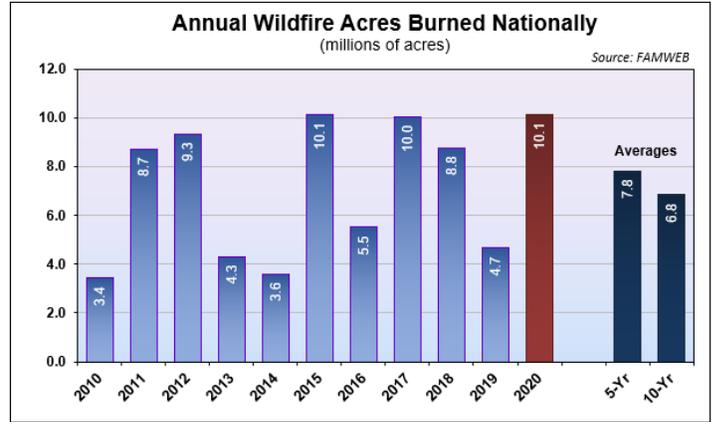
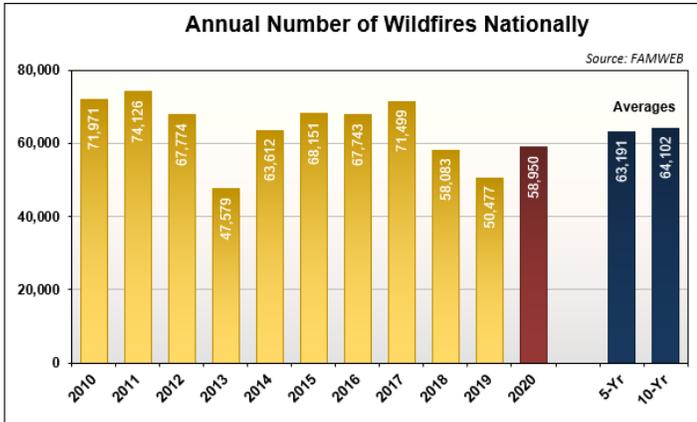


Overall Wildfire Activity Reported to the NICC

In 2020, there were 58,950 wildfires that burned 10,122,336 acres. The number of fires reported were below both the five and ten-year national averages. Acres burned were well above both the five and ten-year national averages.

