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Season  
Report

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## Season Overview

The 2012 fire season started on April 11th with the start of our 80 hours of critical training required of all IHC's nationwide. This two weeks of training focused on re-visiting the basic fundamentals of firefighting. Physical fitness, crew cohesion and Hotshot ethic were stressed heavily everyday during critical training. Formalized training included refreshers in fire behavior, chain saw use and maintenance, line construction, air operations and emergency medical situations. While some of this time was spent in the classroom, a heavy emphasis was placed on hands on training and field exercises. One unique aspect to this year's field training was a request to support a local initial attack fire. This allowed us to implement the days field training experience into an actual fire environment. This small 40 acre fire was utilized to expand on fire line operations as well as set the precursor for the season.

## Hiring

For the 2012 fire season two squad leaders, two lead crewmembers and 4 crewmember positions would be recruited for, and filled. One squad leader position was vacated by Brent Morrison who took a position with the McCall Smokejumpers, the other was vacated by Matt Schrier.

One squad leader positions was filled by Ryan Lafontaine who previously filled a lead crewmember position in 2011. The second position was filled by Davis Oatway who had left the crew after 2009 to take a squad leader position on the Alta Type 2 IA crew. The second LCM position was soon vacated by James Norvell who received an offer to rookie with the McCall Smokejumpers for 2012.

One vacant LCM position was filled by Kyle Yurkovich, who was a prior crewmember with the crew, who returned after gaining prescribed fire experience with Eglin AFB. The second was filled by an individual who came from outside the crew with various fire and military experience. Consequently this individual terminated his employment early on in the season and crewmember Matt Mortensen detailed in to this position for the remainder of the season.

Hiring for seasonal positions was once again competitive for the 2012 fire season. Eighty-two applications were processed with twenty-two interviews being held. One position was filled with a crewmember from a previous season. Two positions were filled from students who attended the Rio Hondo Wildland Fire Academy in Southern California, with the last position being filled from with an individual coming from an engine in Colorado. As in seasons past, we relied on our seasonal outreach to generate the biggest response in applications, with other internet mediums coinciding with the outreach.

## Training Summary

### Critical Training Topics

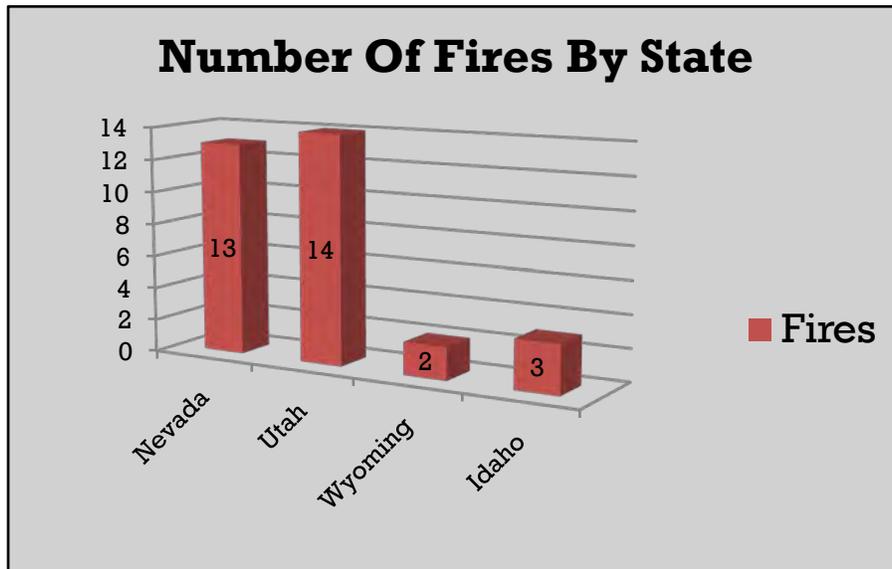
Training Description	Hours	Chipper Training	2
Orientation	1	Project Expectations	1
Hiring Paperwork	1	Team Building Exercises	2
Gear Issue	0.5	Fire Weather S190/S290 Refresher	6
Flight Weight	0.5	Individual Development Plans	1
Pack Test	2	Small Unit Operations	2
PT Testing	1	Proper Gear / PPE	0.5
Crew SOP's	2.5	Crew Carrier Specifics	1
Briefings / AAR's	1	Firing Operations Refresher	2
Chain of Command, ICS, Tool Order	1	Fire Weather Observations	1.5
Team Building Exercises	1	Field Radio Programming	1.5
LCES, 10/18, Common Denominators	1	IRPG / Ops Guide	0.5
52 Club	0.5	Entrapment Avoidance	0.5
Fireline Refresher	8	Field Training	
Know Your Fire Shelter	1.5	Line Construction	5
Crew Cohesion Discussion	1	Medical Scenario	2
Firefighter Health and Fitness	1	Pump Setup	1
6 Minutes for Safety (15 minutes daily)	1.5	Spot Fire Procedures	0.5
Ethics and Conduct for Hotshot Crews	1	Gridding	0.5
Predictive Services	1	Mop Up	0.5
Saw Refresher	2	Helicopter Safety / Flight Readiness	1
Chainsaw Maintenance	3	Helispot / Medivac Site Construction	1
Saw Fireline Operations	0.5	Drop Gear and Run to Safety Zone	0.5
Situational Awareness	0.5	Daily Refurb	0.5
Hazard Tree Falling Ops	0.5	Firing and Holding	0.5
Line Construction / Downhill Checklist	1	Maps/ GPS use	2
Air Operations Refresher	4		
Pump / Hydraulics Refresher	4		

