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Containment lines around the Last Resort Fire hold firm against Saturday wind gusts

CRESWELL – Despite substantial wind gusts across the fire area Saturday, the Last Resort Fire in Tyrrell County is now 56% contained. Additional mapping revealed the fire is 5,280 acres in size.

Firefighting personnel established pump sites at Phelps Lake and a fresh water canal alongside Seagoing Road. Water is flowing from Phelps Lake and should begin saturating the fire area by end of day Monday. Water will be used to soak the area over the next several days.

Water handling operations are crucial for pumping water and moving it to the fire area to minimize loss of organic soil, reduce smoke impacts and prevent reburn.

Operational resources working the fire include 79 personnel from the N.C. Forest Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

There are no injuries and no structures threatened at this time. The cause of the fire was determined to be a debris burn on private land that escaped containment.

A temporary flight restriction (TFR) remains in effect for the Last Resort Fire. The TFR restricts all civilian aircraft, manned and unmanned, within 5 miles of the fire. The flight restriction remains in place until aviation support is no longer needed.

A community meeting will be held at Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center Sunday, April 2, at 3 p.m. Representatives from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the N.C. Forest Service will address the plan for moving water to the fire area and answer questions.

For information updates, visit <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/ncpor-last-resort-fire>.

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