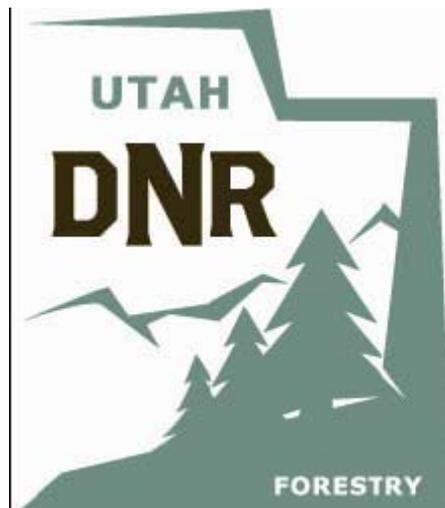




# **LONE PEAK HOTSHOTS 2008**

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LONE PEAK IHC HOLDING ON SHU LIGHTNING COMPLEX, WHISKEY TOWN, CA

**CREW OVERVIEW:**

The Lone Peak Hotshots are a nationally recognized Type 1 Interagency Hotshot Crew (IHC), based out of the Lone Peak Conservation Center, in Draper, Utah. Established in 2001 under a cooperative partnership between the United States Forest Service Region 4 and the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands, Lone Peak became the first state sponsored hotshot crew in the nation. Operating under this partnership, Lone Peak is held to all of the national IHC standards that the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management hotshot crews must follow in addition to strict state standards. Two notable differences from other interagency hotshot crews are: Lone Peak IHC must be available nationally for dispatch 180 days (May 1 to Oct. 31) each year and seasonal employees may work up to nine months each fire season.

**SEASON OVERVIEW:**

The 2008 fire season had typical fast times and slow times for Lone Peak. The crew was hired on April 14, 2008 and after two weeks of critical training went available nationally for fire on April 29, 2008. After two quick dispatches to California and Arizona the first week of May, the crew went almost a month with no fire dispatches.

During the slow fire times the crew spent time traveling around the northern part of Utah working on various fuels reduction work for state cooperators.

From mid June through September, fire activity picked up and the crew spent these months traveling to fires through out Utah, Nevada, Idaho, California, and Oregon. Due to California's higher than average fire volume, the crew made five stops for a total of thirty-two days in the Golden State. After a couple of late season trips to Oregon, the crew mobilized to a small four-day fire in Southern Utah in the middle of October to begin the end of the season.

After the fire in Southern Utah, a few more days on fuel reduction projects closed out the month of October. The crew went unavailable and ended the season on October 31, 2008. The previous day four crew members were moved over to the UFRA Internship Crew and spent five days assisting on the Boiler Fire in North Eastern Utah.

### **HIRING:**

A small overhead shift and a very small turn over from the 2007 season rounded out hiring for 2008 fire season. Brent Morrison (a lead crew member in 2007) was hired as a new squad leader replacing Scott Nielson who took a new position as the Twin Peaks I.A. Crew Boss. This in turn allowed Brett Larsen (a crew member in 2007) to take the open lead crewmember position. The rest of the Lone Peak overhead remained in place and only two new hires were added at the start of critical training.

### **INJURIES:**

Lone Peak suffered two lost time accidents during the 2008 fire season in addition to the normal wear and tear from a long fire season. A four-wheeler accident in California and a knee injury while mopping up in Oregon both resulted in lost time for recovery. Other injuries ranged from small cuts and bruises to some really bad cases of poison oak.

### **TASK BOOKS/TRAINING:**

Task books and training are a large part of Lone Peak's daily crew operations. A large number of task book assignments were completed through out the 2008 season. Three single resource (CRWB, FIRB, ENGB) and a hand full of FFT-1/ICT-5 task books were completed, reviewed by the training committee, and signed off. Other training opportunities included implementation of live fire during critical training, helicopter long line operations, and various S-classes for crew members as well as overhead.

