



Zion National Park Fire Management



Zion Receives Intermountain Fire Management Award

The Fire Management Program at Zion National Park received one of two 2002 Awards for Excellence in a Complex Fire Management Program at the 2003 Intermountain Fire Management Conference held in Albuquerque, New Mexico during the last week of January. The other recipient of the award was Grand Teton National Park. This award recognized the outstanding fire programs at both parks and the varied operations that each manage including fire and park aviation, prescribed fire, fire use, fire information, fire ecology, fuels management, suppression, interagency cooperation, training and support of satellite parks.

Zion National Park maintains a fire program of 35 - 40 personnel, both permanent and seasonal, during the busy summer fire season. This includes a fire management officer, fire ecologist, an information and education specialist, a fuels specialist, two wildland fire engine crews, a fuels crew, a fire effects crew and a fire program assistant all based out of Zion and a Fire Use Module, helitack crew and support personnel all stationed out of Cedar City, Utah. All of these personnel work not only in Zion, but also in the seven satellite parks (Bryce Canyon, Cedar Breaks, Pipe Springs, Timpanogos Cave, Golden Spike, Capitol Reef and Glen Canyon) in which we oversee the fire management operations. The park also works very closely and cooperatively with other federal, state and local fire management agencies through the Color Country Interagency Fire Management Organization which incorporates most of Southwest Utah and Northwest Arizona.