

## Dispatch Organization

The NWCG uses a tiered approach to the dispatch organizations.

The tier one dispatch is in Boise, ID named the National Interagency Coordination Center or NICC

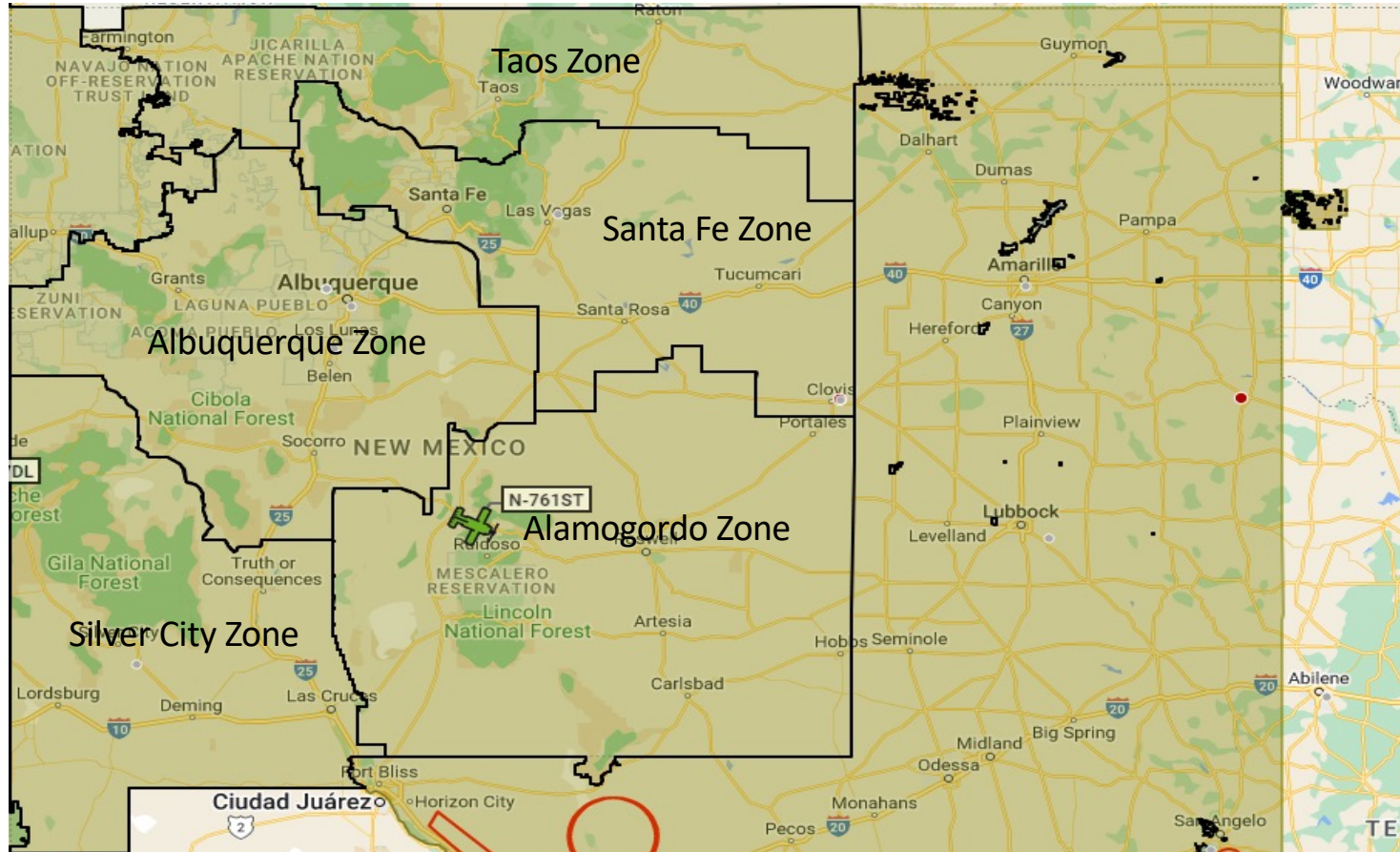
Under NICC are the GACCs – there are 10 Geographic Areas in the Nation.

Northern Rockies, Rocky Mountain, Southwest, Great Basin, Southern CA, Northern CA, Northwest Eastern Area, Southern Area and Alaska.