### Season in Training

Training and self development are a large part of Lone Peak's daily crew operations. During the season, informal training for all crewmembers takes place on a daily basis. This allows the individual to work towards becoming an Advanced Firefighter (FFT1) through daily crew operations and exposure to various fire assignments. This pushes the ownership on the individual to seek out those opportunities daily, while allowing for a broader scale of building the FFT1 experience base among the crew. In addition to the informal training, certain positions require an individual to be placed in a formal training capacity. These formalized training positions allowed numerous other taskbooks to be completed during the busy 2012 season.

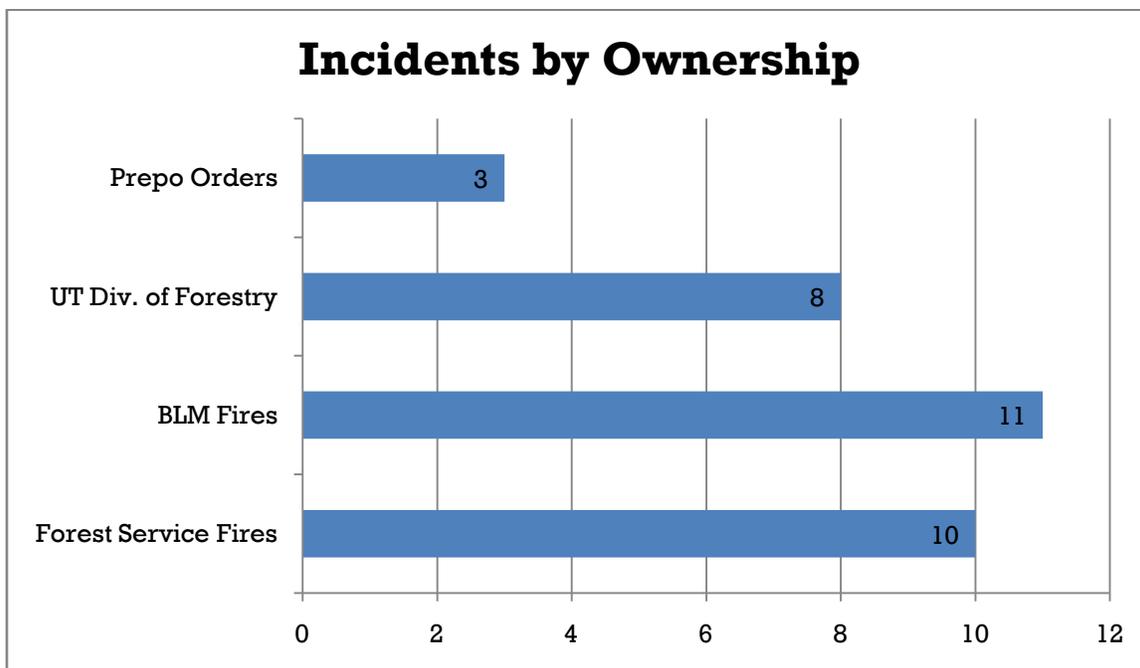
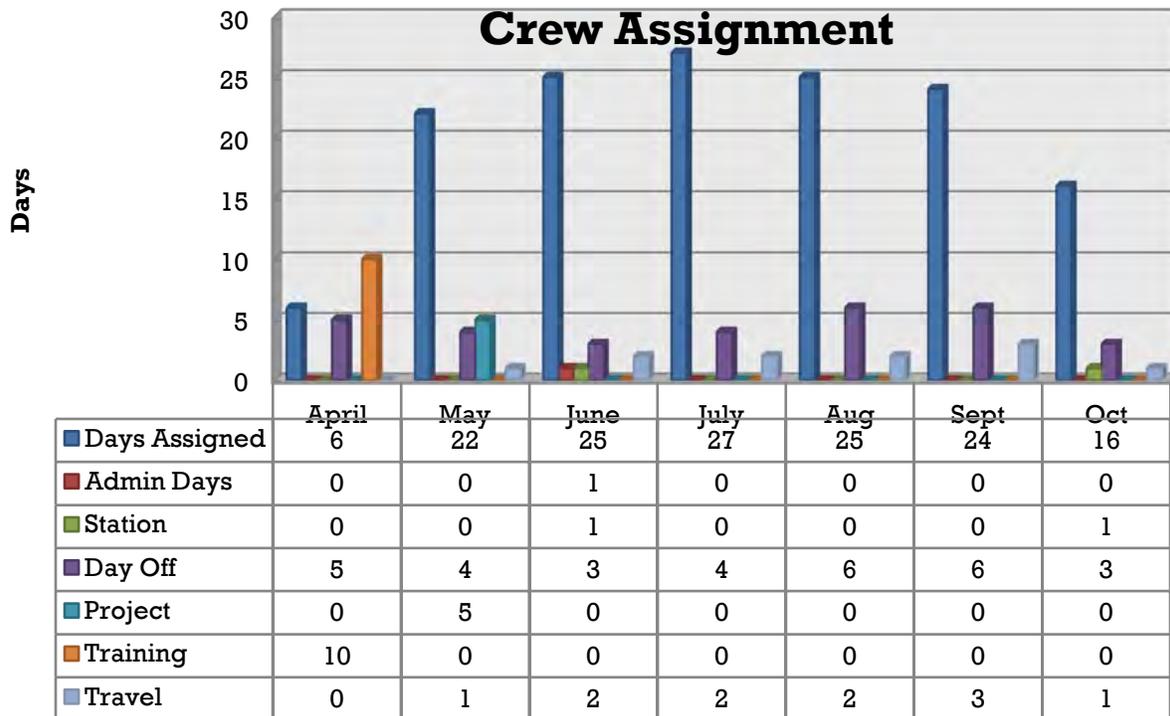
FFT1/ICT5	HECM	CRWB	FIRB	ENGB	FEMO	FALC	FALB
5	1	2	2	1	1	2	5

