



2023 Season Report

Twin Peaks I.A. Fire Crew
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2023 SEASON SUMMARY

THE 2023 FIRE SEASON STARTED ON APRIL 24TH WITH AN 80-HOUR CRITICAL TRAINING. THE CREW DID 40 HOURS OF ON BASE AND CLASSROOM TRAINING. THE SECOND 40 HOURS OF TRAINING WAS VERY FIELD AND SKILL BASED. TWIN PEAKS SPENT 3 DAYS AND 2 NIGHTS IN BOX ELDER CANYON TO FINISH UP OUR CRITICAL TRAINING. THE TIME AT BOX ELDER WAS SPENT HONING OUR SKILLS AND DOING PROFICIENCY CHECKS AS INDIVIDUAL SQUADS AND AS A CREW. TWIN PEAKS PARTICIPATED IN HANDLINE DIGS, CHAINSAW LINE CUT AND AN IN-DEPTH MEDICAL TRAINING SCENARIO. ON THE FINAL DAY OF OUR CRITICAL TRAINING THE CREW UNDERWENT THE LAST STEP WHICH WAS OUR CREW READINESS REVIEW TO BECOME NATIONALLY AVAILABLE AS A CREW.

TWIN PEAKS WENT NATIONALLY AVAILABLE ON MAY 8TH. THE FIRST ASSIGNMENT CAME ON JUNE 10TH TO THE PIKE NATIONAL FOREST IN COLORADO FOR A PREPOSITION. THE CREW DID 14 SHIFTS ON THE FOREST PREPPING BURN UNITS AND HAND IGNITING MACHINE PILES AS WELL AS COUNTLESS OTHER PROJECTS TO HELP OUT THE HOSTING UNIT.

THE REMAINDER OF THE 2023 FIRE SEASON TWIN PEAKS STAYED VERY BUSY WITHIN THE GREAT BASIN AND OUTSIDE OF THE REGION. INCLUDING THE GREAT BASIN, WE RESPONDED TO INCIDENTS IN FOUR DIFFERENT REGIONS THIS SEASON. THOSE BEING REGION 3, REGION 5 AND REGION 2.

TWIN PEAKS WAS ASSIGNED TO 10 DIFFERENT INCIDENTS THROUGHOUT THE FIRE SEASON, AS WELL AS BEING USED IN MULTIPLE POSITIONS THROUGHOUT THE SEASON. BUILDING MULTIPLE FIRING PLANS, IMPLEMENTING THE FIRING PLAN AND FILLING MISCELLANEOUS OVERHEAD ROLES ON INCIDENT.



Personnel

MULTIPLE PERSONNEL FROM THE CREW ACCEPTED A VARIETY OF POSITIONS WITHIN THE AGENCY. KIEFER RADUENZ, FORMALLY THE BRAVO SQUAD LEADER, ACCEPTED THE TOOLE COUNTY ASSISTANT FIRE WARDEN FOR THE STATE OF UTAH. NOT BEING ABLE TO FILL THE ASSISTANT POSITION LAST WINTER, JAMES WILSON STEPPED IN TO FILL THE POSITION. THAT ALLOWED ALEX WARNCKE AND CHRISTIAN SHUPE TO STEP INTO THE SQUAD LEADER POSITIONS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SEASON. THIS MOVEMENT OFFERED OPEN LEAD CREW MEMBER POSITIONS FOR OUR SENIOR CREW MEMBERS TO FILL IN AND GAIN MIDDLE MANAGEMENT SKILLS ON THEIR SQUADS.

OTHER MOVEMENT CONSISTED OF CREWMEMBERS TAKING POSITIONS WITH OTHER CREWS AT THE CENTER AND THE FOREST SERVICE IN A VARIETY OF ROLES. THIS MOVEMENT OPENED UP A TOTAL OF 7 CREWMEMBER POSITIONS WHICH WERE FILLED WITH STRONG INDIVIDUALS ALL OF WHOM WERE SUCCESSFUL DURING THE FIRE SEASON. THESE SEVEN NEW INDIVIDUALS HAD A WIDE RANGE OF PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WHICH BROUGHT MANY DIFFERENT SKILLS TO THE CREW. WHILE THE LEADERSHIP FACED SEVERAL CHALLENGES IN FILLING SEVEN OPEN POSITIONS, THE CREW IS STILL COMMITTED TO CAREER ADVANCEMENT FOR ALL CREWMEMBERS AND IS PROUD OF THE SEASONAL STAFF THAT ATTAINED PERMANENT POSITIONS OUTSIDE OF THE CREW.

