



2007 Season Report

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2007 Season Overview



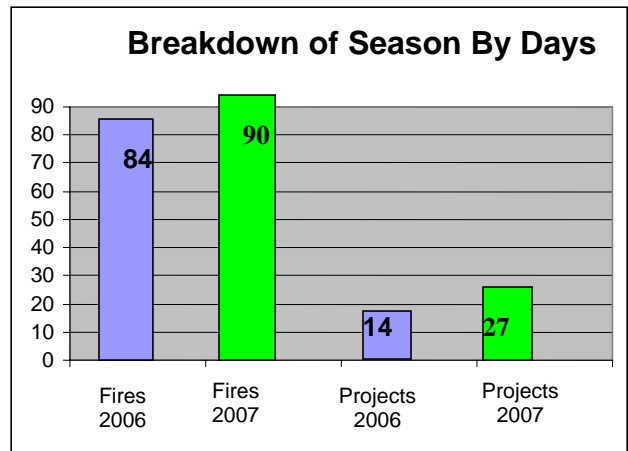
Charlie Squad, Cascade Complex Idaho.

The 2007 season was busy and long. The following chart shows an at a glance comparison of the 2006 and 2007 seasons. Note that in 2007 the UFRA crew stayed intact and available much longer than historically, this was due to student interest in extending past the August 13th semester. This enabled UFRA to travel to Southern California for fires in late October.

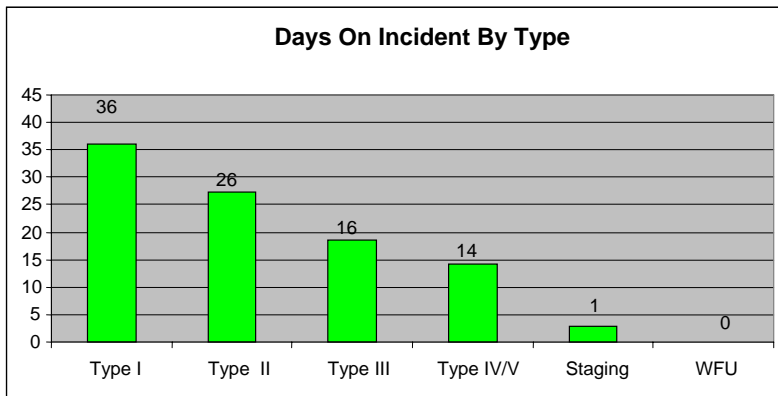
The UFRA Fire Crew is a partnership between the State of Utah’s Forestry, Fire and State Lands. This season our crew responded to 21 fires, completed 5 full tours and logged 832 hours of overtime, more than any previous UFRA crew. We fought fire in Idaho, Utah, Arizona, Nevada and California. Crew orientation began May 3rd, the crew went available May 15th and ended November 2nd.

The 2007 season was demanding for wildland firefighters across the country. It was hard not to notice the multiple columns seen throughout the I-15 corridor in June and July, the Boise and Payette ablaze from July through September and the devastating southern California firestorm in October and November. The members of the 2007 UFRA fire crew were proud to assist in suppression of fires in all of these geographical areas.

UFRA was tasked with a variety of assignments throughout the season. The students gained practical experience in multiple areas including; firing out, plumbing hose lays, constructing hot line, directing aircraft and tree falling.



Fire Assignment Summary



The 2007 season provided ample opportunity for the students on the UFRA crew. The tables on this page illustrate the sheer number of fires in which UFRA engaged and the multiple complexity levels and fuel types involved.

Students will now have the ability to take this gained knowledge to other areas of interest or continue to build an exciting career in wildland firefighting.

Incident Dates	State	Mgnt Type	Fuel Type	Fire Size	Incident Name
6/16 – 6/19	UT	IV	1,5	C	Echo Fire
6/21 – 6/24	ID	III	1,6	G	Cow Canyon
6/25 – 6/28	UT	III	2,6	G	Mercer Fire
6/29 – 7/1	UT	III	4	E	PG Fire
7/4 – 7/5	UT	III	6	C	Rocky Mouth
7/6 – 7/18	AZ	II/IV	1,4,6,9	G	Black Rock Gulch
7/17	AZ	IV	2	C	Low Mntn.
7/18	AZ	IV	6	C	1059
7/18	AZ	IV	6	C	Ide Valley
7/23	UT	III	1,6	G	Dairy Valley
7/24 – 7/27	NV	I	1,6	G	Wine Cup
7/28 – 8/7	ID	I	8,10	G	Cascade Complex
8/10 – 8/24	ID	II/III	8,10	G	Middle Fork Complex
8/30 – 9/1	UT	IV	1,6	E	Horshoe
9/1 – 9/2	UT	IV	1,6	B	Spencer Canyon
9/3 – 9/13	ID	I	9,10	G	East Zone Complex
9/16	UT	III	2,6	D	West Mountain
9/18 – 9/19	UT	IV	8,10	B	Rocking HR Ranch
9/29 – 9/30	UT	III	6	C	Bells Reservoir
10/27	CA	I			October Move-up
10/28 – 11/1	CA	I	4,6	G	Poomacha

Project Assignment Summary



When not on fires the UFRA crew stays hard at work throughout the state of Utah on various fuel mitigation projects.

