



U.S. Department of the Interior
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Nevada State Office

BLM Nevada Fire & Aviation

Fire Year 2024 Program Overview



Season Summary

BLM Nevada

total	432 fires	71,652 acres
human-caused	220 fires	47,911 acres
natural causes	212 fires	23,741 acres

65%

of acres burned in
**HUMAN-
CAUSED FIRES**

Nevada - all agencies

total	781 fires	100,100 acres
human-caused	479 fires	64,590 acres
natural causes	268 fires	35,510 acres

TOP HUMAN CAUSES

fireworks

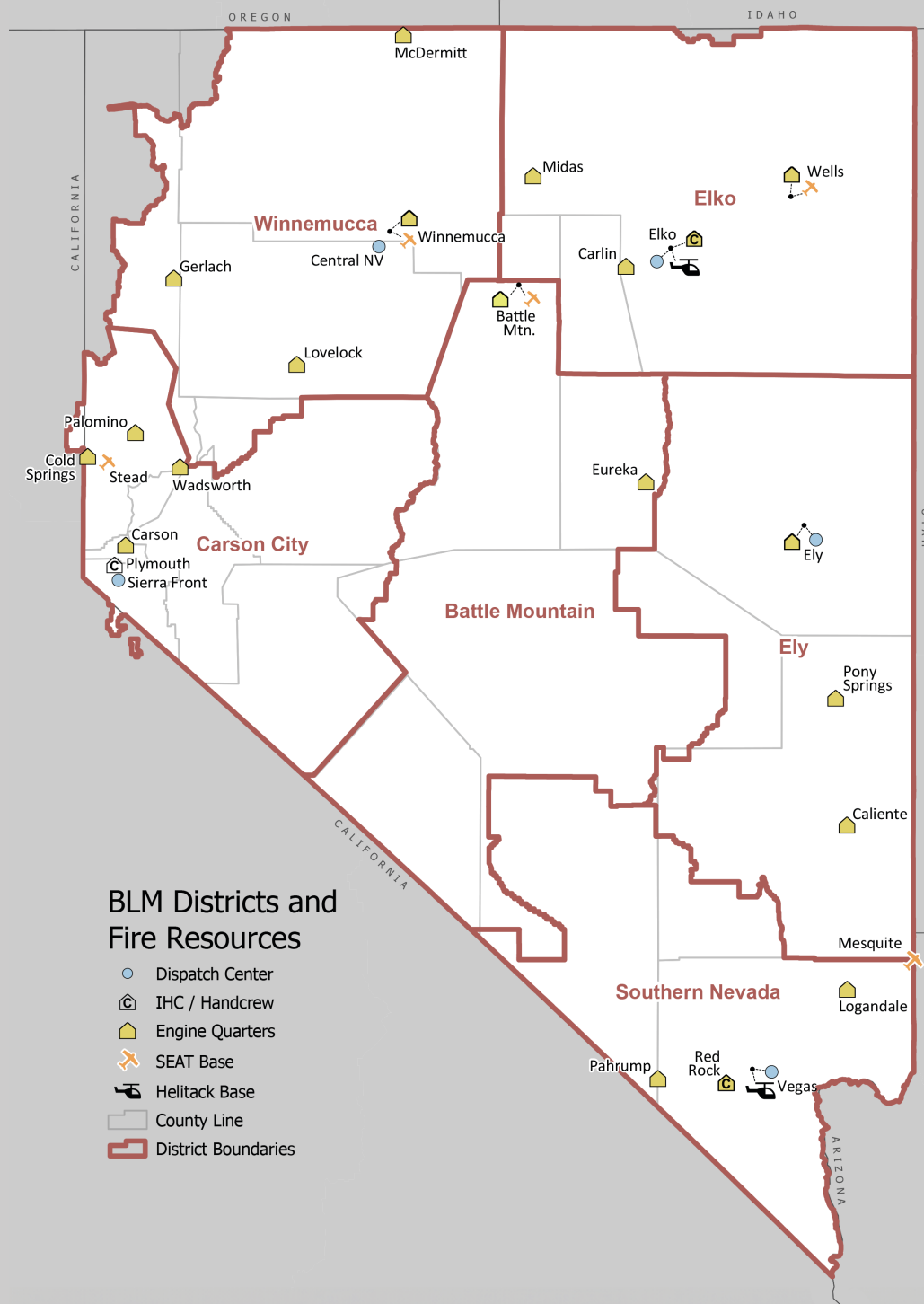


equipment &
vehicle use



debris &
open burning





Whisky Canyon Fire - BLM Battle Mountain District
July 2024



Bird Springs Fire - BLM Southern Nevada District
May 2024

Aviation

1,662,191

gallons of retardant delivered

1,074

number of sorties

2,569

**hours of flight time
fire & non-fire**

Exclusive use resources

488 hours

Nevada EU Air Attack Flight Time
STEAD & Elko

601 hours

Nevada EU Helicopter Flight Time
Elko (2) & Las Vegas



Each BLM NV helicopter is approved and trained for STEP operations.

2 medical extractions of firefighters using STEP operations

STEP training, Southern Nevada District, June 2024

Fire Business

324

payment packages
(VIPR / national crew /
EERA / LUA)

for **\$7,439,323**

253

casual hire batches

14

fire assignments
of fire business staff

12

cost shares

71

fire billing
to cooperators

\$51,732

reimbursements
to cooperators

\$685,883

cooperator
reimbursements
received

29

Land Use
Agreements

3

NV trespass
packages completed
(costs only)

10

other state
FMAG / trespass
documentation packages
provided

- Continued advancement in desk guides & SOPs
- Several district incident business staff effectively completed their training and implemented incident management protocols during their first season.



