



2009 Season Report

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2009 Season Overview

Dromedary Peak was developed to provide jobs to college students enrolled in the Utah Fire and Rescue Academy (UFRA) at the Utah Valley University (UVU). It gives students the opportunity to apply what they have learned in the class through work experience.

2009 was the Dromedary Peak Fuels Module's third year. New vehicles, hiring experienced leadership, and in depth employee development were some of the things that enhanced Dromedary Peak's credibility as a State fire resource this year.

A live fire exercise was incorporated into Dromedary Peak's pre-season training. The exercise provided operational adjustments prior to beginning our season. "That was the best training exercise I have ever been through." One crewmember commented.

Dromedary Peak worked for 9 weeks straight on project work before getting our first dispatch to a fire. The 9 weeks gave us the ability to sharpen our skills and to become an efficient and cohesive unit.

In July, Dromedary Peak got their first fire dispatch. The rest of the season was dedicated mostly to fire, with one project in between. We ended our season on August 13th.



Fire Assignment Summary

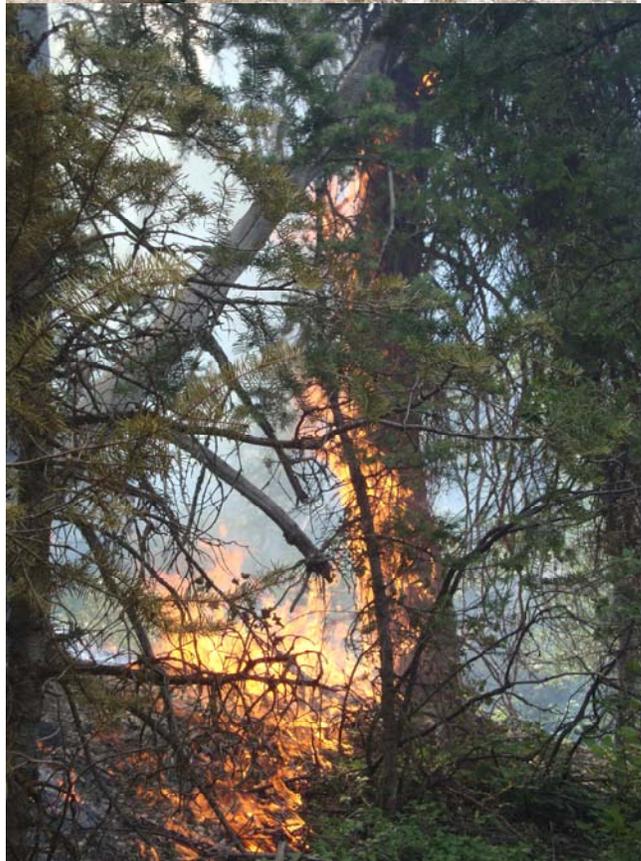
Management level	Incident Type	Incident Dates	Fuel Type	Operation Periods (#) of Periods	Incident Name
4	WF	07/15 to 07/17	5,8	3	Twin Knolls Fire
3	WF	07/19 to 07/22	5,8	4	North Coyote Basin Fire
3	WF	07/22 to 07/24	5,8	3	Little Water Fire
3	WF	08/03 to 08/08	10	5	Trail Ridge Fire
3	WF	08/08 to 08/11	5,8	4	Lockerby Fire

Dromedary Peak was first dispatched to the 7 acre Twin Knolls Fire. We worked the Fire for 2 days and we were released.

Two days after being released from the Twin Knolls Fire we were dispatched to the North Coyote Basin Fire on the Uintah Ouray Reservation. During our fourth operational period we were reassigned to another fire in the same area called the Little Water Fire.

The last half of July was very busy for Dromedary Peak. We had a short break leading into August. On August 3rd we were dispatched to the Trail Ridge Fire on the Ashley National Forest. Steep Terrain was one of the many challenges that we overcame. The weather helped to contain the Fire, and on August 8th we were reassigned to the Lockerby Fire near Monticello.

The last shift of the Lockerby Fire was the final shift of the season for Dromedary Peak. Crewmembers who wished to continue work were placed on other fire crews at Lone Peak. The majority of the crew decided to go back to school for the fall semester.



Project Assignment Summary

Dromedary Peak completed 8 project assignments, consisting of hazard fuel reduction and fuel break construction. Project assignments are scheduled with area offices of the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands. A prescription is provided by the State cooperater. About 80 percent of our assignments were located in the Northeastern Area.

We utilize chippers, brush hogs, chain saws and various hand tools for cleaning and clearing of areas. Dromedary Peak performed fuels reduction projects in such places as Weber Canyon, Wolf Mountain Ski Resort, and Heber.

A typical Camp out project can be anywhere from 4 to 8 days long. During these campout projects the crew will camp in place until the project assignment is complete. Meals are provided but must be prepared by the crew. The crew is equipped with all the gear to support themselves for these long periods of time.

Dromedary Peak camped out for 8 days at the Wolf Mountain Ski Resort with the Lone Peak Brush Crew in June. They completed a mid-slope fuel break that was in the planning stages for a couple of years. The crews worked well together on the completion of this assignment, and could not have completed it without each others help.

