



Firepits and Beach Maintenance





Volunteers Needed!

Help Maintain *Your* Park

Volunteer Program

Second Friday of Month

9AM to Noon

Meet at Stairwell 17





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North Ocean Beach Public Meeting

February 20, 2018 - Public Open House Agenda

4:30 pm –6:00 pm - Public Open House with Informational Tables:

- a. Volunteer Program
- b. Beach Fire Program/USPP
- c. Maintenance
- d. Visitor & Resource Protection
- e. Ocean Beach Master Plan

5:00 pm - 5:35 pm - North Ocean Beach Presentation

5:35 pm - 5:45 pm - Question and Answers

5:45 pm - 6:00 pm - Public Open House with informational tables





North Ocean Beach Public Meeting

2017 Ocean Beach Rescue Program Statistics

- 43 Aquatic Rescues
- 28 Basic Life Support incidents
- 9 Advanced Life Support incidents
- 37 Search and Rescues
- 6 Lost Persons reunited with family





Ocean Beach Fire Program

Fire Program History/Timeline

History of Fires on Ocean Beach:

- 1975 - NPS inherits longstanding SF tradition of beach fires at Ocean Beach
- 1983 – CFR 36 §2.13(a)(1): Superintendent designates Ocean Beach for fires
- 2002 - CCSF Commission on the Environment passes resolution 001-02, requests GGNRA “create an effective system that reduces [beach fire] impacts.”
- 2004 – NPS limits fires to the area between stairwells 15 and 28
- 2005 – NPS proposed banning fires on Ocean Beach
- 2006 - NPS receives more than 3,000 individual comments largely in opposition to the proposed ban of fires on Ocean Beach
- 2007 - NPS institutes a one-year Pilot that limits fires to newly installed fire rings between stairwells 15-20, and caps groups sizes at 25 people per fire ring, except by permit.
- 2014 - NPS institutes a Revised Pilot Program with 12 fire rings, 9:00 pm curfew, and prohibition of fires on summer and winter Spare the Air Days
- 2015 - February public meeting: Revised Pilot Program summary and next steps
- 2016 - NPS institutes Final Ocean Beach Fire Program with 4 additional fire rings, a 9:30 p.m. curfew, and allows a Burn Season of eight months from March through October.

Current Program Planning Timeline:

- Public Meeting at County Fair Building - September 24, 2015
- Proposal Released - October 22, 2015, followed by 44-day comment period
- Final Program Signed and Released - February 19, 2016
- Compendium Effective Date (Implementation began) - April 4, 2016
- Signs & Liaisons Stakeholder Workshop - July 13, 2016
- First No Burn Season began - November 1, 2016
- First Annual Public Open House - February 16, 2017
- **Today:** Second Annual Public Open House - February 20th, 2018

Golden Gate National Recreation Area

Ocean Beach Fire Program



12 Program Elements

All Elements are required and rely on each other to ensure a sustainable program:

1. Permit System

- No permits required for groups under 25 people
- Special Use Permits will continue to be required for groups of 25 people or larger

2. Burn Season

- Fires allowed March 1st - October 31st (8 Months)
- No fires November 1st through end of February
 - Matches Bay Area Air Quality Management District's winter Spare the Air season
 - When public demand for beach fires is low
- Comprehensive cleaning of the beach following removal of fire rings

3. Partnership with San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department (SFRPD)

- Continuation of support for public outreach and education
- Additional maintenance support, including trash collection

4. Replace Fire Rings

- Added four rings (from 12 to 16 total)
- New design stenciled with rules initially successful

5. Replace Signage

- Replace complex messaging with simpler designs
- Add on-beach signs adjacent to fire ring area

6. Enforcement

- Joint NPS Rangers and United States Park Police enforcement
- Education periods followed by enforcement



7. Public Outreach and Education

- Updated website and flyers with new program information
- Email notifications, Social Media posts, and Press Releases
- Beach Fire Liaison Program: Interpretive Rangers and Volunteers help to spread the word about how to have a responsible fire

8. Curfew Time

- 9:30 pm (previously 9:00 pm) provides almost 1 hour of after-sunset burn time on summer solstice