Fuels

295,493
total acres treated

68,597 acres
fuel breaks

43,863 acres
conifer removal

1,719 acres
prescribed fire

163,587 acres
greater sage-grouse
habitat fuels treatments

186,903 acres
Wildland Urban Interface
(WUI) treatments

Ely District fuels treatments



Ely District fuels treatment

Fire Planning

3-hour WFDS training
with **50+** BLM & USFS attendees

8 BLM NV WFDSS
decisions monitored

Wildland Fire Camera Network

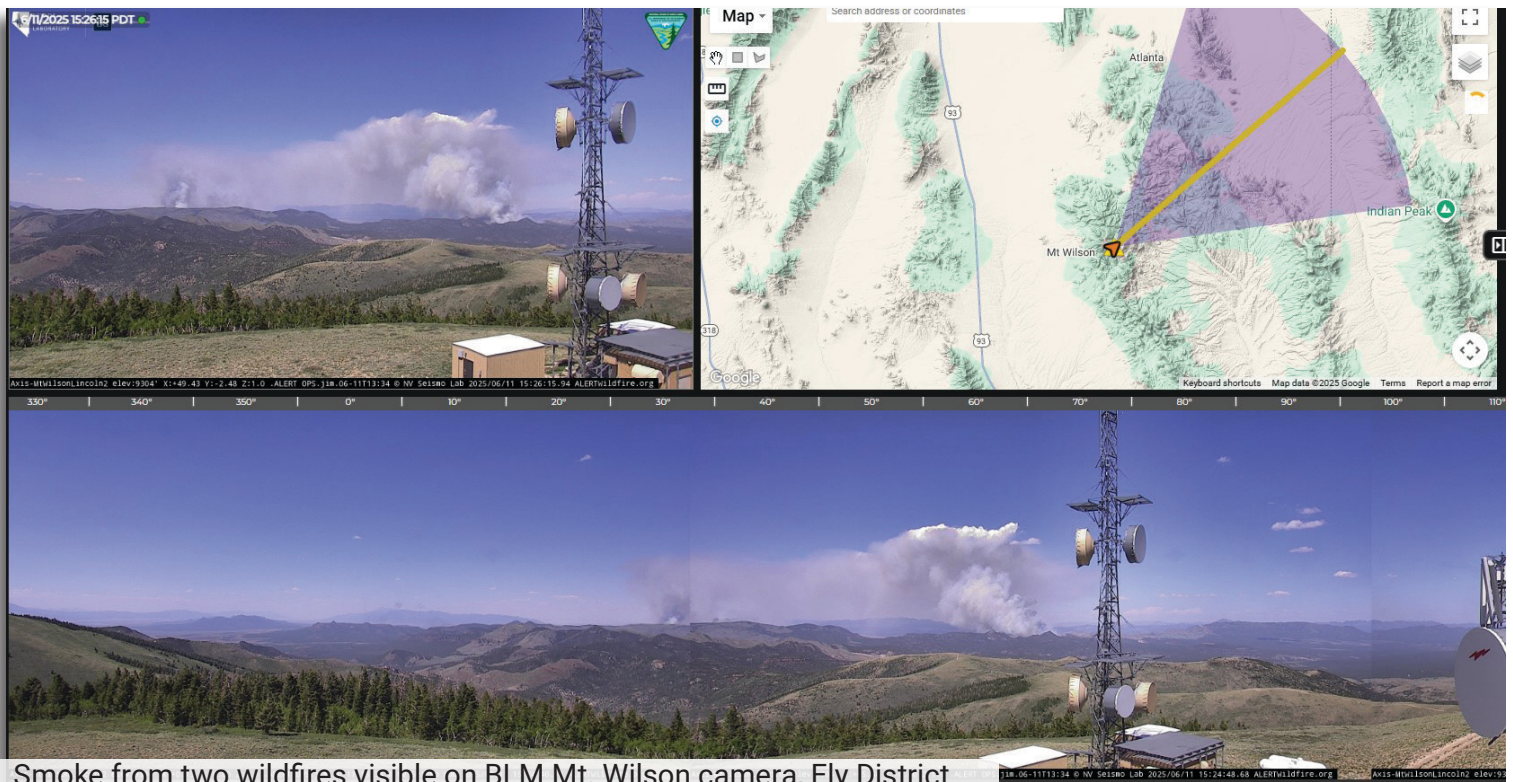
partnership with University of Nevada Reno (UNR)

- \$860,000 funded through public-private partnership
- 47 camera sites



new technology

Wildfire cameras using artificial intelligence (AI) detected and alerted dispatchers to smoke in real time—significantly improving initial attack response, situational awareness, and public access to wildfire information.



Smoke from two wildfires visible on BLM Mt. Wilson camera, Ely District

Mitigation

1,657 acres

non-federal land treated



Wildland Fire Community Assistance Program

1.8 million

provided via four cooperative agreements to reduce the risk and impact of wildfire in Nevada communities

- **Living with Fire**
- **Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District**
with Carson City Fire Department
- **Elko County Fire Protection District**
- **Nevada Fire Chiefs Association**

Wildfire Risk Reduction Program (2025 - 2026)

Funds hazardous fuels reduction subprojects led by local government agencies and non-profit groups across the state.

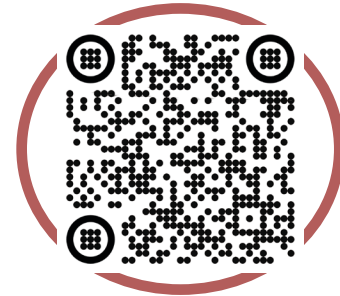
Prevention

132
prevention events
across Nevada

Spark Safety, Not Wildfires! Campaign

at *Maverik - Adventure's First Stop* gas station chain

- 6** public service announcement (PSA) videos play on fuel pumps and in-store monitors at Maverik stores. The PSAs feature BLM landscapes and celebrate the western United States' unique cultural heritage.



