

Wildland Fire

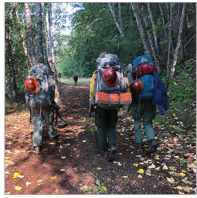
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Wildland Fire Fact Sheet

As of July 2023



North Cascades NP



Grand Canyon NP



Yosemite NP



Yosemite NP



Devils Tower NM



Sequoia and Kings Cyn NP



Valles Caldera NP

Leadership

- Jason Fallon, Branch Chief, Wildland Fire
- Chris Wilcox, Division Chief, Fire and Aviation

Mission and Goals*

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.

- Goal 1 – Align Wildland Fire Management Resources with Mission Requirements
- Goal 2 - Protect Communities and Assets
- Goal 3 - Conserve Natural Resources

*[NPS Wildland Fire Strategic Plan, 2020-2024](#)

Administration

The National Park Service (NPS) manages 423 park units and more than 85 million acres of land throughout the entire United States and its territories, from Maine to Guam. Of the 423 park units, 307 have burnable vegetation for a total of 53 million acres.

The NPS Wildland Fire Management Program focuses on:

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 are managed using the best available science-based knowledge. Equipped with this knowledge, fire managers can be better prepared 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 fire management resources support other federal, state, Tribal, local and non-governmental partners in wildland fire management activities.

NPS fire management includes hand, engine, and helitack crews as well as wildland fire modules. Wildland fire 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.

In addition, support personnel in parks, regional, national offices and geographic area coordination centers (GACCs) are vital to NPS fire management operations.

Equipment

The NPS manages an inventory of wildland fire funded equipment, strategically located throughout the United States, to support fire management activities.

Equipment Type	#
Water Tenders	3
Working Capital Fund (WCF) Engines	75
Non-WCF Engines	55
Fire Module Vehicles	31
Crew Carriers	4
Helicopters	7
WCF Command Vehicles	100

For More Information

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



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NPS Wildland Fire Statistics

As of 10/25/2022

PREPAREDNESS	FY'22 Completed	FY'21 Completed	FY'20 Completed	FY'19 Completed	FY'18 Completed
Preparedness Expenditures*	\$42,637,000	\$39,262,938	\$38,627,000	39,360,558	\$38,374,000
Preparedness FTE	305 (est.)	305	302	305	320
Infrastructure Preparedness Expenditures	\$8,330,000				
Facilities Expenditures*	\$4,885,000	1,254,332	\$306,346	\$1,202,000	\$223,000.00
Wildfire-Unplanned Ignitions**	584	516	636	583	516
Wildfire-Unplanned Ignition Acres**	63,703	113,644	236,448	88,394	179,937

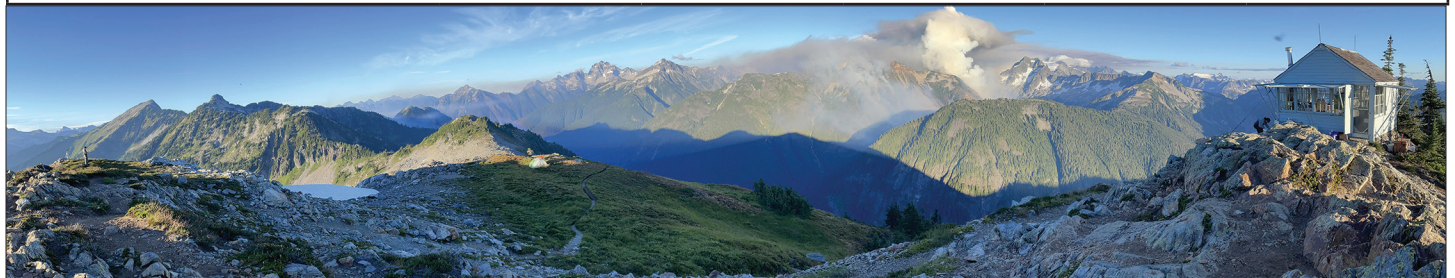
*Source: NPS Financial Business Management System (FBMS) data as reported in the DOI Obligation Report and rounded to the nearest thousand.
 **Source: WFMI. Acres are the sum for which the statistical data owner is NPS: fires originated on NPS lands; statistic does not include acres that originated on other lands and burned onto NPS lands. Fire type/protection type 11,12, 13, 14. Acres shown are control acres.

ACTIVE FUELS MANAGEMENT	FY'22 Completed	FY'21 Completed	FY'20 Completed	FY'19 Completed	FY'18 Completed
Fuels Treatment*					
Prescribed Fire Acres	170,116	173,588	134,016	206,827	184,644
Mechanical Acres	12,220	7,065	12,566	9,300	11,498
Other Acres	13,159	4,050	22,444	14,710	10,123
Total Acres	195,495	184,703	169,026	230,837	206,265
Fuels Expenditures**	\$38,277,000	\$29,271,654	\$24,661,000	\$24,482,383	\$23,362,000.00
Fuels FTE	215 (est.)	215	196	169	168
Infrastructure Fuels Expenditures	\$1,689,000				
Structures with reduced risk***	8,302	3,662	7,155	10,139	8,734

*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

OTHER	FY'22 To Date	FY'21 Completed	FY'20 Completed	FY'19 Completed	FY'18 Completed
Burned Area Rehabilitation (BAR)					
Acres*	59,398	19385	12,151	17,656	6,159
Expenditures / Obligation**	\$3,122,000#	\$2,392,686	\$2,305,000	\$2,184,000	\$1,909,000.00
Infrastructure Expenditures/ Obligations	\$0				
Emergency Stabilization (ES)					
Acres*	1189	5409	5632	6362	286
Expenditures / Obligation**	\$3,083,784	\$2,365,946	\$1,601,000	\$3,729,000	\$1,576,000.00

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 #Includes Disaster Relief Supplemental



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