## Fire Assignments



Due to the low snowpack experienced during the winter of 2011-2012 and the continued drought conditions found throughout the Great Basin, the crew assignments consisted of fires all within the region. This started with the first two months assigned primarily to incidents in Nevada, then the next two months in a mix of Utah and Nevada all while working in your typical Great Basin high desert fuel types. The remaining two months were spent in the higher elevation conifer fuels of Idaho and Wyoming.





## Incident History

Mgmt. Level	Date	Incident Name	Location	Fire Size Class
IV	4/24-4/25	Benmore	UT-NWS	C
III	4/27-5/1	White Rock	NV-SND	F
III	5/2-5/4	Toquerville Assist 02	UT-SWS	D
III	5/10-5/13	Pahroc	NV-ELD	F
III	5/14-5/16	Antelope	NV-BMD	G
III	5/16-5/20	Wall	NV-CCD	G
	5/21	WGB Large Fire Support	NV-WGB	
II	5/22-5/26	T.R.E.	NV-CCD	G
III	5/31-6/2	AR	UT-NWS	F
II	6/2-6/4	White Rock	NV-ELD	G
III	6/8-6/10	Box Creek	UT-FIF	F
III	6/11-6/12	Barnes	NV-ELD	E
	6/13-6/17	WGB Large Fire Support	NV-WGB	
II	6/13-6/15	North Schell RX	NV-HTF	F
II	6/17-6/23	North Schell	NV-HTF	G
II	6/27-6/29	Wood Hallow	UT-SCS	G
II	6/29-7/11	Fontenelle	WY-BTF	G
IV	7/15-7/16	Flood Canyon	UT-NWS	E
III	7/18-7/24	Lighthouse	UT-MOD	E
III	7/24-7/27	Gregerson	NV-ELD	G
IV	7/27-7/28	Mercer 2	UT-SLD	B
III	7/28-7/31	Slate Jack	UT-NWS	D
III	8/4-8/8	Pumpkin	UT-UWF	D
II	8/9	Pinyon	UT-NWS	G
II	8/10-8/19	Bull Run Complex	NV-EKD	G
	8/23-8/24	EGB R4 Preposition	UT-EGB	
IV	8/24-8/25	N. Rock Canyon	UT-UWF	C
IV	8/26-8/27	Twin Springs	ID-BOF	E
I	8/27-9/6	Trinity Ridge West	ID-BOF	G
II	9/10-9/24	Horsethief Canyon	WY-BTF	F
II	9/28-10/14	Mustang Complex	ID-SCF	G
IV	10/18-10/19	Mahogany	UT-NWS	C