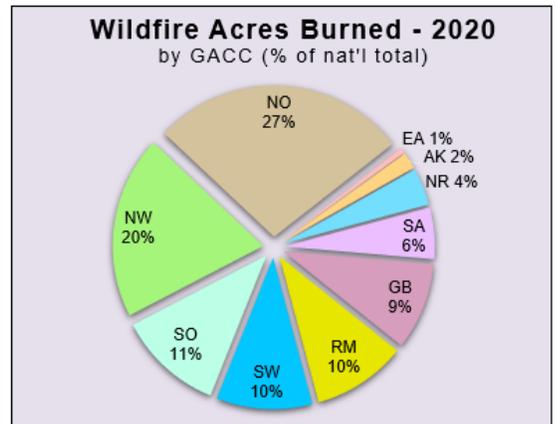
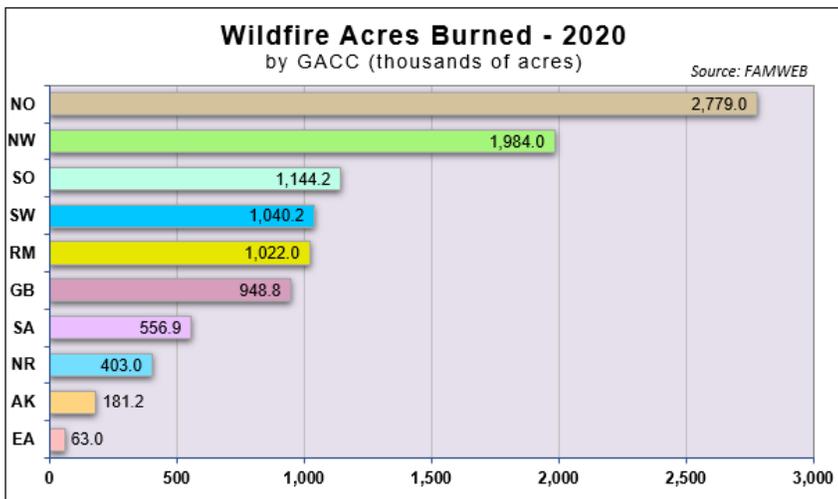
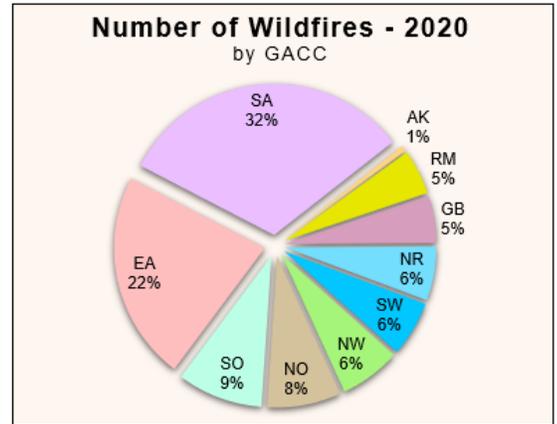
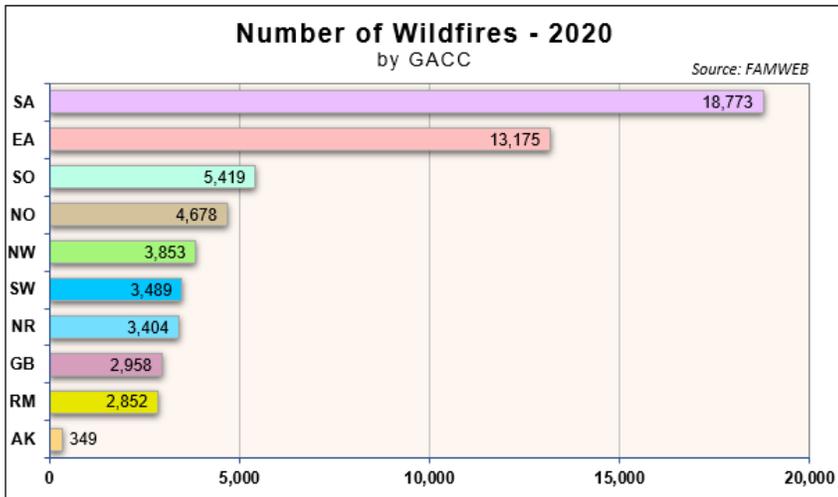


Wildfire Activity Levels by Geographic Area

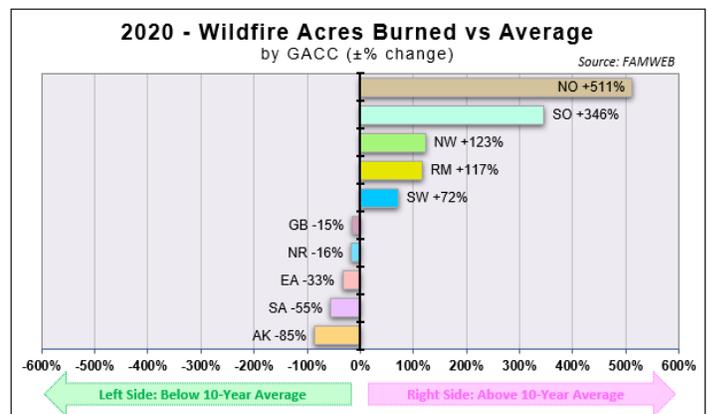
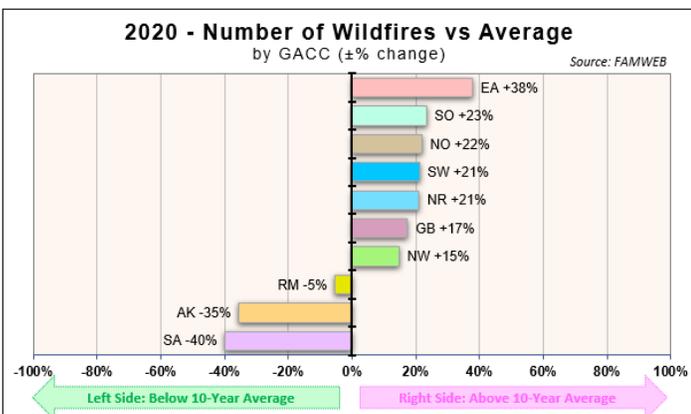
Overall, the distribution of the number of wildfires in 2020 was similar to previous years, with the Southern Area and Eastern Area accounting for nearly half of the fires in the U.S. In comparison to their annual averages from the prior 10 years, Southern Area and Alaska experienced below average number of fires.