Visit campaign webpage and watch PSAs at maverik.com/landing/spark-safety/

- **432** stores in **12** states
- **49,903,677** views
- firewood bundles with safety tips
269,923 sold
- **1,513,220**
social media impressions
- **2 new PSAs**
BLM fire personnel & engines featured



Spark Safety Campaign Team

2024 honoree of the *Silver Smokey Bear Award*

Recognized for the campaign's engaging PSA videos that creatively deliver fire prevention messages through the lens of the classic American West.

The team brings together BLM Fire Mitigation & Education Specialists from Nevada, Utah, and Idaho in a unique partnership with the regional gas station chain *Maverik - Adventure's First Stop*.

Pictured: Campaign team lead and BLM Nevada State AFMO, Kelsey Griffie, accepts the Smokey Bear Award in Washington, D.C. alongside Maverik advertising partners. August 2024.



Featuring cowboys, horse-drawn wagons, and other "Old Western" scenes, the PSAs educate people on the leading causes of human-caused wildfires, how they start, and how to prevent them.

Recognizing gas stations as a common stop for outdoor adventurers, the campaign strategically places the PSA videos at fuel pumps and on in-store monitors across 12 states—reaching people

at the very moment they prepare to head into fire-prone public lands. To reinforce these messages, campfire safety tips are placed on firewood bundles sold in Maverik stores.

Launched in 2022, the campaign continues to deliver a measurable and lasting impact on wildfire prevention across the region.



Trespass

218 Fire Investigations by BLM Nevada

Fire Investigation & Trespass Summit

[Watch the summit in action in a short video, courtesy of NIFC](#)

In the first-ever, agency-wide summit of its kind, piloted by BLM Nevada - participants practiced skills to identifying different types of human-caused fires.

Accurately determining wildland fire causes informs prevention, mitigation, fuels management, preparedness planning, and supports cost recovery efforts when legal liability exists.

135 attendees

from 12 states

- BLM Fire, Law Enforcement, AO/FMOs
- 16 DOJ & Solicitors Office attorneys
- Nevada State fire marshals & county firefighters



To identify arson, power line, and vehicle fires, hands-on training included: evidence collection, crime scene photography, and investigative report writing per BLM policy.



"Something I really enjoyed was networking with other fire investigators from different positions and states.... talking, getting their experience and feedback, and practicing fire investigations together."

Alec McAfee, Fire Trespass Coordinator,
BLM Nevada, Carson City District



Emergency Stabilization & Rehabilitation

77,341 acres ES&R completed

- **32,825 acres**
seeding
- **44,516 acres**
herbicide treatment

9 new ES&R plans developed

- **118,025 acres**
ES&R treatments
monitored
- **24,862 acres**
inventoried for
weed presence



aerial herbicide spraying
Goose Fire - Elko District

Mental Health

Trainings

- CISM
 - Peer Support
 - Foundations of personal health & wellness for firefighters
-
- **8 Nevada Fire All** check-ins
 - **18** mental health visits across Nevada
 - **240** attendees per tour
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Significant advancements in the successful integration of **mental health tours, training, and educational opportunities** - designed to **address the unique challenges** facing fire personnel.

2025 agreement with University of Nevada - Reno:
Center for the Application of Substance Abuse Technologies

This initiative provides fire personnel with essential **tools and support systems to navigate high-stress environments**. The strategy is driven by collaboration and **strengthens resilience, reduces mental health stigma, and fosters a culture of mental health awareness** across fire management.