A change that occurred this season was a compressed work schedule. Dromedary Peak worked longer hours, sometimes up to 14 hour days to complete projects. This gave us shorter work weeks and more time off. These shorter work weeks are also benefit to the state. We were still able to work 40 hour weeks, but spend less on food and fuel and daily planning.



2009 Dromedary Peak Fuels Module

Name	Position	Duration
Jamie Schnick	Fuels Module Lead	4/8-10/27
Scott Peterson	Squad Boss Alpha	5/4-9/4
Michael Frank	Squad Boss (trainee) Bravo	5/4-10/22
Carol Adam	Crew member	5/4-8/13
Brett Andersen	Crew member	5/4-8/13
Shelly Coon	Crew member	5/4-6/25
Matt Frieden	Crew member	5/4-8/13
William Taylor	Crew member	5/4-10/22
Shane Hansen	Crew member	5/4-5/27
Dallas McQuillan	Crew member	5/4-10/22
Taylor Nelson	Crew member	6/8-10/27
William Knowlton	Crew member	6/8-7/29
(Sean) Chatchawan Sukkha	Crew member	5/4-8/13
Jeffrey Sorenson	Crew member	5/4-8/13
Braydon Whiteley	Crew member	5/4-8/13
Dave Voyles	Fuels Program Leader	Permanent

Dromedary Peak Detailers

Dromedary Peak individuals were able to expand their knowledge of fire by filling open positions with other crews.

UFRA	Lone Peak Hotshots	Lone Peak Engines	Twin Peaks I.A.
William Taylor	Jamie Schnick		Dallas McQuillan
Scott Peterson	Dave Voyles		Michael Frank
	Taylor Nelson		

Season Data Summary

Start date:	05/04/09
Dispersed:	08/13/09
Number of fires:	5
Number of days on prescribed fire:	0
Prescribed fire hours:	0
Total days on Type III/IV/V incidents:	14
Number of days on WFU incidents:	0
Number of days on WF incidents:	14
Hours of fire O.T.:	139
Base (40) on fire:	97.5
Hazard pay hours:	186
Total fire hours:	236.5
Number of days on project:	30
Projects:	9
Total project hours worked:	350
Number of career personnel:	0
CRWB task book completed:	1
FFT1/ICT5 task book completed:	0

Percentage of project work based on area.

Bear River area office.	20%
Northeastern area office.	80%
Southwestern area office.	0%
Wasatch Front area office.	0%
Central area office	0%
Southeastern area office	0%

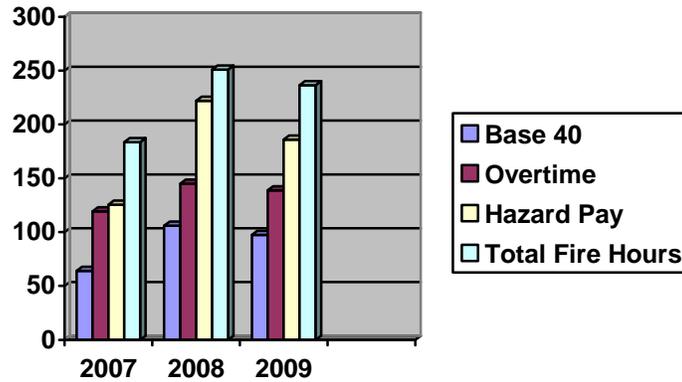


2009 Dromedary Peak Fuels Module Photograph



Back (left to right): Tanner Morley, Michael Frank, Sean Sukkha, Shelly Coon, Jeffrey Sorenson, William Taylor, Matt Frieden, Jamie Schnick, **Front (left to right):** William Knowlton, Carol Adam, Braydon Whiteley, Taylor Nelson, Brett Andersen, Dallas McQuillan, Ryan Hyland, Scott Peterson

Dromedary Peak Fire Time

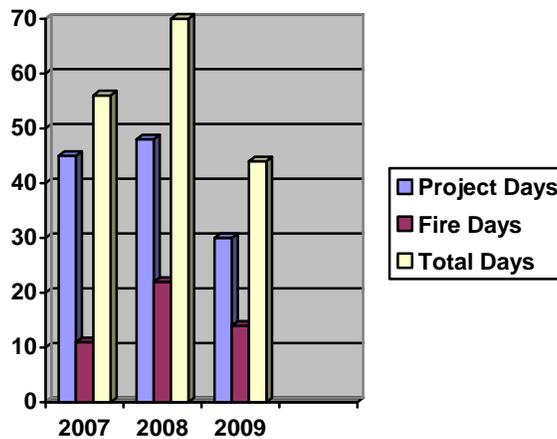


3 year Averages

Base 40- 89 hours
Overtime- 134.5 hours
Hazard Pay- 178 hours
Total Fire Hours- 224 hours

These averages are based on Dromedary Peak's season which is typically May 5 to August 15. These averages have been calculated since the crew was formed in 2007.

Compressed Work Schedule



The Crew worked longer hours per day this season. Even though they didn't work as many days, the crew worked the same amount of hours for the season. The compressed work schedule of 14 hour days in a 40 hour work week was utilized to save the on food and fuel costs. Time normally spent mobilizing, briefing and cleaning up at the end of each day was reduced by working fewer but longer days.