Using Seasonal Contractors to Augment Prescribed Burning Capability
Fire History at SJRWMD

Acres

Fiscal Year

Number of Burns

Target Acres
Acres Burned in Wildfire
Acres Prescribed Burned
# of Burns

5 10,000 20,000 30,000 40,000 50,000 60,000 70,000 80,000 90,000

0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80

5 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 45 50 55 60 65 70 75 80 85 90

SJRWMD
39 Fire Personnel (Militia Available)
3 Tractor Plows
7 Type VI Engines (1 Amphibious)
5 Type VII Engines
1 Airboat equipped for fire
Asked the Team for a Solution

Suggestions

– Contract Burning
– Additional Positions
– Seasonal Staffing
Contract Burning

Responsible Liability
Contract Burning

Specialized Equipment
Contract Burning

Scale
Contract Burning

Mop-up Issues
New Positions
Seasonal Crews

Details

- January through May
- Red carded to Firefighter II plus ATV certified
- Two personnel (Clay and Seminole Counties)
- District pays for one round trip for each of two
- Must stay for at least 30 days
- Paid for 40 hours /week
- If no fire activity they do land management
Seasonal Crews

Details
- In our fourth year
- Modified to January through June
- $1,320.96/FF/week or $33.02/hour
Four Years of Results

- **# of Burns**:
  - 2004: 19,097
  - 2005: 8,922
  - 2006: 1,511
  - 2007: 0

- **# of Wildfires**
  - 2004: 0
  - 2005: 5
  - 2006: 10
  - 2007: 15

- **Prescribed fire acres**
  - 2004: 12,882
  - 2005: 0
  - 2006: 5
  - 2007: 10

**Number of Fires**: 0, 5, 10, 15
**Acres Burned**: 12,882, 0, 5, 10
Last Two Years Important for Wildfire Response.

240 Hours in suppression or mop up this year
Milestones Achieved With Help of Contractors

- One day four burns done simultaneously
- On two days three burns done simultaneously
- Two helicopter burns in one day