

Wildland Fire

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Wildland Fire Fact Sheet

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Leadership

- Bill Kaage, Branch Chief, Wildland Fire / Wildland Fire Director
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Administration

The National Park Service (NPS) manages 401 parks and more than 84 million acres of land throughout the entire United States and its territories, from Maine to Guam. Of the over 84 million acres of land, 53 million acres have burnable vegetation.

The NPS is one of five federal land agencies that manage wildland fire. Others within the Department of the Interior are the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The U.S. Forest Service resides within the Department of Agriculture. Like the NPS, all have portions of total acreages that are burnable thereby requiring fire management.

In times of need, NPS fire management resources are shared with federal, state, tribal, local and non-governmental partners.

Resources

NPS fire management includes hand crews, wildland fire modules, engine and helitack crews, as well as support personnel in parks and regional and national offices. Two Type 1 hotshot crews, Alpine Interagency Hotshot Crew (IHC) and Arrowhead IHC are based at Rocky Mountain National Park and Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks, respectively. The National Park Service also supports one interagency smokejumper, based at West Yellowstone, Yellowstone National Park.

Wildland fire modules mainly support NPS and interagency prescribed fire activities and wildfire incidents. The NPS has seven active modules -

- Bandelier National Monument (NM)
- Black Hills at Jewel Cave NM (SD)
- Buffalo National River (AR)
- Cumberland Gap NHP (KY)
- Great Smoky Mountains NP (TN)
- Saguaro National Park (AZ)
- Whiskeytown NRA (CA)

Equipment

The NPS manages an inventory of equipment, strategically located throughout the United States, to assist in fire management activities.

Water Tenders	14
Engines	160
Fire Module Vehicles	18
Crew Carriers	5
Helicopters	16
Airtanker Base (Chattanooga, TN)	1

For More Information

To learn more about the National Park Service Wildland Fire Management Program, visit www.nps.gov/fire.



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NPS Wildland Fire Statistics (unless otherwise noted, statistics are as of 01/28/2013)

PREPAREDNESS	FY'11 Completed	FY'12 Completed	FY'13 to Date
Preparedness Expenditures	\$36,093,942*	\$34,600,095*	TBD
Facilities Expenditures	\$1,483*	\$2,626,248*	TBD
Ready Reserve Expenditures	\$179,000**	\$0**	TBD
Wildfire - Unplanned Ignitions	430**	528**	42**
Wildfire - Unplanned Ignitions Acres	168,352**	146,007**	255**
*Source: Document Direct. **Source: WFMI. Acres are the sum for which the statistical data owner is NPS. †Source: NPS fund transfer documents and NPS Fire Director approval memorandum. **Amount awarded. *AFS3. ♦ Complete records in WFMI as of 8/27/12. Fire type/protection type 11,12, 13, 14. Acres shown are control acres.			

FUELS TREATMENT	FY'11 Completed	FY'12 Completed	FY'13 to Date
Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) Fuels Treatment			
Mechanical Acres	9,980*	11,860*	598*
Prescribed Fire Acres	119,619*	99,521*	9,335*
Other Acres	6,761*	8,099*	0*
Total	136,360*	119,480*	9,933*
WUI Fuels Program Total Expenditures / Obligations	\$28,440,077**	\$27,789,421	
Non-Wildland-Urban Interface (Non-WUI) Fuels Treatment			
Mechanical Acres	2,106*	644*	28*
Prescribed Fire Acres	50,999*	36,321*	110*
Other Acres	3,738*	2,153*	0*
Total	56,843*	39,118*	138*
Non-WUI Fuels Program Total Expenditures / Obligations	\$1,541,892**	\$560,750**	TBD
Fuels Treatment WUI and Non-WUI Total Acres	193,203*	158,598*	10,071*
Fuels Program Total Expenditures	\$29,440,077**	\$28,350,171**	TBD
*Source: NFPORS. **Source: Document Direct.			

OTHER	FY'11 Completed	FY'12 Completed	FY'13 to Date
Rural Fire Assistance	\$83,736**	N/A	N/A
Burned Area Rehabilitation			
Acres	30,554*	66,006**	40,577
Expenditures / Obligation	\$2,356,842**	\$1,717,669**	\$117,3247
Emergency Stabilization			
Acres	30,000*	22,193**	75
Expenditures / Obligation	\$1,310,000**	\$2,029,360**	\$264,123
*Source: NFPORS. **Source: AFS3 and Document Direct. †AFS3. **Notes: FY 13 statistics are all planned acres and expenditures. Field season has not commenced. Many of these expenditures and accomplishments are not reportable as actual acres. For example, Bandelier has been approved for an early warning system that warns park visitors about predicted flash floods. To fit the spreadsheet, the accomplishment units have been converted into affected acres.			

DEPARTMENT / BUREAU / AGENCY	DOI / Bureau of Indian Affairs	DOI / National Park Service	DOI / Fish and Wildlife Service	USDA / U.S. Forest Service	DOI - Bureau of Land Management (DOI)
Total Managed Acres	66,000,000*	84,422,725**	96,200,000*	193,000,000*	245,000,000*
*Source: Bureau / Agency Public Affair offices **https://irma.nps.gov/Stats/Reports/ReportList					

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