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National Capital Region Wildland Fire Fact Sheet

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Leadership

- Jeffrey (Zeke) Seabright, Regional Fire Management Officer
- Steve Whitesell, Regional Director

Commitment to Mission

As the National Park Service prepares for its second century of stewardship and engagement, the National Capital regional fire management program works strategically within and outside of the agency to leverage resources to expand NPS contributions to society. Collectively, the Service promotes contributions that national parks and community assistance programs make to create jobs, strengthen local economies, and support ecosystem services.

Administration

The National Capital Region is comprised of 700 individual sites organized into 13 Management Groups in three different states and one district, serving over 40 million visitors annually.

- Antietam National Battlefield
- Catoctin Mountain Park
- C&O Canal National Historical Park
- George Washington Memorial Parkway
- Harpers Ferry National Historical Park
- Manassas National Battlefield
- Monocacy National Battlefield
- National Mall & Memorial Parks
- National Capital Parks – East
- Prince William Forest Park
- Rock Creek Park
- Wolf Trap Park for Performing Arts

All units with the exception of the National Mall have fire management plans with appropriate compliance. Currently, most parks in the National Capital Region are suppression-only parks. Several use mechanical fuel reduction and two have active prescribed fire programs.

The regional fire management program is greatly successful in partnering with many other agencies in order succeed in accomplishing tasks. These agency partnerships include the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Virginia Department of Forestry, West Virginia State Forestry, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Forest Service (George Washington and Jefferson National Forests). The region often supports activities at the NPS Washington DC headquarters (WASO) and the Office of Wildland Fire Coordination within the Department of the Interior due to proximity to these offices.

Human Resources

There are two full-time equivalents / FTEs and approximately 185 collateral duty or "militia" responders in the region.

Equipment

The National Capital Region manages three Type 6 engines.

For More Information

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

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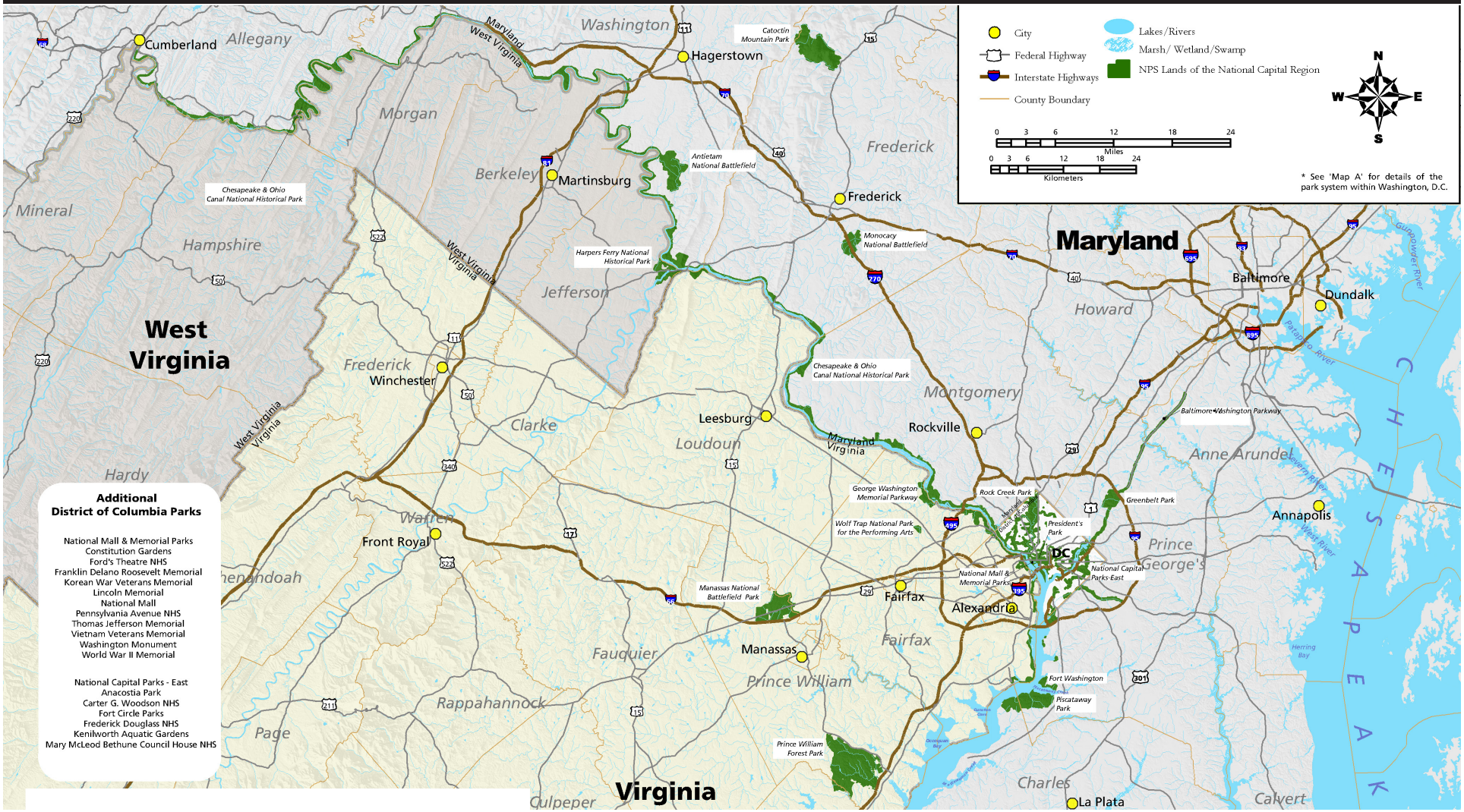
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