## **Project Work**

With the majority of the crews time spent assigned to fire incidents early on, this left little time for the completion of any project work. However, the crew was able to work five total days of a "lop and scatter" project on the West Government Creek unit for the Uintah Wasatch Cache National Forest. This particular land unit is located on the foothills of the West Desert in a Juniper and Sage fuel component. This particular project served various objectives, which included improving Mule Deer and Sage Grouse habitat as well as providing a fuels reduction break. The project involved cutting and scattering all new Juniper regen from a prior chaining unit, ensuring the material left was no higher than 36 inches above ground. The crew completed 200 acres of this project during the five days worked as well as provided some much needed trigger time on the chainsaws to those who typically do not run a saw.

## **Safety**

### *Vehicles*

A Total of 62,025 miles were driven by the four crew vehicles during the season. There were no major mechanical issues with any of the vehicles. Aside from a few broken windows and damaged plastic trim pieces, there were no major accidents or close calls to report of. All designated drivers completed the annual defensive driving course required by the agency.

### *Personnel*

The crew suffered only two lost time injuries during the fire season. The first was a hernia that required surgery the first part of July. After the required rehabilitation time needed the injured crewmember returned to full duty in early September. The second injury was a bruised foot due to large diameter rock landing on the individuals foot during line construction on very steep terrain. This individual opted to take a week off for his own personal rehabilitation. The only other work related injuries or illnesses to report was a severe case of the camp crud that was passed around while on the Trinity Ridge West Fire, as well as your typical bumps and bruises received while working long hours in hazardous working conditions.

## Season Data Summary

### 2012 INTERAGENCY HOTSHOT CREW SEASON DATA

Crew Name: Lone Peak		
QUESTIONS		RESPONSE
<b>AVAILABILITY</b>		
1	Total days crew was assembled?	196
1a	Start Date	4/11
1b	End Date	10/24
2	Total number of days assigned to incidents? <i>(Includes travel)</i>	145
2a	How many days were in official travel status?	11
2b	How many 14 day assignments were completed during total number of days assigned?	8
2bb	<b>TRAINING</b>	
2c	Number of days in training?	14
2d	Number of days of non fire mandatory training?	0
3	<b>Number of instructor hours dedicated to non-crew training courses?</b>	32
3a	<b>Number of task books initiated?</b>	4
3b	<b>Number of task books completed?</b>	12
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>		
4	Total miles driven? <i>(Total of all vehicles)</i>	62,025
5	How many vehicles do you have?	4
6	Number of vehicle accidents? (Vehicle down for repair due to accident)	0
6a	Number of injury vehicle accidents?	0
6b	Vehicle accidents above where fault was Government Driver?	0
	Number of days vehicle down for failure or repairs? <i>(Non-accident, total all vehicles)</i>	14
<b>PERSONNEL</b>		
7	Total number of funded personnel on crew?	23
8	On average how many personnel did you have on incidents?	23
9	<b>Number of days crew leadership fulfilled incident leadership positions?</b>	27
9a	Total number of career appointments? <i>(excluding apprentices)</i>	5
9b	<b>ACCIDENTS AND INJURIES</b>	
10	<b>Number of non-injury incidents? <i>(bee stings, poison oak, etc)</i></b>	13
11	<b>Number of injury accidents?</b>	2
11a	<b>Number of injury accidents that required medical attention? <i>(no lost time)</i></b>	0
11b	<b>Number of injury accidents that required medical attention? <i>(lost time)</i></b>	2
<b>PROJECTS</b>		
12	Total Fuels Treatment Acres? <i>(while assigned and unassigned)</i>	200
13	Mechanical? <i>(which includes RX prep work)</i>	200
13a	Burned?	0

## Crew Roster

- Kris Bruington
- Preston Ley
- Ryan Lafontaine
- Darren o'Loughlin
- Davis Oatway
- Nate Moeller
- Matt Mortensen
- Kyle Yurkovich
- Adam Everett
- Kadell Deason
- Dan Lang
- Zach Beerman
- Sergio Lara
- Ryan Hopkins
- Tim Casperson

- Alex Hicks
- Mike Anthony
- Kevin Jimenez
- Carlos Flores
- Steve Dotson

### Detailers

- Shane Fowles (Dromedary)
- Dallin Brown (Dromedary)
- Chris Harvey (LP Engines)
- Mike Easley (UWF)
- Jason Greenfield (UWF)
- Jake Staley (PAF)

