IDAHO RANGELAND FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATIONS 2024

As of 2024, over 700 volunteer wildland firefighters have been trained by agency fire managers. These volunteers provide an important resource not only for their own land and assets, but also assist wildland fire managers protecting public lands.

The ten RFPAs combined protect 1.9 million acres of private rangeland that was previously unprotected, as well as providing secondary protection on 7.4 million acres of federal and state land.

Discussions have begun with interested parties in the Fort Hall area for a new RFPA, the expectation would be for a start date in 2025 or 2026.

2023 FIRE SEASON REVIEW

2023 was a relatively quiet fire season, with less than half of the previous year's activity.

2024 FIRE SEASON PREPAREDNESS

Over 300 RFPA members attended in-person Fireline Refresher Training and 21 new members attended Basic Wildland Fire classes.

With assistance from the Governor's Office of Species Conservation, Henry's Creek purchased a Type 4 engine from IDL, and Owyhee RFPA purchased a Type 4 engine from a neighboring fire department. IDL was able to provide Saylor Creek RFPA with a Type 6 engine through the Federal Excess Personal Property program. This equipment will allow these RFPAs to provide more strategic coverage in their protection areas.

IDAHO RFPAS AT A GLANCE

| REPA | Established | Members ¹ | Acres | Private | Federal ² | State ³ | '23 Fires |
|----------------|-------------|----------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| Black Canyon | 2013 | 19 | 185,384 | 108,555 | 61,111 | 15,719 | 0 |
| Camas Creek | 2016 | 28 | 1,494,608 | 363,005 | 1,019,277 | 112,327 | 1 |
| Henry's Creek | 2017 | 15 | 914,696 | 286,775 | 571,374 | 56,547 | 2 |
| Mountain Home | 2012 | 40 | 964,131 | 300,091 | 564,138 | 98,174 | 8 |
| Notch Butte | 2016 | 16 | 341,170 | 74,535 | 247,745 | 18,890 | 1 |
| Owyhee | 2013 | 32 | 1,370,873 | 254,175 | 972,268 | 144,430 | 5 |
| Saylor Creek | 2013 | 54 | 2,222,204 | 131,128 | 1,964,913 | 126,162 | 1 |
| Shoshone Basin | 2015 | 19 | 488,054 | 174,940 | 302,144 | 10,969 | 4 |
| Three Creek | 2013 | 62 | 1,120,203 | 114,599 | 951,243 | 54,362 | 2 |
| Weiser River | 2021 | 29 | 135,212 | 60,246 | 38,252 | 27,208 | 3 |
| TOTALS | | 314 | 9,381,444 | 1,868,049 | 6,692,465 | 664,788 | 27 |

¹ Received Red Card for the 2024 fire season as of 5/31/2024. The Red Card identifies that annual training is current.

² Federal includes Military, NPS, BOR, BIA, DOE, BLM and USFS ownership.

³ State includes Endowment, State F&G, State Parks, and State other.

