

2015 Annual Report



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Dear Reader:

2015 gone in a flash. Turned out to be a busy project filled summer for us. Good thing fire responses were down I guess.

Black Rock Ranch airstrip was our focus during the summer. How tricky that was to coordinate schedules with the airstrip building and paving during lightning storms and fire responses. We were fortunate that all worked fairly seamlessly. Future fire seasons will be ahead just because the SEAT plane reload base is ready to go.



Black Rock Ranch Airstrip

Mike Carlson and Wesley Buell traveled around the state on off district fire assignments during the summer. They bring back lots of stories and experience from these assignments. My thanks to the crews at home for picking up the slack and working so hard to meet the obligations on the home front.

Walker Range FPA hosted the Association Managers meeting between Idaho and Oregon this year. Enjoyed their visit.



December brought snow. The likes of which we haven't seen for over twenty years. Heavy wet snow on frozen tree branches. Throughout the district there is snow damage but none worse than what Gilchrist suffered through. Multiple days with out power, meter boxes torn off houses, broken power poles, and heavy damage to our old growth ponderosa pines. We were glad to get that month behind us. Multiple weeks of snowplowing and dealing with the associated issues that come with a heavy snow storm.

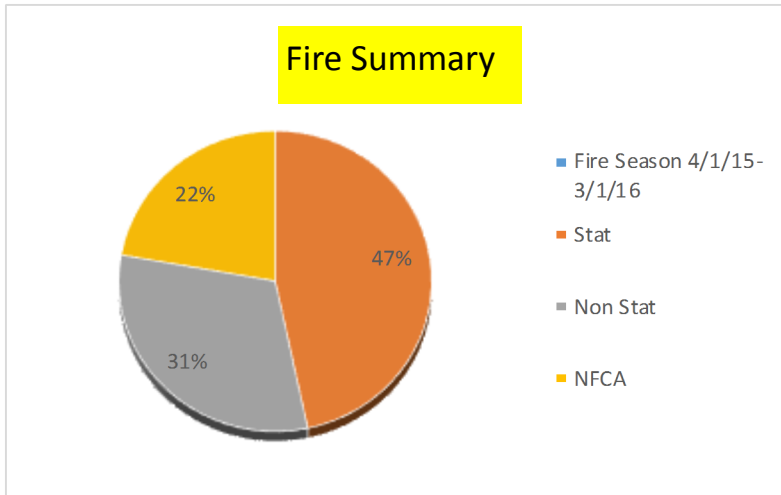
We are ready for 2015 to be over and excited to see what 2016 brings. Thank you.



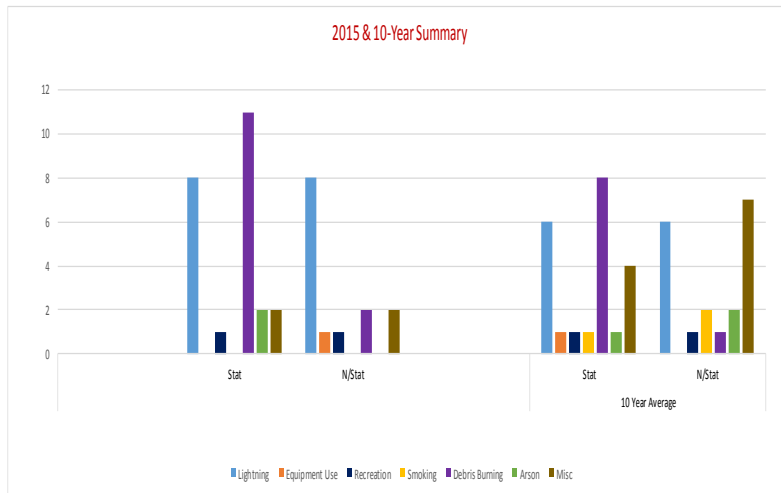
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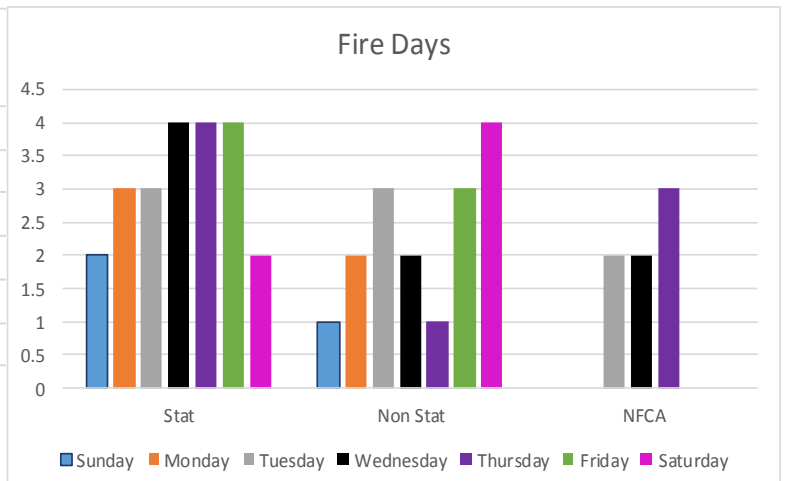
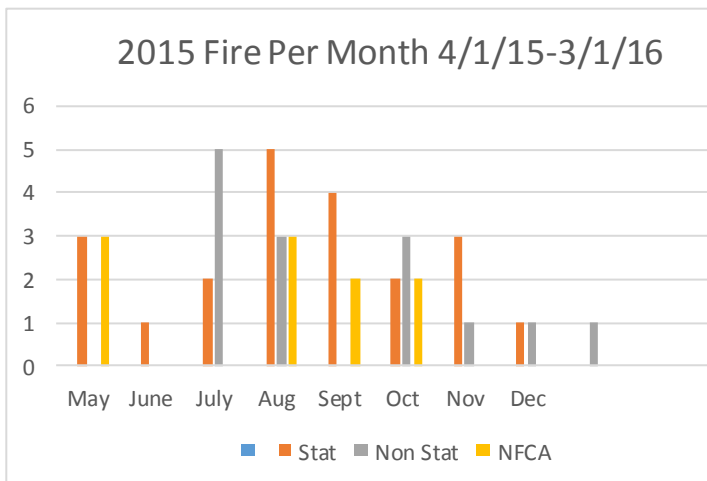
Protection:



Summaries of responses are close.



Debris burning is still the leader on responses. But as a educational opportunity not enforcement action. Usually a property owner from out of town.



Activities:

Mike Carlson and Wesley Buell spent time off district this past season. Wesley spent time on the Cornet/Windy, Dry Gulch, Sugar Loaf and Corner Creek as a Task Force Leader. Mike was on Dry Gulch, Sugarloaf and Corner Creek and Operations Branch Director and Division Supervisor on Stout fires..

Windy/Cornet



Corner Creek Hazard Tree Removal



Walker Mountain Fire



Corner Creek Operations



Activities:

Black Rock SEAT Plane Airstrip. Sumer 2015 brought a huge cooperative project to the district. The SEAT plane airstrip reloading site development. Board Member Stuart Barr offered up his private airstrip for the expansion project.

Fire season 2016 should see the airstrip up and operational.



End of Black Rock Project
BBQ

Activities:

Hazard tree removal for Crescent Rural Fire Department.



July 4th, Lapine



Hunters Booth



Antelope Meadows Fire



Activities:

ODOT fall slash burning along highway 97.



Activities:



Creek Log Removal



Carnival Truck Fire



Vermeer Chipper Trials

Activities:



Gilchrist Mall December Storm Damage



Safety:



Safety BBQ



Employee of the Month Awards



