of days in training?	8
6	Number of days of non fire mandatory training?	0
7	Number of instructor hours dedicated to non-crew training courses?	80+
8	Number of task books initiated?	11
8a	Number of task books completed?	7
TRANSPORTATION		
9	Total miles driven? <i>(Total of all vehicles)</i>	102,405
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?	0
13	Number of days vehicle down for failure or repairs? <i>(Non-accident, total all vehicles)</i>	170+
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?	24
16	On average how many personnel did you have on incidents?	21
17	Total number of career appointments? <i>(excluding apprentices)</i>	9
18	Number of apprentices on crew?	0
19	Number of career positions that were vacant?	1
20	Number of career employee's 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>	1
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>	50+
25a	Mechanical? <i>(which includes RX prep work)</i>	25+
25b	Burned?	0
INCIDENT SUPPORT		
26	Number of Shifts crew leadership fulfilled incident leadership positions?	32
26a	Number of shifts crew personnel filled other ICS positions while assigned?	36
26b	ICS Position(s) crew filled? ie; HEQB, FELB, etc	TLFD, CRWB, HEQB, HECM, ICT5
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

2023 Fires

ASSEMBLED FOR 179 DAYS



■ Days on the Line
 ■ Travel
 ■ Project
 ■ R&R
 ■ Training
 ■ Shop Days
 ■ Days Charlie buggie lived

Management Level	Date	Incident Name	Region	Incident Number	Days Committed
N/A	6/4	2023 HIF PREPO	9	MI-HIF-230004	20
N/A	6/27	2023 SWCC SUPPORT	3	NM-SWC-000002	11
TYPE 3	7/4	STOCKTON HILL	6	AZ-A5S-231010	6
TYPE 3	7/18	SUNNY COVE	4	UT-ASF-100092	3
TYPE 2	7/21	HAYDEN	4	ID-SCF-023084	12
TYPE 1	7/7	RIDGE	1	MT-FNF-000518	17
TYPE 2	8/28	CHILCOOT	6	OR-UPF-000345	18
TYPE 1	9/18	ANVIL	6	OR-RSF-000413	18
TYPE 2	10/10	ANVIL	6	OR-RSF-000413	14

Crew Organization Chart