In 2007 the crew worked with the Beetle killed pine problem in the northeast portion of the state. They would cut down and build burn piles or chip the dead trees to reduce the fuel loading around structures.

In Carbon County it was the Beetle killed fir trees that presented the largest concern for future fires. The same tactics were used as in the pine to mitigate the problem.

In the communities around Echo reservoir the overgrown Oak Brush poses a fire threat. In conjunction with the Summit county warden, UFRA reduced the live Brush loading around structures and constructed fuel brakes in critical areas to establish a defensible space.

These and the other projects, in which the crew was involved, prepared the crew for arduous forestry work and continue to prepare Utah for the ongoing threat of fire in our urban settings.

2007 UFRA Crew

Name	Position	Duration
Wade Snyder	Crew Boss	Permanent
Lyle Jennings	Assistant Crew Boss	Permanent
Sheldon Baumgartner	Squad Boss	5/3/07 – 9/6/07
Kyle McCann	Squad Boss	5/5/07 – 9/2/07
Ryan Prestwich	Squad Boss	5/3/07 – 11/1/07
Raymundo Gallardo	Lead Crewmember	5/3/07 – 11/1/07
Geoff Whatcott	Lead Crewmember	5/3/07 – 11/1/07
Jasen Kennington	Lead Crewmember	5/3/07 – 8/6/07
Stephen Eaton	Crewmember	5/3/07 – 11/1/07
Aaron Gee	Crewmember	5/3/07 – 11/1/07
Chance Lunceford	Crewmember	5/3/07 – 8/13/07
Chad Roscher	Crewmember	5/3/07 – 11/1/07
Robert Rodriguez	Crewmember	5/3/07 – 9/20/07
Sam Moody	Crewmember	5/3/07 – 10/2/07
Chris Koehler	Crewmember	5/3/07 – 11/1/07
Sione Asisi	Crewmember	5/3/07 – 8/13/07
Aric Jester	Crewmember	5/3/07 – 8/6/07
Spencer Eaquinto	Crewmember	5/3/07 – 10/31/07
Michael Westwood	Crewmember	5/3/07 – 6/30/07
Russel Morris	Crewmember	5/3/07 – 11/1/07

2007 UFRA Detailers

A special thanks to all the Lone Peak personnel that helped fill open positions on UFRA and the other Lone Peak fire crews. These 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.
Logan Towsey	Spencer Eaquinto	Chance Lunceford	
Neal Kennington	Sam Moody	Russell Morris	
David Voyles	Sione Asisi	Michael Westwood	
Ted Sneed			
Robert Reedy			
Matt Ball			
Sean Mathis			
Steve Taggard			
Michael Frank			

Season Data Summary

Number of days the crew was available:	172
Number of days committed to incidents:	90
Number of 14-day assignments:	5
Number of Extensions to 14-day incidents:	0
Number of days paid of R & R:	6
Number of days in staging:	1
Number of days on type I/II incidents:	36
Number of days on Type III/IV/V incidents:	57
Number of days on WFU incidents:	0
Number of vehicle accidents:	0
Number of times crew flew (Helicopter):	10+
Number of career personnel:	2
Number of career positions that remained vacant:	0
Number of days on project:	27
FFT1/ICT5 Task books completed:	2
CRWB Task books completed:	1
ICT4 Task books completed:	1

2007 UFRA Crew Photograph



Back Row (Left to Right): Lyle Jennings, Geoff Whatcott, Raymundo Gallardo, Neil Kennington, Russel Morris, Chris Koehler, Logan Towsey, Ryan Prestwich, Spencer Eaquinto, Chad Roscher, Sione Asisi, Wade Snyder. Front Row (Left to Right): Jasen Kennington, Robert Rodriguez, Aaron Gee, Sam Moody, Aric Jester, Stephen Eaton, Sheldon Baumgartner.

Picture taken at the Cascade Complex (Idaho) following 10 days in a remote spike camp.