

Northeast Interagency Fire Cache 2009 Summary



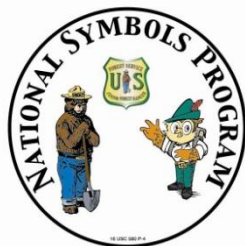
The Northeast Interagency Fire Cache is located in Grand Rapids, Minnesota and is jointly operated by the USDA Forest Service and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. The Cache supports the federal and state agencies in the 20 northeastern states.

The Fire Cache experienced a low level of activity with no Type I or 2 fires supported. The Fire Cache issued 1.7 million dollars worth of inventory during the year to pre-position requests, training academies and prescribe burn incidents. We have been using the new ICBS-R Cache inventory system for the past year and have made several changes in the warehouse to better incorporate its use.

The Cache supported the Duluth, Minnesota Mobilization Center with supplies and personnel.

Two Fire Cache employees participated in 3 fire assignments. Positions filled included National Cache Coordinator, Base Camp Manager, and Ordering Manager.

National Symbols Distribution



The Symbols Cache concluded its 17th year of national distribution. We processed 1,535 orders for a sales total of \$1,077,138. The Symbols items include Smokey Bear, Woodsy Owl and Fire Educational materials and can be found at www.symbols.gov. This year Smokey Bear celebrated his 65th birthday. Special events were held across the country. At Smokey Bear's birthday party in Washington DC the new "Illustrated Smokey Bear Story Book" was released. This book is available in a teacher's version and a children's version. The story books are available free to schools through December 31, 2009.

The Occupational Development Center (ODC), a sheltered workshop in Grand Rapids continues to assist the Cache with the fulfillment of Junior Snow Ranger (JSR) and Junior Forest Ranger (JFR) Programs. ODC receives the requests, produces mailing labels, assembles, and mails the packets.