A large proportion of the burned acreage shifted to California in 2020, which accounted for 38% of the nation's total burned acres (in contrast, Alaska burned 53% of the total acres in 2019). Acres burned was below prior year averages for Alaska, Eastern Area, and Southern Area. Northwest, Rocky Mountain, and Southwest Area had above average acres burned while Northern California and Southern California experienced a significant increase in comparison to previous years.

The charts below depict fires and acres as a percentage of the national total.

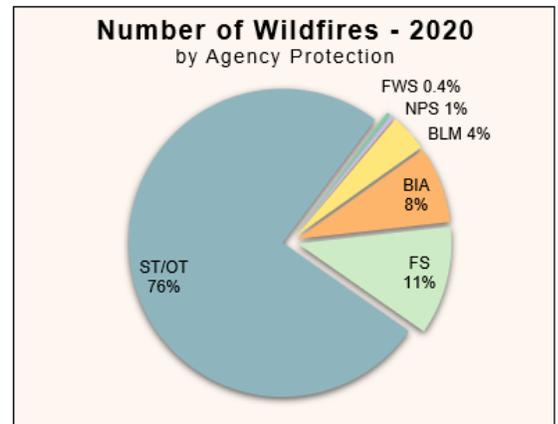
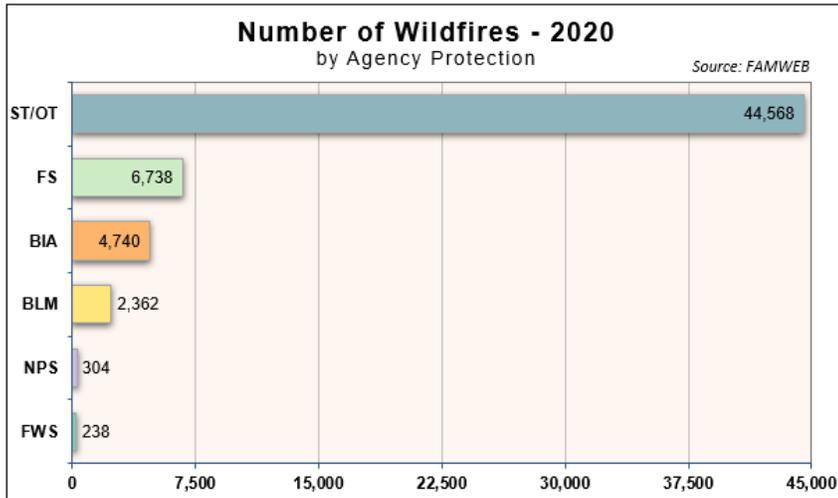


The charts below show the 2020 fire activity for each Geographic Area as a percentage change from its annual average from the prior ten years.



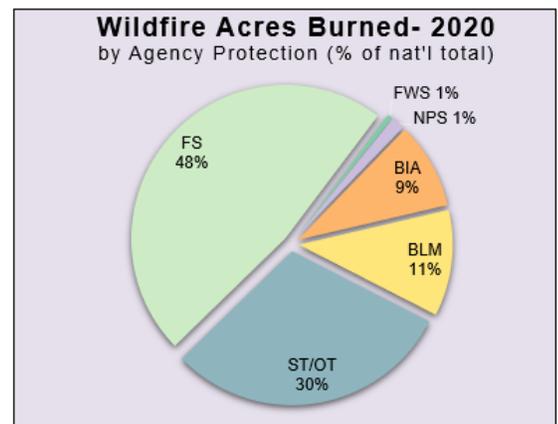
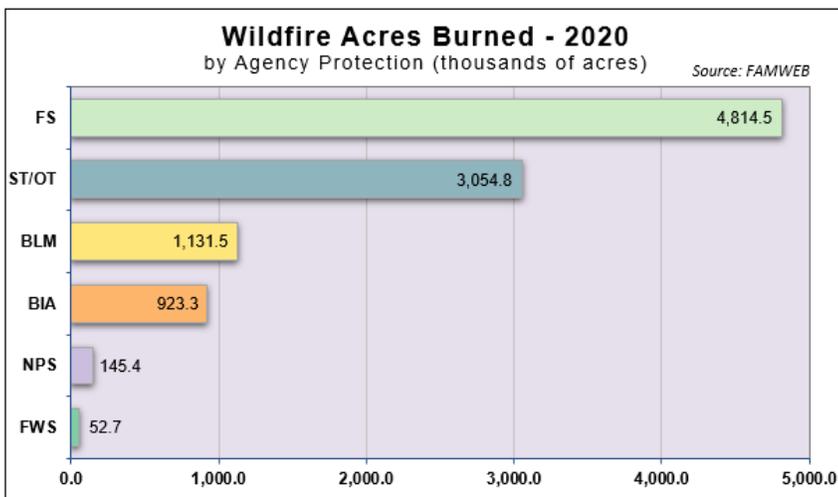
Wildfires by Agency

