

Black Hills National Forest

2024 Fire Season Preparedness

National Forest Advisory Board



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Discussion Points

1. 2023 At a Glance
2. Preparations for 2024



2023 Fire Statistics

- 10 Human Caused for 1 acres
- 32 Lightning Caused for 70 acres
- 4 Undetermined for 1 acres
- 46 Total Fires for 72 acres



2024 Fire Preparedness

Resources available for fire response:

- Approximately 135 qualified firefighters
- Other Forest Service militia/support personnel totaling approximately 85 personnel



2024 Fire Preparedness

- 12 Wildland Fire Engines
- 1 Ten-person Wildfire Module
- 1 Boxelder Job Corp Handcrew
- 2 dozers with operators
- 7-day staffing June through September



2024 Fire Preparedness

- Type III Helicopter w/ 8 Person Crew available: mid June to end of Sept.
- Tatanka Interagency Hotshot Crew available: May - October
- Rapid City Airtanker Base: June 1- September 30
- Great Plains Dispatch Center staffed year-round & provides single point ordering and mobilization of firefighters, equipment and supplies



2024 Fire Preparedness

- No single wildland fire agency can do the job alone.
- Strong interagency cooperation is critical to a successful fire management program.



Conclusion

- Our firefighting resources will be ready

Questions?

