



2022 marks ten years of RFPAs wildland fire protection in Idaho. Since 2012, over 600 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 1.8 million acres of private rangeland that was previously unprotected, as well as providing secondary protection on 7.2 million acres of federal and state land. Specific benefits the RFPAs provide include:

- Taking advantage of the quick initial attack ranchers can provide.
- Satisfying the ranchers' interest to be active participants in protecting the forage needed for their livelihood.
- Satisfying fire managers' safety concerns by ensuring all firefighters are trained and have necessary equipment and communication.
- Enhancing efforts to protect sage grouse habitat to the benefit of all parties.

## **2021 FIRE SEASON REVIEW**

Most RFPAs reported less than average numbers of fires in 2021. Only Saylor Creek RFA reported fire numbers in double digits. Three RFPAs had no fires to report.

## **2022 FIRE SEASON PREPAREDNESS**

All

RFPAs were able to conduct in-person Refresher Training as well as basic fire classes 2022. In addition to in-person training, on-line Refresher courses are available to members.

Two RFPAs, Shoshone Basin and Weiser River, will have Cooperative Fire agreements with the Forest Service in addition to BLM agreements.

Additional firefighter PPE, radios, equipment, tools, and supplies have been provided through funds from the Governor's Office of Species Conservation and IDL's Rural Fire Capacity Grant program.

# IDAHO RANGELAND FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATIONS 2022

## State/BLM Provided Equipment (FEPP, FFP and purchased)

| RFPA           | Water Truck | Type 4 Engine | Type 6 Engine | Slip-in | Dozer | Equipment Updates for 2022                                  |
|----------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------|-------|---|
| Black Canyon   | 1           |               |               | 1       |       |   |
| Camas Creek    |             |               | 3             | 1       |       |   |
| Henry's Creek  |             |               | 3             |         | 1     | Receiving two OSC funded T-6 slip-ins for 1-ton FFP pickups |
| Notch Butte    |             | 1             | 1             | 1       |       |   |
| Mountain Home  | 1           |               |               |         |       |   |
| Owyhee         | 4           | 2             | 2             | 1       |       |   |
| Saylor Creek   |             | 2             | 3             | 2       |       |   |
| Shoshone Basin |             |               | 2             | 1       |       |   |
| Three Creek    | 1           | 1             | 1             | 2       |       |   |
| Weiser River   |             |               |               |         |       |   |

## Idaho RFPAs at a Glance

| RFPA           | Established | Members <sup>1</sup> | Acres            | Private          | Federal <sup>2</sup> | State <sup>3</sup> | Fires 2021 |
|----------------|-------------|----------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------------|------------|
| Black Canyon   | 2013        | 22                   | 185,384          | 108,555          | 61,111               | 15,719             | 0          |
| Camas Creek    | 2016        | 31                   | 1,494,608        | 363,005          | 1,019,277            | 112,327            | 0          |
| Henry's Creek  | 2017        | 19                   | 914,696          | 286,775          | 571,374              | 56,547             | 2          |
| Mountain Home  | 2012        | 28                   | 674,326          | 234,480          | 351,724              | 88,122             | 2          |
| Notch Butte    | 2016        | 16                   | 341,170          | 74,535           | 247,745              | 18,890             | 0          |
| Owyhee         | 2013        | 40                   | 1,370,873        | 254,175          | 972,268              | 144,430            | 2          |
| Saylor Creek   | 2013        | 56                   | 2,222,204        | 131,128          | 1,964,913            | 126,162            | 14         |
| Shoshone Basin | 2015        | 18                   | 488,054          | 174,940          | 302,144              | 10,969             | 6          |
| Three Creek    | 2013        | 63                   | 1,120,203        | 114,599          | 951,243              | 54,362             | 5          |
| Weiser River   | 2021        | 44                   | 135,212          | 60,246           | 38,252               | 27,208             | N/A        |
| <b>TOTALS</b>  |             | <b>337</b>           | <b>8,946,731</b> | <b>1,802,438</b> | <b>6,480,051</b>     | <b>654,733</b>     | <b>31</b>  |

<sup>1</sup> Received Red Card for 2022 fire season as of 06/06/2022. The Red Card identifies that annual training is current.

<sup>2</sup> Federal includes Military, NPS, BOR, BIA, DOE, BLM and USFS ownership.

<sup>3</sup> State includes Endowment, State F&G, State Parks and State other.