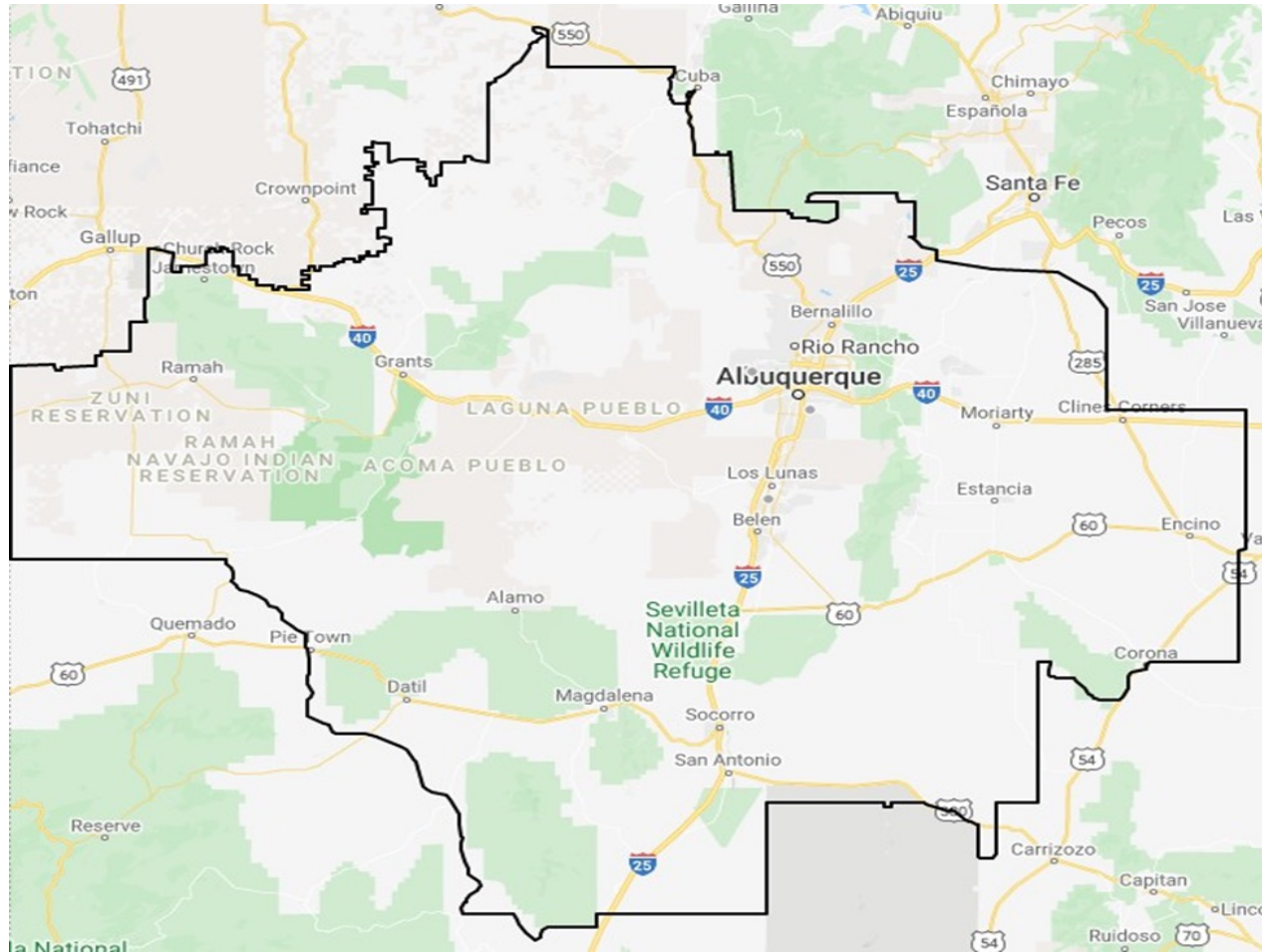
The third tier is what Albuquerque Interagency Falls under. We work for the GACC as well as a Dispatch Zone.

This approach is paramount in the success for the shopping of resources and the allocation of resources that are within the area.

## New Mexico Dispatch Zones



# Albuquerque Zone



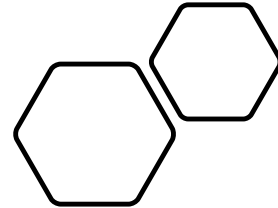
# Typical Dispatch

1. Smoke report / wildfire reported into dispatch.
2. Location is plotted to determine jurisdiction and ownership.
3. (Aircraft) Knee-board is created.
4. (Aircraft) Airspace Deconfliction is started.
5. Duty Officer for I/A notified, and plan of action is developed.
6. Resources are dispatched to incident.
7. Size up given to dispatch.
8. As needed additional resources are requested/dispatch.

