

Utah Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands



FIRE MANAGEMENT

Utah's 2013 Fire Season

Compared to last year, the 2013 wildland fire season was calm. Spring precipitation and a more gradual warm-up from winter delayed the season and made for a manageable June and July.

In late July and into August, fuel moisture declined and lightning activity picked up resulting in some larger fires.

The proportion of human-caused fires declined dramatically. As of Sept 7, 32% of wildfires in Utah were human-caused compared to 50% in 2012.

Firefighters caught 98% of all wildfire starts at less than one acre in size.

98% of all acres burned were a result of lightning-caused fires.

The Numbers

- ◆ 1,272 fires
- ◆ Wildfires burned 87,741 acres, including:
 - ◆ 16,608 private acres
 - ◆ 56,894 federal acres
- * *Data provided by Eastern Great Basin Coordination Center*
- ◆ Estimated \$6.8M State suppression costs
- ◆ 1 Fire Management Assistance Grant through FEMA

Major Causes

- ◆ 68% of wildland fires were caused by lightning
- ◆ 32% of wildland fires were human caused

Significant Utah Fires in 2013

- ◆ Lackey Fan, 929 acres, 6/13 – 6/23
- ◆ Wildflower, 1,754 acres, 6/29 – 7/5
- ◆ State, 2,868 acres, 8/5 – 9/5
- ◆ Millville, 7,211 acres, 6/25 – 7/18
- ◆ Rockport, 1,920 acres, 8/13 – 8/19
- ◆ Patch Springs, 31,010 acres, 8/10 – 8/24
- ◆ 222, 1,604 acres, 8/15 – 8/28



A Blackhawk Helicopter Drops Water on the Rockport 5 Fire



The Patch Springs Fire



A VLAT (Very Large Air Tanker) Drops Retardant on the Millville Fire

