



Northeast Interagency Fire Cache 2006 Summary

Fire Supplies and Equipment

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.

A total of 1,237 issues were made from the Fire Cache to incident and non-incident orders during the 2006 calendar year. A total of \$5,709,929.73 worth of supplies and equipment were issued during the year.

The Fire Cache supported one type one incident in the Eastern Area, the Cavity Lake Fire on the Superior National Forest. Three type two incidents were supported, the Hughes Lake Fire on the Huron-Manistee National Forest, the Turtle Wildland Fire Use and the East Zone Complex on the Superior National Forest. We also supported 12 type 3 incidents.

Several shipments were sent to the Great Basin Incident Support Cache, Southern California Incident Support Cache, and the Northwest Incident Support Cache to support western fire activity. The Cache also supported the Duluth Mobilization Center with supplies and personnel assistance.

Seven Fire Cache employees participated in 16 fire assignments. They filled various positions including Cache Coordinator, Cache Supply Clerk, Small Engine Mechanic, Receiving and Distribution Manager, Ordering Manager, Supply Unit Leader, Demob Specialist and Initial Attack Dispatcher.

The following chart shows the yearly statistics for Fire Supplies and Equipment activity:

			\$ Value	\$ Value	Total Issue	Total Return	Inventory
Year	# Issues	# Returns	Shipped	Returned	Line Items	Line Items	Value
2006	1237	784	\$5,709,929.73	\$3,318,730.94	7,464	6,910	\$3,839,465.60

National Symbols Distribution

The Fire Cache concluded its fourteenth year of National Symbols distribution. We processed 1,952 orders with a value of \$1,093,234. The Symbols items include Smokey Bear, Woodsy Owl and Fire Educational materials and can be found at www.symbols.gov.

The new Junior Forest Ranger Program was rolled out in May in Denver, Colorado. One hundred local school children completed the program at sporting goods retailer REI's Denver flagship store. The new program requires participants to complete conservation and fire prevention activities in a workbook. When completed they mail in a card to the Cache. They will then be sent a JFR lapel pin, patch and membership card.

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

The following chart summarizes the Symbols distribution for 2006:

			\$ Value	# Of Items	Total Issue	Total Pounds	Inventory
Year	# Issues	# Orders	Shipped	Stocked	Line Items	Shipped	Value
2006	3309	1952	\$1,093,234	88	19,221	429,193	\$933,142

Totals for both programs in the Cache:

			\$ Value	\$ Value	Total Issue	Total Return	Inventory
Year	# Issues	# Returns	Shipped	Returned	Line Items	Line Items	Value
2006	4546	784	\$6,803,164	\$3,318,730.94	26,685	6,910	\$4,598,358