Albuquerque  
Zone 2022  
Fire Season



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# Dispatch Statistics

- To date NM-ABC safely and successfully dispatched 329 incidents of which 146 were wildfires for a total of 42,306 acres.
- There was 4 incidents where a Type 3 organization was ordered (both formal and adhoc.)
- Two Type 2 IMTs were ordered to support the Bear Trap.
- There was a total of 15 Prescribed fires implemented throughout the Zone. 1,142 acres were treated.
- Dispatch was in 24-hour staffing for 2 months and Expanded was operational for 2 and a half months.
- There was 55 Red Flag watches within the Albuquerque Zone with the first watch being issued on February 15<sup>th</sup>.



# Dispatch Statistics

6,044 Resource Orders have been processed.

- To date NM-ABC created 4472 resource orders.
  1. Aircraft – 299
  2. Crew – 491
  3. Equipment – 822
  4. Overhead – 1057
  5. Supply – 1803
- To date non-local resource orders processed by NM-ABC is 1572.
  1. Aircraft – 131
  2. Crew – 363
  3. Equipment – 370
  4. Overhead – 708





# Zone Severity Numbers

50 Engines

58 Overhead Positions

2 Crews

25 Type 1 Hotshot Crews Hosted by  
the Zone

5 I/A Taskforces

# Dispatch Staffing

- 1 - Fulltime Dispatcher
  - 7 - AD's
  - 2 - Militia Dispatchers
  - 4 - Trainee Dispatchers
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- 21 dispatchers were brought in on assignment.

# Aircraft Desk and ATB

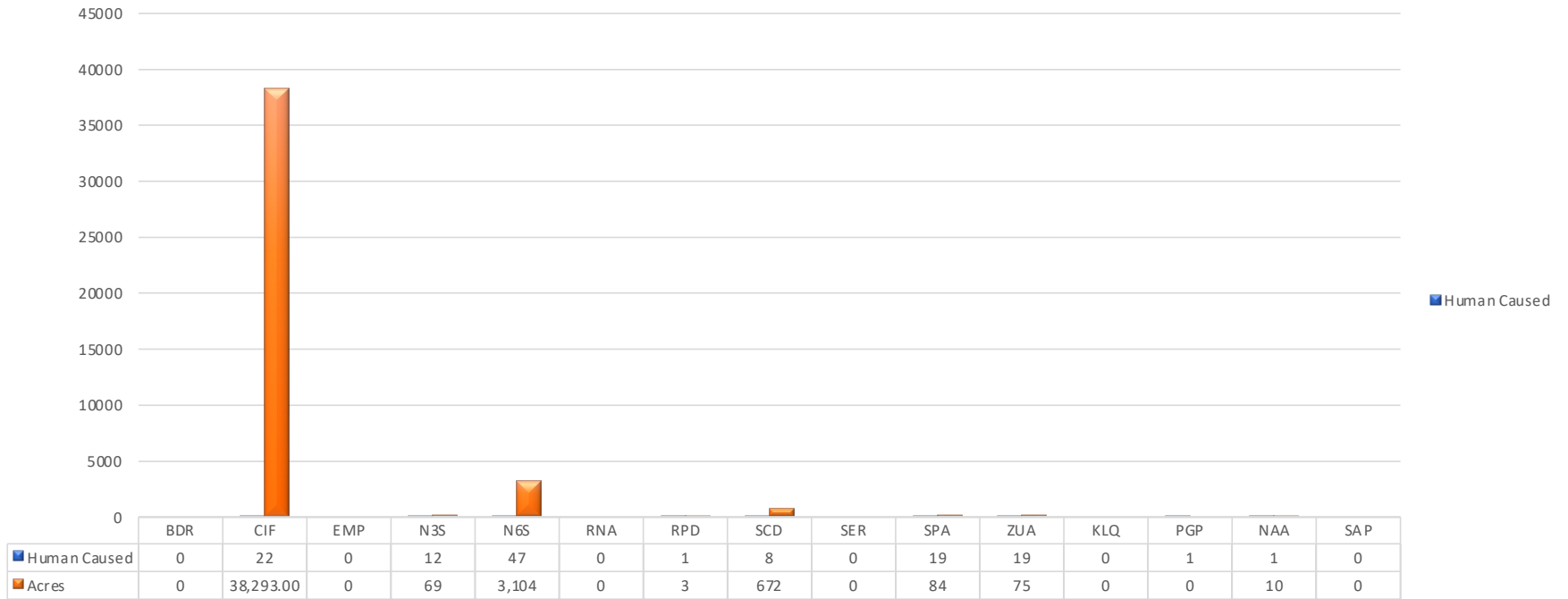
- 490 loads of retardant 1,982,119 gallons
- The Albuquerque Tanker Base was open from the 18<sup>th</sup> of April – 16<sup>th</sup> of June
- 11 Type 1 tankers
- 5 VLAT's
- 1 Type 2 Rappel Helicopter



