



## Great Lakes Fire Update Thursday May 4, 2023

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*The primary objective for the Gray Team is public and firefighter safety*

**PLEASE BE AWARE:** Wildland fire engines and large equipment will continue to be on roads in the fire area and travelling to and from assignments on US Hwy 70 between Havelock and New Bern. Please slow down and use caution when driving near them.

Today, high pressure will build into the area allowing the winds to relax and the airmass to moderate slightly. Mainly sunny skies will prevail with highs around 71 to 75 degrees and minimum relative humidity around 30 to 35%. Northwest winds around 8 to 12 mph gusting to 18 mph are expected.

**Acreage:** 32,400 acres; **Containment:** 65%; **Personnel and Equipment:** 177 total personnel; 2 helicopters, 7 Type-6 engines, 3 Type-2 and 2 Type-3 tractor plow units, 1 drone, 1 grader, 1 excavator and 1 ambulance.

Firefighters will continue to patrol and monitor for heat sources today. Yesterday on the southeast end of the fire, flooding operations continued to raise the water-table and rehydrate the organic soils to completely extinguish heat sources within them on about 1,000 acres of the fire. Needlecast (smoke dried needles on pine trees that fall and accumulate on the ground) has started and where they accumulate on heat sources, they offer new dry and light fuels for ignition. Crews are in place to extinguish them near the fireline. The drone with mounted infrared equipment is flying again today to continue to identify heat sources.

**Air quality:** Information on current air quality data for North Carolina is at <https://www.airnow.gov/>.

**Closures:** The road closures on County Line Road and Forest Service Road 203 (Holston Creek Road) remain in effect. Updates to road closures surrounding the fire is at <https://drivenc.gov/>.

**Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR):** The TFR continues to be in place over the fire during the hours of 6 AM to midnight. Information is at: [https://tfr.faa.gov/save\\_pages/detail\\_3\\_5862.html](https://tfr.faa.gov/save_pages/detail_3_5862.html)

**PLEASE NOTE: If there are intrusions into the Temporary Flight Restriction area, firefighting aerial operations must stop.**

**Firewise:** Information on preparing your home and property to reduce the risk from fire can be found at <https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Fire-causes-and-risks/Wildfire/Firwise-USA>

**Donations:** Those interested in donating to firefighters, please consider assisting your local fire departments and /or the Wildland Firefighter Foundation <https://wffoundation.org>