Recruitment & Retention

158
seasonal hires
across Nevada



RAPTR

Recruitment
Application
Pre-employment
Training
Retention

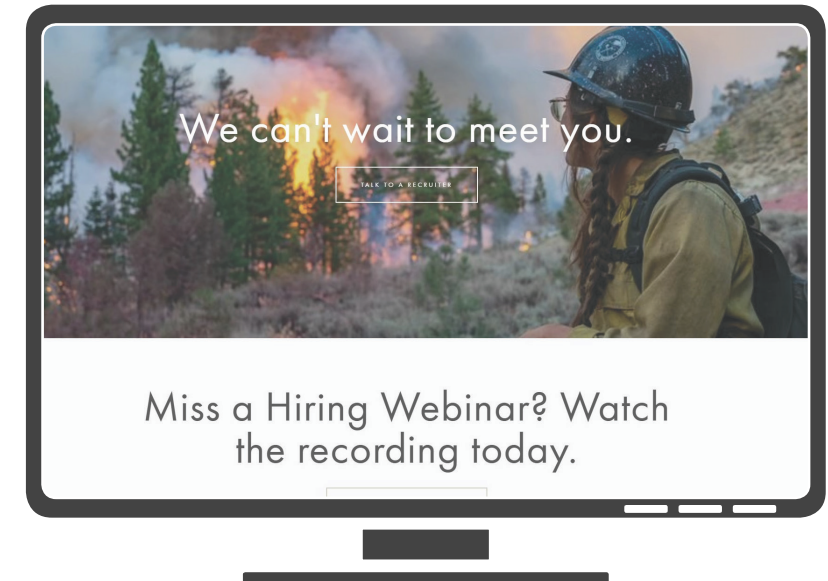
- 4 webinars
- 200+ attendees
- 2 Resume & Application workshops
- NV Type 3 Team Recruitment
- Onboarding assistance for first-year firefighters

- 15 recruitment events and 13 AACT
- > over 2,000 contacts



NevadaFireInfo.org/careers

- 2,635 page visits (44% increase from FY23)
- 30 contacts via "Contact Recruiter" feature
- 5 out-of-state contacts



Advertisement Outreach

Hire Me Nevada campaign

- on 12 radio stations
- 5,900 listeners
- 1 interview

AudioGo

- on streaming networks (Pandora, Hulu, etc.)
- 84,340 people reached
- 140 banner clicks



Shaping the next generation of wildland firefighters

Fire Science Career and Technical Education Program

Academy of Arts, Careers, & Technology High School (AACT) - Reno, NV

- Piloted FY24

Meeting the rising demand for trained wildland firefighters by preparing students with foundational knowledge and skills essential for deployment to firelines and careers in wildland firefighting.

- **Introducing career opportunities & recruitment pathways**
- **A unique partnership**
 - BLM Nevada
 - Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District
 - University of Nevada - Reno *Living with Fire*
- **Hands-on, skills-based training**
 - initial attack procedures
 - hose deployment
 - bladder bag use
 - radio communications
- **Learning wildland fire basics**
 - fire tools
 - initial attack types
 - terminology
 - wildfire behavior
 - incident command structures
- **First of its kind**

in Washoe County School District
- **Curriculum-based classroom education**

National Wildlife Coordinating Group (NWCG) standards



AACT classes led by BLM NV instructors

	FY24 year 1	(planned) FY25 year 2
classes	47	141
students	16	46

Looking forward

- age-16 students have opportunity to support fire camps
- 2027 graduating seniors eligible for wildland fire crew positions

Mock-fire scenario - April, 2024

Students practiced real-world wildland firefighting techniques alongside BLM and USFS wildland firefighters.



“Together we’re cultivating a future of skilled professionals dedicated to preserving our environment. Empowering the next generation of stewards is not just a duty—it’s a shared responsibility to nurture and protect our public lands.”

BLM Nevada State FMO, Brock Uhlig



“Our partnership with the BLM gives students a rare opportunity to learn directly from firefighters, helping them build real-world skills and confidence in their ability to use them.

Immersive experiences like the ‘Mock Fire’ can be the moment firefighting shifts from something they’ve heard about - to something they can actually see themselves doing and, for many, feel inspired to pursue.”

ACT Principal, Mike Gifford

[See what students accomplished with BLM instructors in 2025.](#)

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