

# Wildland Fire

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Division of Fire and Aviation



## Wildland Fire Fact Sheet

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### Leadership

- Dan Buckley, Branch Chief, Wildland Fire / Wildland Fire Director
- Bill Kaage, Chief - Division of Fire and Aviation

### Administration

The National Park Service (NPS) manages 410 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.

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

- 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 wildland fire funded equipment, strategically located throughout the United States, to assist in fire management activities.

Equipment Type	#
Water Tenders	7*
Engines	59*
Fire Module Vehicles	12
Crew Carriers	4
Helicopters	7
Airtanker Base (Chattanooga, TN)	1

\*Source: Information based on preparedness resources inventory from the end of FY2014

### For More Information

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

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# NPS Wildland Fire Statistics (unless otherwise noted, statistics are as of 03/11/2016)

PREPAREDNESS	FY'12 Completed	FY'13 Completed	FY'14 Completed	FY'15 Completed
Preparedness Obligations	\$39,093,000*	\$31,045,000*	\$36,207,000*	\$37,888,000*
Facilities Obligations	\$2,626,000*	\$642,000*	\$3,057,000*	\$231,000*
Wildfire - Unplanned Ignitions	528**	513**	355**	579**
Wildfire - Unplanned Ignitions Acres	146,007**	209,195**	72,133**	398,118**
*Source: NPS Financial Business Management System (FBMS) data as reported in the DOI Obligation Report and rounded to the nearest Thousand. **Source: WFMI. Acres are the sum for which the statistical data owner is NPS: fires originated on NPS lands; statistic does not include acres that originated on other lands and burned onto NPS lands. Fire type/protection type 11,12, 13, 14. Acres shown are control acres.				

FUELS TREATMENT	FY'12 Completed	FY'13 Completed	FY'14 Completed	FY'15 Completed
<b>Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) Fuels Treatment</b>				
Mechanical Acres	11,860*	6,726*	8,238*	8,069*
Prescribed Fire Acres	99,521*	94,202*	65,972*	112,391*
Other Acres	8,099*	3,500*	2,346*	7,454*
Total	119,480*	104,428*	76,556*	127,914*
<b>Non-Wildland-Urban Interface (Non-WUI) Fuels Treatment</b>				
Mechanical Acres	644*	80*	363*	738*
Prescribed Fire Acres	36,321*	20,352*	17,133*	2,265*
Other Acres	2,153*	35*	150*	212*
Total	39,118*	20,467*	17,646*	3,215*
<b>Fuels Treatment WUI and Non-WUI Total Acres</b>	158,598*	124,895*	94,202*	131,129*
<b>Fuels Program Total Expenditures</b>	\$30,311,000**	\$21,028,000**	\$21,355,000**	\$25,186,000**
*Source: NFPORS. **Source: NPS Financial Business Management System (FBMS) data as reported in the DOI Obligation report and rounded to the nearest thousand.				

OTHER	FY'13 Completed	FY'14 Completed	FY'15 Completed	FY'16 Planned
<b>Burned Area Rehabilitation</b>				
Acres	23,407*	12,393*	4,043*	38,009*
Expenditures / Obligation	\$1,097,000**	\$2,202,015**	\$1,220,055*	\$1,069,447
<b>Emergency Stabilization</b>				
Acres	804*	572*	1,133*	275*
Expenditures / Obligation	\$1,493,000**	\$597,713**	\$370,331**	\$460,572**
*Source: NFPORS. **Source: NPS Financial Business Management System (FBMS) data as reported in the DOI Obligation Report and rounded to nearest thousand.				

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)
<b>Total Managed Acres</b>	66,000,000*	84,617,507.98**	150,000,000 <sup>†</sup>	232,053,392 <sup>‡</sup>	246,393,048 <sup>†</sup>
*Source: Bureau Public Affairs ** <a href="https://irma.nps.gov/Stats/">https://irma.nps.gov/Stats/</a> (calendar year 2015) <sup>†</sup> <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/land/staff/lar/LAR2014/Table_01.pdf">http://www.fs.fed.us/land/staff/lar/LAR2014/Table_01.pdf</a> (2014) <sup>‡</sup> <a href="http://www.fws.gov/refuges/about/pdfs/NWRSOverviewFactSheetApr2013revNov032013.pdf">http://www.fws.gov/refuges/about/pdfs/NWRSOverviewFactSheetApr2013revNov032013.pdf</a> (2013) <sup>†</sup> <a href="http://www.blm.gov/public_land_statistics/pls14/pls2014.pdf">http://www.blm.gov/public_land_statistics/pls14/pls2014.pdf</a> (2014)					