### **DETAILS:**

One detail opportunity was pursued during the 2007/2008 winter season. Kris Bruington, a squad leader for Lone Peak, detailed in Georgia for three months of the winter season to work for The Nature Conservancy on a prescribed fire burn module. During this detail Kris was able to gain valuable fire behavior knowledge as well as training on his Engine Boss and Firing Boss task books.

## 2008 PROJECTS:

Project	Total Man Hours Committed	Type of Project
Tailor's Cove Natural Area	175.5	Cut/Pile Russian Olive
Sundance, Alpine Loop	156	Reestablish Fuel Break
Galena	196	Cut/Pile Russian Olive
Pine Ranches	332.5	Cut Fuel Break
Diamond Bar X	371	Remove Hazard Trees - WUI Area
Allred	175.5	Cut/Pile Aspen
Pacificorp, Tree Plant	982	Plant Wood Rose/Golden Current Seedlings

## 2008 FIRES:

Incident Name	Incident Number	Op. Periods	Fire Class	Fuel Type	Mngmt Level
Apache	CA-BDF-005147	3	F	1,2,4	2
SW Prep	NM-R03-000004	2	N/A	N/A	N/A
Salano	AZ-PPA-000056	5	F	1,2,5	2
Humboldt	CA-BTU-007089	2	G	2,4	1
Corn Creek	UT-DIF-080153	6	F	1,5,8	2
SHF June Lightning	CA-SHF-001057	1	D	1,2,4	3
Iron Complex	CA-SHF-001057	4	G	1,2,4	2
So. Hansel	UT-BRS-000318	1	D	1,5	3
Rain Drainage Plane Crash	UT-MOD-008123	2	D	1,5	3
SHU Lightning Complex	CA-SHU-004727	6	G	2,4,9	1
Canyon Complex	CA-PNF-000539	8	G	2,8,9	1
Little Bald Mtn.	UT-WCF-000493	8	E	2,8	2,3
Payette ABCD Misc. (FY08)	ID-PAF-008000	6	N/A	8,9	N/A
Payette ABCD Misc. (FY08)	ID-PAF-008000	2	N/A	8,9	N/A
East Slide Rock Ridge	NV-HTF-040186	12	G	2,8,9,11	1
North Ops Preposition	CA-ONC-000013	1	N/A	8,9	N/A
TNC ONC Preposition	CA-TNF-001993	1	N/A	8,9	N/A
Lonesome Complex	OR-RRF-008229	13	G	8,9,10	1,2
Kitson	OR-WIF-000315	4	E	8,9,10	2
Slough II	UT-SES-008302	4	E	2,3,6	3,4

**2008 CREW MEMBERS:**

**SUPERINTENDENT: MATHEW ARMANTROUT**  
**ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT: DONNY BENNETT**

**ALPHA SQUAD**

**SQUAD LEADER:**  
PRESTON LEY  
**LEAD CREWMEMBER:**  
BRETT LARSEN  
**CREWMEMBERS:**  
GEOFF HARRISON  
KYLE YURKOVICH  
COLBY WYCKOFF  
MATT SCHRIER

**BRAVO SQUAD**

**SQUAD LEADER:**  
KRIS BRUINGTON  
**LEAD CREWMEMBER:**  
JAMIE SCHNICK  
**CREWMEMBERS:**  
GREG WINTERLAND  
ANDREW GIUNTA  
LOWDEN PERKINS  
TYLER BRADY  
JAMES NORVELL

**CHARLIE SQUAD**

**SQUAD LEADER:**  
BRENT MORRISON  
**LEAD CREWMEMBER:**  
DEAN BURES  
**CREWMEMBERS:**  
JOE ENGLISH  
SPENCER EAQUINTO  
JED MCFARLANE  
NATE MOELLER



**2008 DETAILERS:**  
**ISSAC REAVLELEY, JOHN SIMS, RYAN CADY, CAMERON SHAUGHNESSY**