Project work

THE 2023 SEASON STARTED OUT A LITTLE SLOWER THAN PREVIOUS SEASONS DUE TO THE AMOUNT OF PRECIPITATION IN THE INTERMOUNTAIN WEST OVER THE 2022 AND 2023 WINTER. FOR THE FIRST MONTH AND A HALF OF THE SEASON TWIN PEAKS DID SIX WEEKS OF PROJECT WORK AROUND THE STATE. TWIN PEAKS SPENT THE MONTH OF MAY ON MULTIPLE PROJECTS IN DIFFERENT AREAS OF THE STATE WORKING WITH NUMEROUS STAKE HOLDERS.

SOME PROJECTS TO NOTE ARE THE FREMONT INDIAN STATE PARK WHERE THE CREW CUT MULTIPLE HAZARD TREES AND USED FIREWISE TREE AND BRUSH THINNING TACTICS AROUND TWO OF THE LARGE CAMP SITES IN THE PARK FOR A TOTAL OF 8.7 ACERS TREATED. AT THE FIREMAN'S COUNTY PARK IN MARYSVILLE, UTAH THE CREW IMPLEMENTED HAZARDOUS FUELS REDUCTION WORK TO SHOW CASE TO THE PUBLIC HOW IMPORTANT THE NFPA FIREWISE PROGRAM IS TO COMMUNITIES IN RURAL SETTINGS. THE TOTAL ACRES CUT ON THIS PROJECT WERE 3 ACRES.

WITH ALL THE PROJECT WORK THAT TWIN PEAKS COMPLETED THIS SEASON WE WORKED COOPERATIVELY WITH MANY OF THE FFSL AREA MANAGERS AND WUI COORDINATORS ON FIRE MITIGATION AND HAZARDOUS FUEL REDUCTION ZONES THAT COULD BE IMPACTED BY CATASTROPHIC WILDFIRE. WITH A COMPLETED TOTAL ACREAGE OF 18.6 DURING THE ENTIRETY OF THE SIX WEEKS OF PROJECT WORK ASSIGNED.



Training Summary

ANNUAL TRAINING BEGAN APRIL 24TH. THIS TRAINING FOCUSED ON ALL CREW OPERATIONS FROM COMPLETING PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE CHECKS ON VEHICLES TO ENGAGING SPOT FIRES. THE EMPHASIS OF THIS YEAR'S TRAINING WAS THAT ALL INDIVIDUALS UNDERSTAND THE BASICS OF CREW OPERATIONS AND FIREFIGHTING TACTICS.



WITH HAVING SEVEN NEW FIREFIGHTERS TO THE CREW THIS YEAR WE FOCUSED HEAVILY ON FIREFIGHTING TACTICS AND DUTIES WHILE ASSIGNED TO A CREW. THE TWO-WEEK TRAINING PERIOD HELPED THE CREW SET AN EFFECTIVE TONE AND PACE FOR THE REST OF THE SEASON. WHILE SOME OF THIS TRAINING IS FORMAL IN ITS DELIVERY, A GREAT DEAL OF INFORMAL TRAINING ALSO OCCURS AS COHESION BUILDS AND INDIVIDUALS BEGIN TO SHOW INTEREST IN DIFFERENT AREAS OF THE JOB. AFTER SUCCESSFULLY PASSING AN ANNUAL BASE REVIEW, THE CREW WENT AVAILABLE NATIONALLY ON MAY 8TH.

TWIN PEAKS HAD SEVEN POSITION TASK BOOKS INITIATED, 5 FFT 1, two CRWB, 1 HECM AND A FIRB. TWIN PEAKS COMPLETED ONE CRWB PTB, 1 FFT 1's, ONE ICT5. WE FILLED ALL OF THE OVERHEAD POSITIONS THIS SEASON. TWIN PEAKS WENT THROUGH SOME ROUGH PATCHES THROUGHOUT THE SEASON BUT WE ADAPTED AND OVERCAME. I ATTRIBUTE THIS TO AN EXTREME RESILIENCY OF THE CREWMEMBERS AND OVERHEAD. OVERALL THE 2023 FIRE SEASON WAS GREAT, THERE WERE AMPLE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE CREW AND THE OVERHEAD.

Safety

TWIN PEAKS IS COMMITTED TO SAFETY. DURING THE 2023 FIRE SEASON, TWIN PEAKS HAD NO MAJOR INJURIES SUSTAINED. OUR SAFETY RECORD WAS GREAT THIS SEASON AS WELL, WE ONLY HAD ONE REPORTABLE INJURY. OVERALL TO HAVE SUCH A LOW RATE OF INJURY TO A CREW THAT IS OUT IN AN INHERENTLY DANGEROUS ENVIRONMENT, IS OUTSTANDING IN ITS OWN RIGHT.

