

# Wildland Fire

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Branch of Wildland Fire  
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## Wildland Fire Fact Sheet

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### Mission

The National Park Service Wildland Fire Management Program manages wildland fire to protect the public, park communities, and infrastructure, conserve natural and cultural resources, and maintain and restore natural ecosystem processes.

### Administration

The National Park Service (NPS) manages 433 park units and more than 85 million acres of land throughout the entire United States and its territories, from Maine to Guam. Of the park units, 315 have burnable vegetation, totaling 53 million acres.

### Equipment

The NPS manages an inventory of wildland fire funded equipment, strategically located throughout the United States. These include water tenders, engines, crew carriers, helicopters, and command vehicles.

### Focus

*Safety* - NPS wildland fire programs have a top priority of firefighter and public safety. With millions of visitors to national parks annually, NPS wildland fire staffs are prepared for action should an emergency arise.

*Science* - NPS wildland fire programs integrate a science-based approach into holistic fire management goals, decisions, and practices. The science informs pre-fire planning, preparedness, monitoring, smoke-related issues, and post-fire impacts. This knowledge better prepares fire managers to suppress fire when necessary and apply fire where useful to maintain natural ecosystems and cultural landscapes.

*Stewardship* - NPS uses wildland fire when appropriate to maintain natural and cultural landscapes as well as to restore fire-adapted ecosystems.

### Resources

Through interagency agreements, NPS wildland fire management resources support other federal, state, Tribal, local and non-governmental partners in wildland fire management activities. The NPS hosts hand, engine, and helitack crews as well as wildland fire modules.

These modules mainly support NPS and interagency prescribed fire activities and wildfire incidents. The NPS also has 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.

Beyond firefighters, NPS wildland fire management includes vital personnel such as fire planners, fire ecologists, fire effects monitors, smoke management specialists, post-fire emergency repair specialists, administrative assistants, budget analysts, dispatchers, fire communication/education specialists, and support personnel in parks, regional and national offices, and geographic area coordination centers (GACCs).

### For More Information

Learn more about the [NPS Wildland Fire Management Program](#).



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# NPS Wildland Fire Statistics (unless otherwise noted, statistics are as of 05/13/2025)

PREPAREDNESS	FY'25 To Date	FY'24 Completed	FY'23 Completed	FY'22 Completed	FY'21 Completed
<b>Preparedness Expenditures*</b>	\$22,304,084	\$52,210,193	\$39,262,938	\$42,637,000	\$39,262,938
<b>Preparedness FTE</b>	121(est.)	289	305	302	305
<b>Facilities Expenditures*</b>	\$2,612,772	\$841,777	\$1,281,610	\$4,885,163	\$1,254,337
<b>Wildfire-Unplanned Ignitions**</b>	130	633	516	584	516
<b>Wildfire-Unplanned Ignition Acres**</b>	2,996	167,143	113,644	63,703	113,644
<small>*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.</small>					

ACTIVE FUELS MANAGEMENT	FY'25 To Date	FY'24 Completed	FY'23 Completed	FY'22 Completed	FY'21 Completed
<b>Fuels Treatment*</b>					
Prescribed Fire Acres	18,321	272,214	261,922	170,116	173,588
Mechanical Acres	2,677	17,004	12,902	12,220	7,065
Other Acres	0	15,251	10,968	13,159	4,050
Total Acres	20,998	304,469	285,792	195,495	184,703
<b>Fuels Expenditures**</b>	\$10,091,84	\$28,944,305	\$33,939,510	\$38,277,000	\$29,271,654
<b>Fuels FTE</b>	84	216	240		215
<b>Structures with reduced risk***</b>	1,851	14,780	10,342	8,302	3,662
<small>*Source: National Fire Plan Operations and Reporting System (NFPORS)  **Source: NPS Financial Business Management System (FBMS) data as reported in the DOI Obligation report and rounded to the nearest thousand.  *** Source: NPS Wildland Fire Geodatabase as of 6/16/2025</small>					

OTHER	FY'25 To Date	FY'24 Completed	FY'23 Completed	FY'22 Completed	FY'21 Completed
<b>Burned Area Rehabilitation (BAR)</b>					
Acres*		51,680	25,658	59,398	19,385
Expenditures / Obligation**	\$8,224,764	\$7,791,210	\$14,778,000	\$3,122,000	\$2,392,686
<b>Emergency Stabilization (ES)</b>					
Acres*		1,345	1,113	1,189	5,409
Expenditures / Obligation**	\$1,099,123	\$1,455,054	\$1,995,335	\$3,083,784	\$2,365,946
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