The distribution of wildfires by protection agency in 2020 was very similar to prior years. About one-quarter of the nation's fires occurred on federally protected lands, nearly evenly split between US Forest Service lands and the combined lands protected by the Department of Interior agencies. The large majority of wildfires, however, ignited on private lands or other areas under state or local protection.



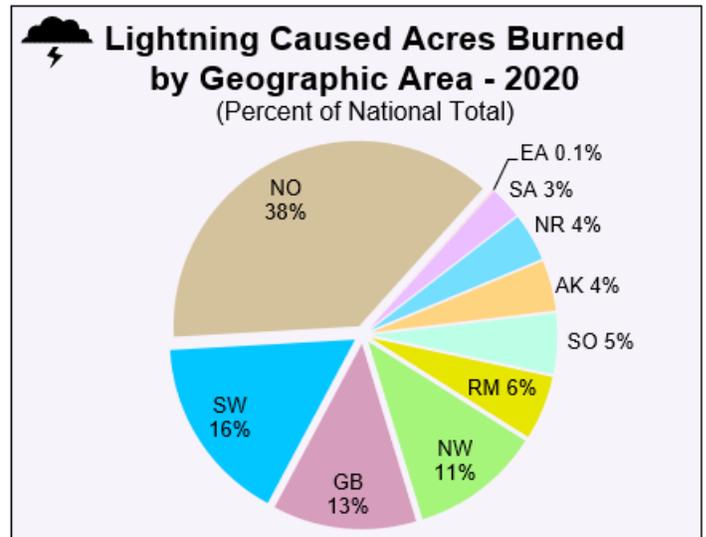
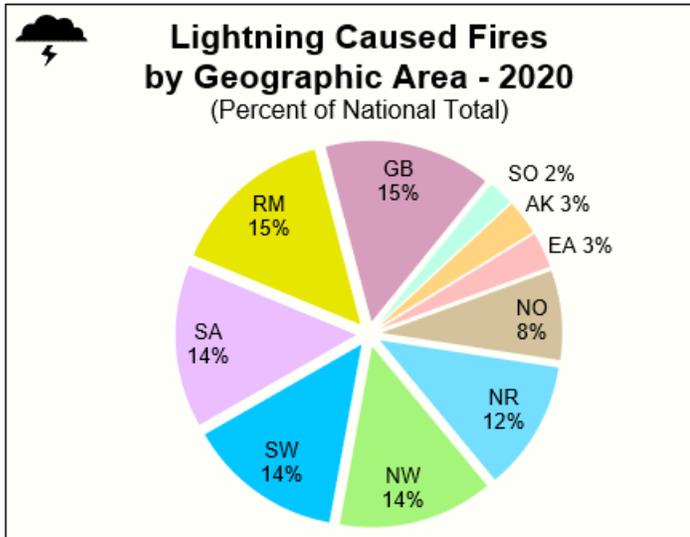
Wildfire Acres by Agency

Similar to prior years, state-protected lands accounted for about one-third of the total burned acreage in 2020. Nearly half of the total burned acreage in 2020 occurred on US Forest Service land, whereas in 2019 the BLM accounted for most of the federal acres burned.