THE CREW EXPERIENCED ONE CHAP STRIKE INCIDENT THIS YEAR, HOWEVER, ON ONE INCIDENT, THE INDIVIDUAL WAS LIMBING AND BRUSHING OAK BRUSH. BEING QUITE NEW ON THE SAW AND JUST STARTING TO LEARN THE PROPER BODY MECHANICS WHILE OPERATING A CHAINSAW; I WOULD SAY LED TO PLACING HIS RIGHT KNEE IN THE PATH OF THE CHAINSAW'S BAR CLOSEST TO THE POWER HEAD; THUS, CHAPPING HIMSELF ON THE RIGHT KNEE.

AS FAR AS VEHICLES WENT, ASIDE FROM TYPICAL WEAR AND TEAR, NO VEHICLES LOST TIME DUE TO FAILING PARTS OR OTHER MAINTENANCE ISSUES. ONE NON-CREW CARRIER VEHICLE WAS INVOLVED IN A MINOR ACCIDENT THAT RESULTED IN SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE TO PASSENGER SIDE OF THE UTILITY BOX. THE CREW AMASSED 47,088 MILES AMONG FIVE VEHICLES FOR AN AVERAGE OF 9,417.6 MILES PER VEHICLE.

Incidents

2023 Fire Season										
Name:					LPCC: TWIN PEAKS					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	11	12	13
Incident Number	Incident Name	Agency	Job Name	Q or T	Fuel Types	Dates on Incident	# Op Periods	Fire Mgt. Level	Fire Size Class	Perf Rating
CO-PSF-000485	Wildfire Crisis Landscape	USFS			G, B, T	6/10-6/13	4			S
CO-PSF-000002	PSICC NF Support	USFS			G, B, T	6/14-6/23	10			S
CO-PSF-000838	Wild Canyon	USFS			G, T	6/24-6/28	5	4	A	S
CO-GMF-000176	Lowline	USFS			G, B, T	7/26-7/31	3	6	E	S
CO-RMC-230003	2023 RMA Preposition	USFS				7/13-7/26	14			S
ID-SCF-023084	Hayden	USFS			G, B, T	8/2-8/17	16	2	F	S
ID-BOF-000740	East	USFS			G, B, T	8/22-9/9	19	2	F	S
CA-SRF-000968	Smith River Complex	USFS			G, B, T	9/11-9/26	16	1	F	S
AZ-COF-001048	Still	USFS			G, T	10/4-10/18	15	3	F	S
AZ-COF-001069	Cecil	USFS			G, B, T	10/1-10/3	3	3	E	S

CREW SEASON DATA

Crew Name: Twin Peaks		
AVAILABILITY		
1	Total days crew was assembled?	176
1a	Start Date	4/24
1b	End Date	10/26
2	Total number of days assigned to incidents? (Includes travel)	106
2a	How many days were in official travel status?	12
2b	How many 14-day assignments were completed during total number of days assigned?	5
2c	How many assignment extensions? (how many requested)	0
2d	Number of days on project work while assigned? (list specific type: e.g. Trails, fuels etc.)	15
2e	Number of days on project work while not assigned?	20
3	Total number of days off?	27
3a	Days off in pay status?	10
3b	Days off in non- pay status?	10
3c	Number of days in station or otherwise and not accounted for above?	1
4	Number of days as a Type 2IA	
TRAINING		
5	Number of days in training?	8
6	Number of days of non-fire mandatory training?	4
7	Number of instructor hours dedicated to non-crew training courses?	0
8	Number of task books initiated?	9
8a	Number of task books completed?	4
TRANSPORTATION		
9	Total miles driven? (Total of all vehicles)	47,088
10	How many vehicles do you have?	5
11	Number of vehicle accidents? (Vehicle down for repair due to accident)	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? (Non-accident, total all vehicles)	1
14	How many times did your crew fly? (Count each leg as a flight)	0
14a	Commercial	
14b	Charter	
PERSONNEL		
15	Total number of funded personnel on crew?	22
16	On average how, many personnel did you have on incidents?	20
17	Total number of career appointments? (excluding apprentices)	4
18	Number of apprentices on crew?	3
19	Number of career positions that were vacant?	2
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? (bee stings, poison oak, etc)	4
22	Number of injury accidents?	1
23	Number of injury accidents that required medical attention? (no lost time)	2
24	Number of injury accidents that required medical attention? (lost time)	1
PROJECTS		
25	Total Fuels Treatment Acres? (while assigned and unassigned)	100
25a	Mechanical? (which includes RX prep work)	
25b	Burned?	
INCIDENT SUPPORT		
26	Number of Shifts crew leadership fulfilled incident leadership positions?	4
26a	Number of shifts crew personnel filled other ICS positions while assigned?	0
26b	ICS Position(s) crew filled? i.e.; HEQB, FELB, etc.	HEQB(t), FIRB(t), HECM
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