9. Summer Spare the Air days

- Continued from Revised Pilot Program, fires banned during summer Spare the Air days

10. Revised Data Collection and Monitoring

- Periodic, sample-based monitoring revised from methods used during Revised Pilot Program

11. Ongoing Program Evaluation

- Evaluate the program and share information with the public on an annual basis during the No-Burn season

12. Age Requirement

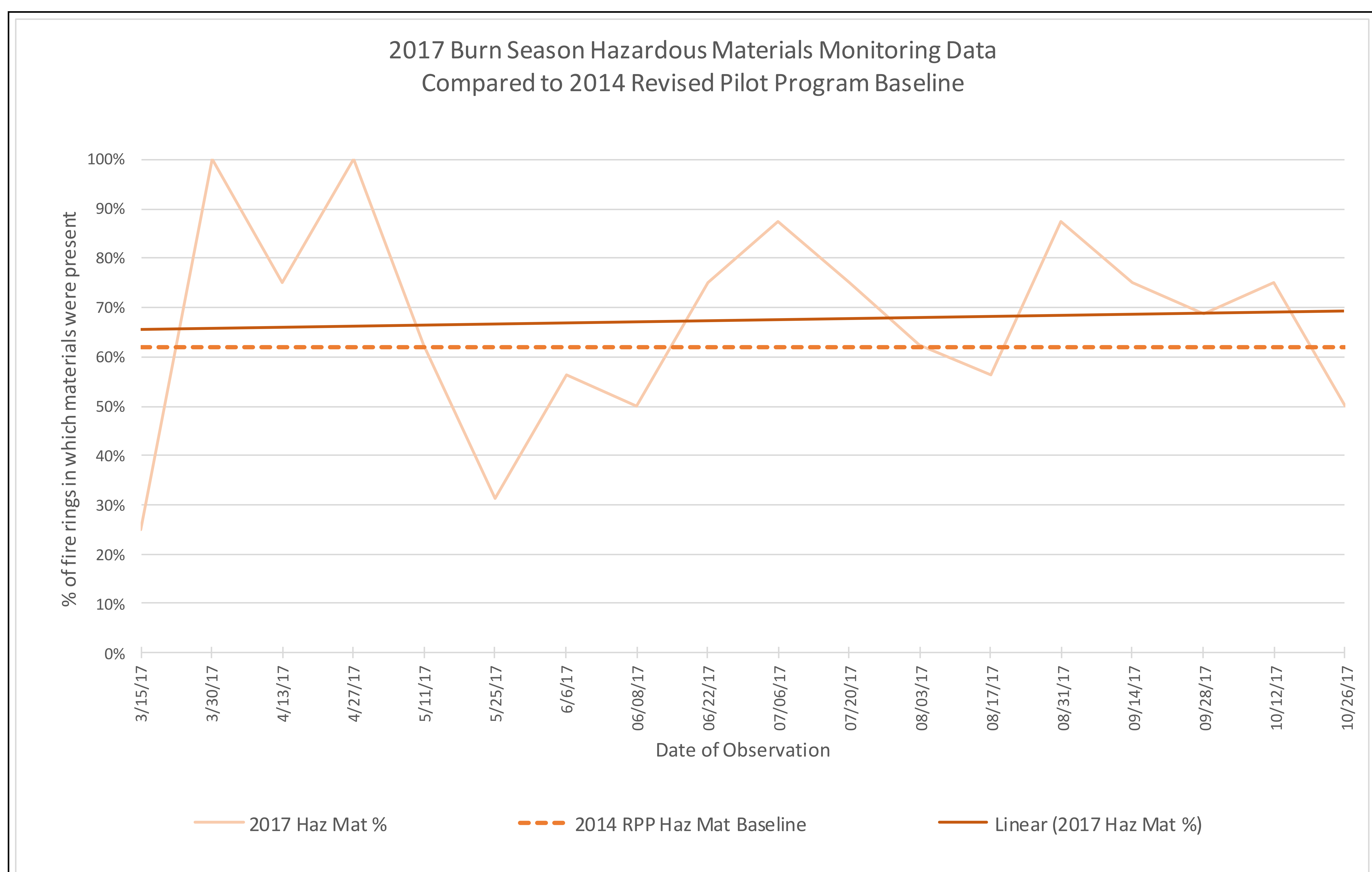
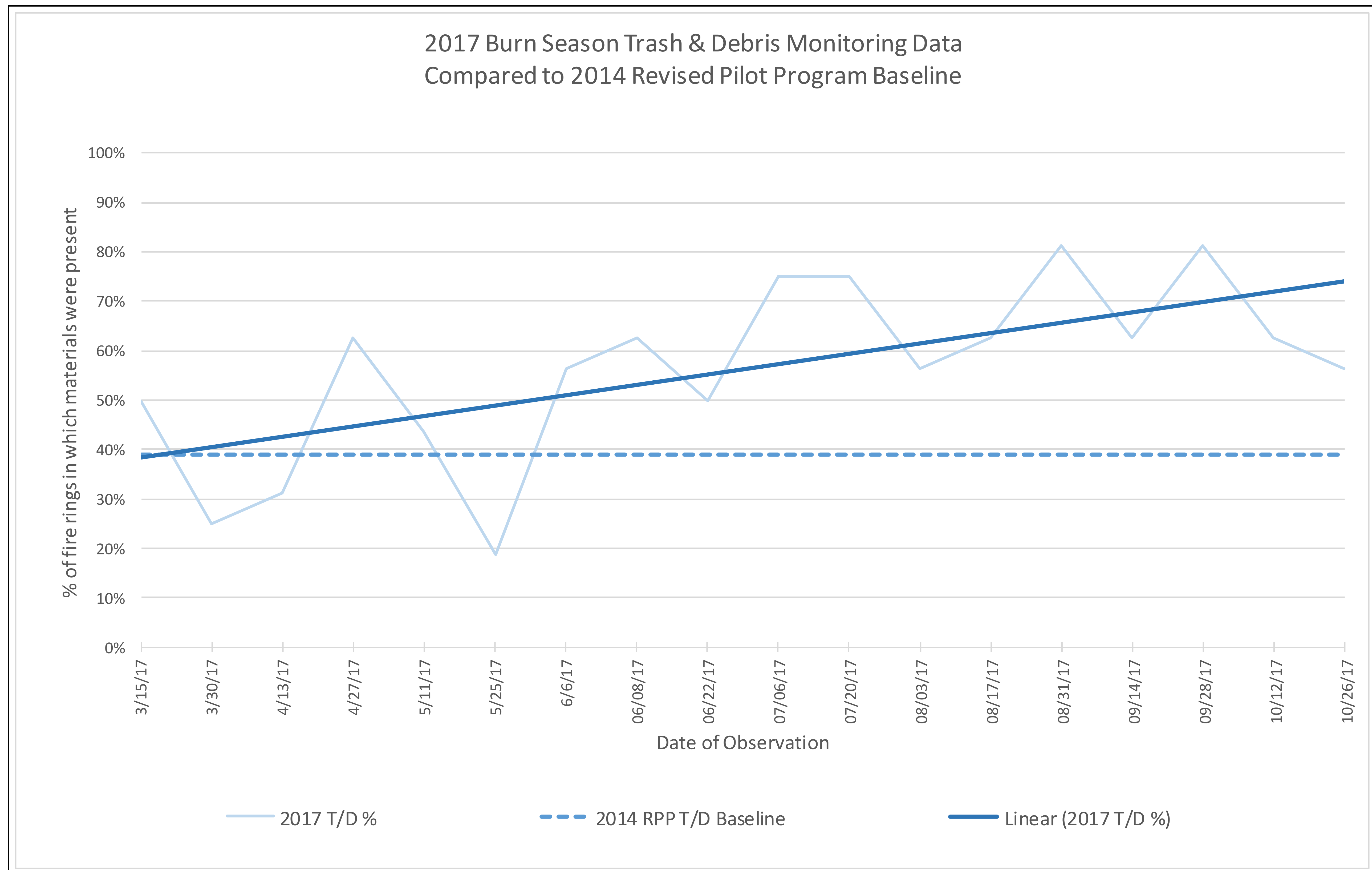
- "Responsible leader" age for supervision of minors dropped from 21 to 18