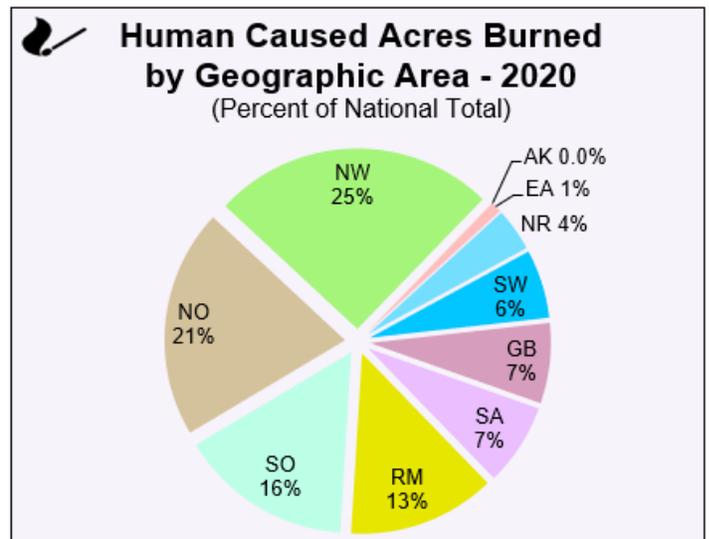
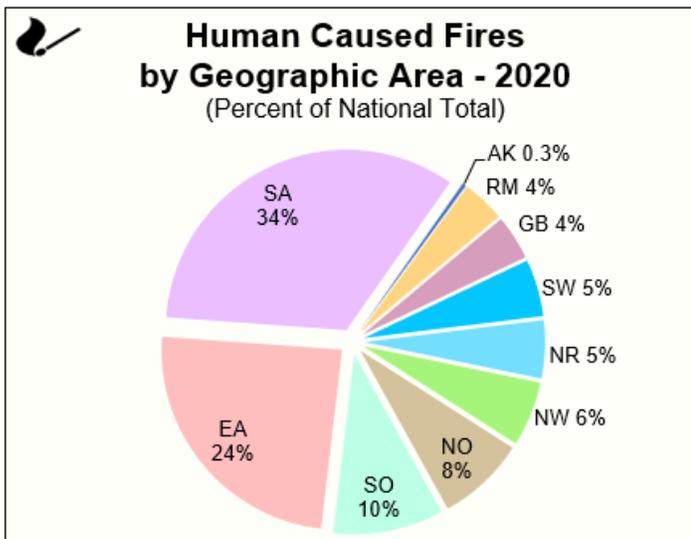
Lightning Fires and Acres by Geographic Area

Year: 2020	AK	EA	GB	NO	NR	NW	RM	SA	SO	SW	Total
Fires	168	171	804	430	625	746	789	784	124	746	5,387
Acres	180,885	3,178	517,325	1,549,012	172,118	467,060	229,955	115,994	216,492	671,504	4,123,523



Human Caused Fires and Acres by Geographic Area

Year: 2020	AK	EA	GB	NO	NR	NW	RM	SA	SO	SW	Total
Fires	181	13,004	2,154	4,248	2,779	3,107	2,063	17,989	5,295	2,743	53,563
Acres	284	59,858	431,487	1,229,991	230,928	1,516,910	791,996	440,908	927,722	368,729	5,998,813



Wildfires and Acres Burned by Agency and GACC – 2020 and prior year

Agency		2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	5-Yr Avg.	10-Yr Avg.
BIA	Fires	3,825	4,274	5,753	3,239	3,377	3,886	4,056	3,843	3,472	2,830	4,740	3,617	3,856
	Acres	106,978	364,767	866,444	173,491	327,352	591,644	325,162	306,542	216,118	151,305	923,298	318,154	342,980
BLM	Fires	2,312	2,798	3,031	2,628	1,944	2,093	2,105	2,927	2,872	2,046	2,362	2,409	2,476
	Acres	830,377	959,410	3,331,273	1,012,600	871,642	4,770,133	1,183,821	2,711,267	1,905,343	2,024,554	1,131,540	2,519,024	1,960,042
FS	Fires	6,797	6,667	7,098	7,105	6,755	7,056	5,676	6,617	5,629	5,332	6,738	6,062	6,473
	Acres	319,730	1,729,937	2,680,233	1,365,644	871,876	1,916,302	1,247,906	2,866,031	2,307,439	615,816	4,814,465	1,790,699	1,592,091
FWS	Fires	323	442	394	332	348	194	174	252	162	175	238	191	280
	Acres	187,991	171,368	101,752	138,284	17,404	33,897	15,374	206,393	71,137	91,311	52,739	83,622	103,491
NPS	Fires	390	418	369	455	389	398	463	314	389	290	304	371	388
	Acres	174,255	98,147	140,807	265,755	24,949	74,780	177,901	110,349	121,092	27,533	145,447	102,331	121,557
State/ Other	Fires	58,324	59,527	51,129	33,820	50,799	54,524	55,269	57,546	45,559	39,804	44,568	50,540	50,630
	Acres	1,803,393	5,387,738	2,205,729	1,363,772	1,482,390	2,738,393	2,559,831	3,825,504	4,146,363	1,753,845	3,054,847	3,004,787	2,726,696
Totals:	Fires	71,971	74,126	67,774	47,579	63,612	68,151	67,743	71,499	58,083	50,477	58,950	63,191	64,102
	Acres	3,422,724	8,711,367	9,326,238	4,319,546	3,595,613	10,125,149	5,509,995	10,026,086	8,767,492	4,664,362	10,122,336	7,818,617	6,846,857

