2010 Season Report

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2010 Season Overview:

Dromedary Peak’s 2010 season began on May 2nd with a crew introduction and review of SOP’s. Incoming crewmembers spent the rest of the week in various training sessions including, first aid/CPR, S-212, and chipper operations.

The following week wrapped up the S-212 with a pair of field days at “The Colony” outside Park City, Utah. Additional critical crew field training was performed at Johnson’s Pass in Tooele County. Crew members were introduced to programmable field radios, basic GPS and land navigation techniques, as well as reviews of fireline terminology and operations. The final afternoon at Johnson’s Pass consisted of a full gear crew hike in the surrounding hills, made all the more interesting by a heavy late season snow storm.
Project Assignment Summary:

Dromedary’s project assignments began the third week in May, with a commute project at “The Colony”. The crew constructed a number of shaded fuel breaks around home owner’s properties.

The following two weeks also consisted of a commute project, only a few short miles from the Lone Peak Conservation Center. During this time the crew practiced their chainsaw skills while eliminating invasive Russian Olive trees along the riparian corridor of the Jordan River.

Beginning the second week of June, Dromedary began campout projects that lasted for the remainder of the summer season. The crew began by traveling to the North Slope Boy Scout Camp in the Unita Mountains to help complete a hazard tree falling assignment. This project offered the opportunity for many crewmembers to become more proficient and efficient in falling hazard trees under direct supervision.

The following two weeks projects consisted of a shaded fuel break for the HOA in Cherry Canyon and another hazard tree removal assignment on the Diamond Bar X properties.

On the 24th of June, Dromedary underwent its annual crew base review with supervisory staff here
at Lone Peak. The purpose of the review was to ensure Dromedary’s IA squad was adequately prepared for fire assignments. All fixed assets and personnel were reviewed to ensure compliance with national, state, and program guidelines. Upon completion of the review, Dromedary’s IA squad became available for fire dispatch within the state of Utah.

The Beaver High Adventure Base (BHAB) was the site of our next campout, where we completed another shaded fuel break along the camp’s access road.

The following month of July provided the crew with the opportunity to work at Argyle Canyon, Skyline Mountain, Strong’s Peak, and the Mt. Pleasant Boy Scout Camp. Each location offered unique opportunities to gain further experience in both tree falling and fuel break construction, utilizing our full range of equipment, from hand saws and rakes to chainsaws and tracked chippers.

The start of August had the crew back at Argyle Canyon. The first week of the month consisted of further tree falling, with the next two weeks consisting of fuel break construction on a homeowner’s property.

August 20th was the final day of the season for Dromedary, 2010. The crew spent two days cleaning and stowing gear for the winter as well as preparing
to return to school or join other modules within the Lone Peak program. In all eight personnel from Dromedary Peak were placed with other modules for the remainder of the fire season. Two individuals were sent to Twin Peaks IA crew, three with the UFRA crew, two with the engine program, and one with the Lone Peak Hotshots.

In all Dromedary Peak was available for dispatch for 57 days during 2010. Due to an abnormally slow fire season, Dromedary did not have a fire dispatch. However the crew completed 12 campouts, spending a total of 50 days on projects, with a total of 518 total project hours.

For the eight personnel assigned to other Lone Peak modules, the remainder of the fire season offered the opportunity to gain operational fire experience in a total of three states, including Utah. With individuals working towards completion of CRWB and ENGB task books.