



2006



(Navajo Mountain Fire)

The San Juan Hotshots were established in 2002 as one of 93 IHC crews in the nation. We are located in Durango, Colorado on the San Juan National Forest. The 2006 season was busier than average taking the crew to California, Montana, New Mexico, Utah, Arizona, and Idaho. This is an overview of the 2006 season covering hiring, assignments, training, safety, and fuels work.



Hiring

The crew experienced changes in the leadership structure in 2006. Two new squad leaders were hired, Patrick Moore and Jay Godson. One new Lead Crewmember position was hired, Clay Yazzie. Three new seasonal crewmembers were hired in 2006.



(Thorn Divide Fire WY)



Assignments

The crew started on April 17, 2006 and was available for a total of 163 days. Of the 163 days, 129 days were committed to incidents, and 21 days were in official travel status. The crew also had a total of 7, fourteen day assignments. The first two weeks of critical training involved prepping for the Devil Creek RX, and the Vigil Abeta RX on the Pagosa Ranger District. The crew established a control line around the 250 acre unit. In May the crew traveled to The Colorado National Monument in Fruita Colorado to burn approximately 275 piles in four days. Through out the fire season we traveled to Arizona, Utah, Wyoming, Montana, and California.



(Keith Bedonie, Thorn Divide Fire)



2006 Assignment Summary

FIRE NAME	STATE	OPERATIONAL SHIFTS	COMPLEXITY LEVEL
IRON GATES	CO	1	4
SONNY JIM	CO	2	3
BLACK RIDGE	CO	5	3
PINE VALLEY	CO	2	3
SHEEP	CO	1	3
BEAR JAW	AZ	2	4
TAVOR	AZ	1	4
NAVAJO MTN.	UT	5	1
BRINES	AZ	5	1
NARRAGUINEP	CO	1	4
THORN DIVIDE	WY	4	2
TWENTY MILE	WY	4	2
SAW MILL	WY	1	2
STONER	CO	1	4
BIG CREEK	MT	11	2
SAND BASIN	MT	2	2
MANCOS # 2	CO	1	3
PURDY	WY	12	2
BAR COMPLEX	CA	14	1

Training

Training on an IHC is important to ensure that the crew has a depth of experience for future seasons and has the ability to move personnel into new positions. This season the crew had 3- C Faller Certifications, and had 3- C Faller Trainees. The crew also had 5 – ICT 5 trainees, 2- ICT 4 trainees, and 2- Crew Boss Trainees. In addition to the 24 hours of Critical Training at the beginning of the fire season, the crew had a total of 80 hours by the end of the fire season. The crew also had weekly safety meetings presented by the crewmembers.



Fuels Treatment Acres

The crew treated 30 acres mechanically and completed 1700 acres of prescribed fire on the San Juan National Forest. The crew constructed over 150 chains of control lines for the prescribed fires. The Devil Creek RX, Vigil Abeta RX, and Lange Canyon Rx, in all, totaled more than 1700 acres burned on the Pagosa and Columbine Ranger Districts. The crew also traveled to the Colorado National Monument and burned 275 piles in late May.



(Colorado National Monument, Pile burn)



Safety

During the 2006 season we did not have any lost time accidents. The Daily briefings before every shift and throughout the day covered weather, fire behavior, LCES, assignments, hazards, and special issues. After the conclusion of shifts AAR's were conducted to discuss the days events. In addition to this the Crewmembers participated in weekly safety topics, presented by a different crewmember every week. Topics included Leadership and decision making, History of Wildland Fire Research, and All Risk Assignments.

2006 CREW ROSTER

Shawna Legarza	Superintendent
James Cornelius	Asst. Superintendent
David Pearce	Squad Leader
Patrick Moore	Squad Leader
Jay Godson	Squad Leader
Lance Martin	Senior Firefighter
Jacob Birdsell	Senior Firefighter
Clay Yazzie	Senior Firefighter
Travis Thiel	Crewmember
Dustin Wheeler	Crewmember
David Herth	Crewmember
Tom Kelsea	Crewmember
Justin Cavasso	Crewmember
Tom Carleton	Crewmember
Sean Snyder	Crewmember
Sara Boaz	Crewmember
Dave Kempton	Crewmember
Micheal Katen	Crewmember
Keith Bedonie	Crewmember
Luke Brazzel	Crewmember