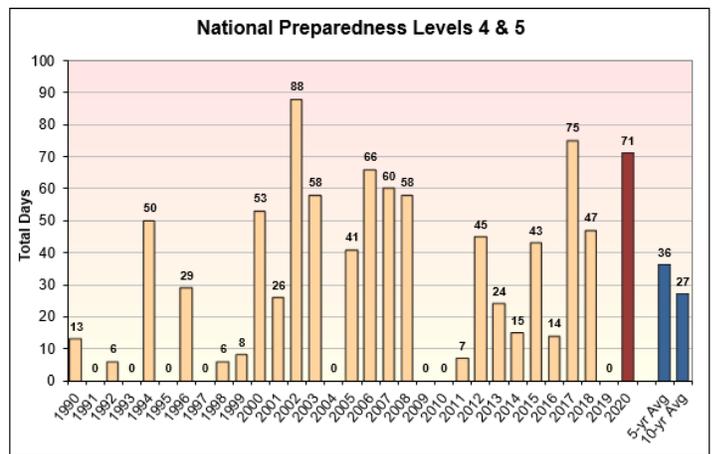
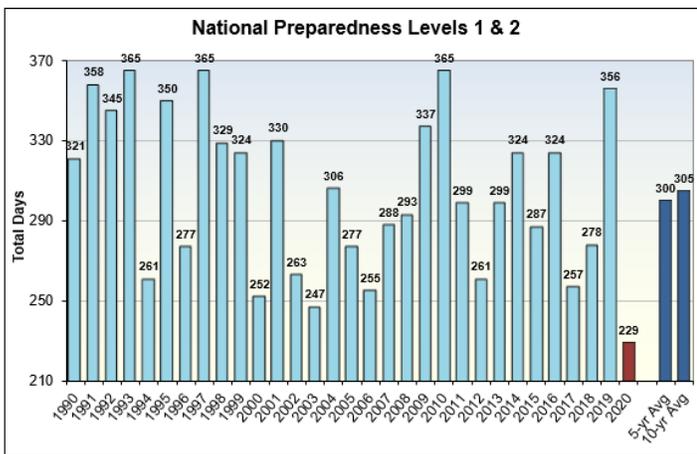
Agency		2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	5-Yr Avg.	10-Yr Avg.
AK	Fires	689	515	416	603	384	768	572	364	367	720	349	558	540
	Acres	1,125,419	293,018	286,887	1,316,876	233,561	5,111,404	496,467	653,023	410,683	2,498,159	181,169	1,833,947	1,242,550
EA	Fires	15,844	9,153	11,147	7,110	7,030	11,639	11,270	9,816	6,891	5,750	13,175	9,073	9,565
	Acres	130,103	213,172	146,208	64,992	54,141	100,294	98,042	41,705	50,734	38,852	63,036	65,925	93,824
GB	Fires	2,331	2,695	3,343	2,971	2,250	2,096	2,063	3,127	2,776	2,308	2,958	2,474	2,596
	Acres	735,886	886,667	2,502,018	930,795	164,802	505,483	761,622	2,103,788	2,087,922	459,384	948,812	1,183,640	1,113,837
NO	Fires	2,943	3,092	3,536	5,299	4,082	4,587	3,363	4,173	3,602	3,704	4,678	3,886	3,838
	Acres	35,674	24,200	771,486	165,194	474,826	594,048	96,706	672,448	1,496,950	214,742	2,779,003	614,979	454,627
NR	Fires	1,740	2,053	3,433	2,773	2,665	3,817	2,700	3,900	2,741	2,309	3,404	3,093	2,813
	Acres	70,474	198,624	1,497,972	179,459	143,271	745,947	202,140	1,551,275	147,093	74,042	403,046	544,099	481,030
NW	Fires	2,188	2,150	2,305	4,389	4,572	4,603	2,519	3,404	3,764	3,690	3,853	3,596	3,358
	Acres	150,553	303,260	1,515,596	503,993	1,383,514	1,823,473	513,226	1,121,442	1,336,096	249,476	1,983,970	1,008,743	890,063
RM	Fires	2,903	3,433	5,584	2,621	2,356	2,559	3,289	3,164	2,480	1,684	2,852	2,635	3,007
	Acres	151,631	517,004	1,244,073	237,121	78,345	180,822	686,921	754,747	748,956	114,685	1,021,951	497,226	471,431
SA	Fires	37,176	42,362	30,964	14,448	34,267	31,594	34,474	35,068	27,721	22,999	18,773	30,371	31,107
	Acres	624,440	3,892,567	718,624	182,650	752,694	556,267	1,591,044	1,960,764	1,591,101	498,925	556,902	1,239,620	1,236,908
SO	Fires	3,610	4,891	4,412	4,608	3,786	4,175	3,996	5,389	4,453	4,632	5,419	4,529	4,395
	Acres	83,986	104,829	99,914	412,481	80,218	304,925	479,207	595,873	348,722	55,092	1,144,214	356,764	256,525
SW	Fires	2,547	3,782	2,634	2,757	2,220	2,313	3,497	3,094	3,288	2,681	3,489	2,975	2,881
	Acres	314,558	2,278,026	543,460	325,985	230,241	202,486	584,620	571,021	549,235	461,005	1,040,233	473,673	606,064
Totals:	Fires	71,971	74,126	67,774	47,579	63,612	68,151	67,743	71,499	58,083	50,477	58,950	63,191	64,102
	Acres	3,422,724	8,711,367	9,326,238	4,319,546	3,595,613	10,125,149	5,509,995	10,026,086	8,767,492	4,664,362	10,122,336	7,818,617	6,846,857