# Human Caused Wildfires

Total of 129 Wildfires for 42,310 acres

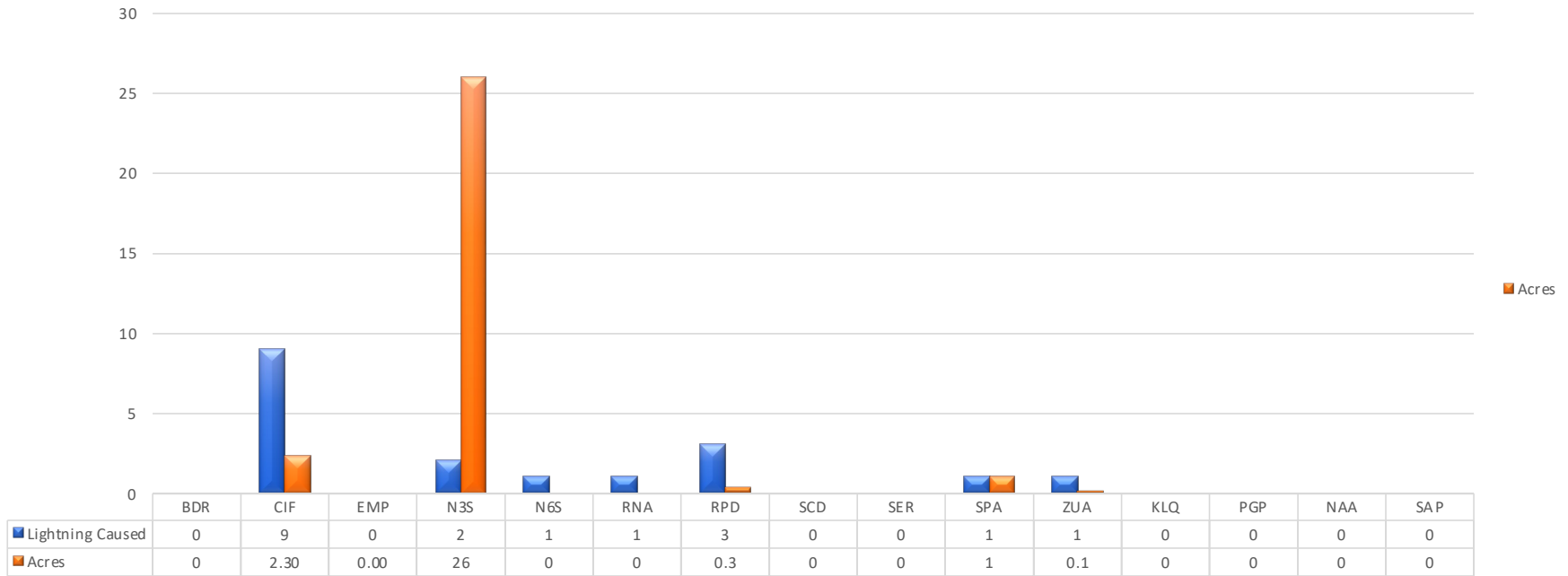
Acres Burnt by Unit



# Lightning Caused Wildfire

Total of 18 lightning caused wildfires for 29.9 acres.