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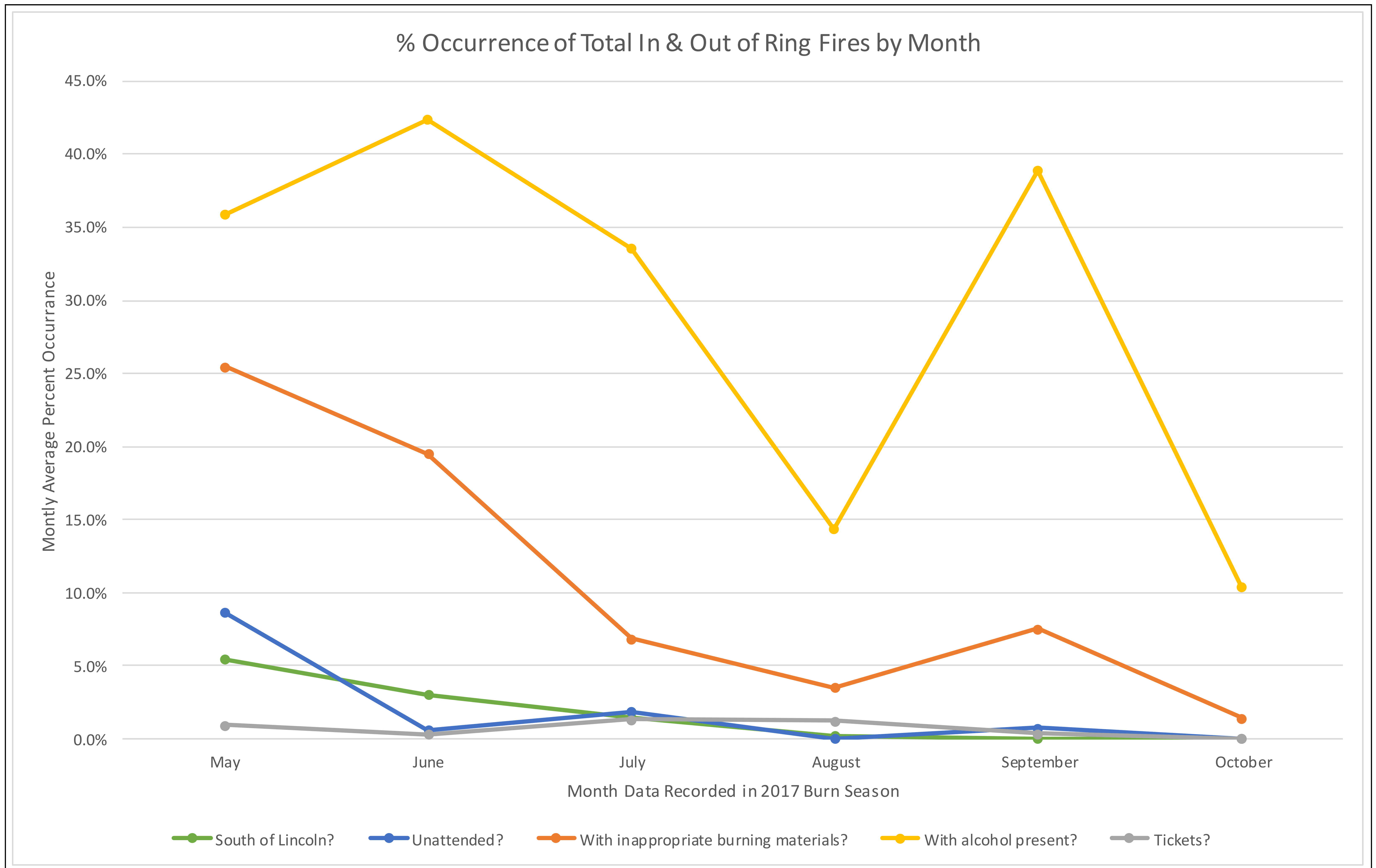
2017 Burn Season Maintenance Monitoring Data Compared to 2014 Revised Pilot Program





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2017 Burn Season Infraction Monitoring Data Compared to 2014 Revised Pilot Program



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