National Preparedness Levels

In 2020, the national Preparedness Level (PL) was elevated and decreased accordingly:

- After 153 days (from January 1) at PL 1, elevated to PL 2 on June 2
- After 13 days at PL 2, elevated to PL 3 on June 15
- After 50 days at PL 3, elevated to PL 4 on August 4
- After 14 days at PL 4, elevated to PL 5 on August 18
- After 45 days at PL 5, decreased to PL 4 on October 2
- After 12 days at PL 4, decreased to PL 3 on October 14
- After 16 days at PL 3, decreased to PL 2 on October 30
- After 11 days at PL 2, decreased to PL 1 on November 10
- For 52 days (through December 31), remained at PL 1

2020 - Total Number of Days at Each National Preparedness Level													
PL	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
1	31	29	31	30	31	1	0	0	0	0	21	31	205
2	0	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	2	9	0	24
3	0	0	0	0	0	16	31	3	0	16	0	0	66
4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	0	12	0	0	26
5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	30	1	0	0	45
Total:	31	29	31	30	31	30	31	31	30	31	30	31	366



National Preparedness Level Summary

Total Days at National Preparedness Levels							
Year	1	2	3	4	5	PL1&2	PL4&5
1990	247	74	31	6	7	321	13
1991	255	103	7	0	0	358	0
1992	278	67	15	6	0	345	6
1993	268	97	0	0	0	365	0
1994	235	26	54	4	46	261	50
1995	254	96	15	0	0	350	0
1996	98	179	60	8	21	277	29
1997	216	149	0	0	0	365	0
1998	157	172	30	6	0	329	6
1999	159	165	33	8	0	324	8
2000	179	73	61	13	40	252	53
2001	188	142	9	10	16	330	26
2002	187	76	14	26	62	263	88
2003	92	155	60	10	48	247	58
2004	249	57	60	0	0	306	0
2005	233	44	47	41	0	277	41
2006	118	137	44	16	50	255	66
2007	212	76	17	21	39	288	60
2008	209	84	15	36	22	293	58
2009	275	62	28	0	0	337	0
2010	231	134	0	0	0	365	0
2011	207	92	59	7	0	299	7
2012	212	49	60	45	0	261	45
2013	253	46	42	17	7	299	24
2014	242	82	26	15	0	324	15
2015	253	34	35	19	24	287	43
2016	251	73	28	14	0	324	14
2017	185	72	33	36	39	257	75
2018	191	87	40	13	34	278	47
2019	241	115	9	0	0	356	0
2020	205	24	66	26	45	229	71
5-year Average:						300	36
10-year Average:						305	27