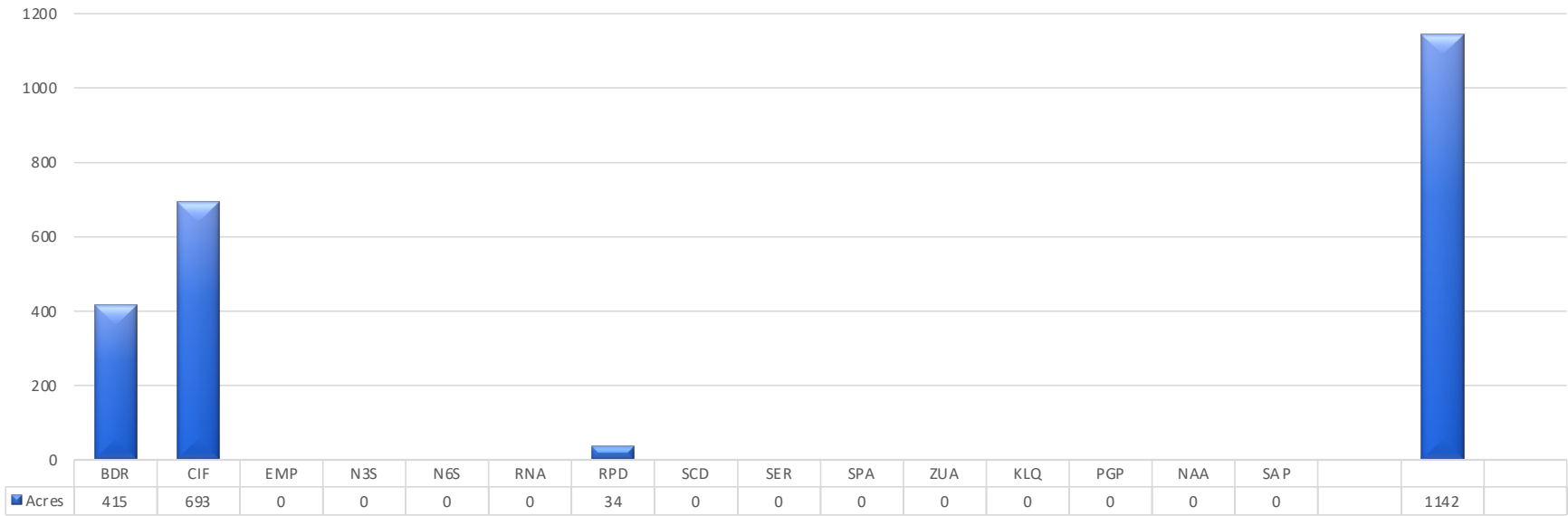
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# Prescribed Fire

15 prescribed fires implemented for 1,142 acres treated.

Prescribed Fire Acres



Acres

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Lightning Caused</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Human Caused</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Prescribed Fire</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Total</u>
BDR	0	0	0	0	3	415	415
CIF	9	2.3	22	38,293	5	693	38,988
EMP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ELM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
N3S	2	26	12	69	0	0	95
N6S	1	0	47	3,104	0	0	3,104
RNA	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
RPD	3	.3	1	3	4	34	37
SCD	0	0	8	672	3	0	672
SER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SPA	1	1	19	84	0	0	85
ZUA	1	0	19	75	0	0	75
KLQ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PGP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NAA	0	0	1	10	0	0	0.1
SAP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

# Accomplishments

- Certified 2 I/A task book and, 2 ESDS task-books and opened additional task books for Expanded Dispatcher, Initial Attack Dispatcher and Aircraft Dispatcher.
- Supported the National wildfire effort with 5 out of zone dispatch assignments.
- Collaborate on training scenarios with district overhead.



# Areas of Improvement

- Issue: Staffing was a huge issue going into and through the season. Having the Center Manager and 2 Lead Dispatch positions vacant for most of the fire season. AD's and Militia are very important to the success of our mission it is not sustainable for the development of the Center and the Agency.
- Solution: The center is hopeful to have all positions filled coming into the 2022 fire season. With the assistance of the Forest Service, we plan on advertising 2 seasonal dispatch positions for the 2022 fire season.

# Projects

- IDOP – During the 2021 fire season the IDOP project has gained momentum. Thankfully, Albuquerque Dispatch was able to remain at the forefront of the development of the center. Numerous drafts of plans, organizational charts, financial plans and workload analyses. Dispatch was also able to assist the project engineers to gain insight of what the needs for the center are and will be.

# Conclusion

Fire and Dispatch are an ever-evolving operation. As most of us know there are never two identical fires and the same can be said for dispatching. The priority of Albuquerque Interagency Dispatch Center will always be the safety of our responders and the public. As a center we will continue to strive for excellence in all areas to that we may continue to service the field. Dispatch Managers welcome suggestions to help in areas where we may not have noticed a lag.

We Look forward to the years to come.