

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

RFPA	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 2023 fire season as of 06/05/2023. 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.