Tiger Island, Hwy 113, Lions Camp Road & Elizabeth Fires Daily Update – Saturday, September 16, 2023 Southern Area Blue CIMT



Information: Hours: 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM

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Louisiana Statewide Burn Ban: The State Fire Marshal's Office's order prohibiting ALL private burning and the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry ban on all agricultural burning, *remain in effect*. These are reevaluated weekly. Open burning with exposed flames is prohibited with no exceptions. The use of prescribed fires is also banned. More information is available at http://sfm.dps.louisiana.gov/doc/press/pr_2023-36.pdf

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Highlights: Today is the beginning of archery deer season, so hunter and firefighter safety will be paramount. There will be more people in the fire area this weekend. Please use extra caution if planning to hunt in or near the fire areas. Yesterday had slightly drier conditions but fire activity remained minimal. Firefighters continue to monitor, suppress reburn, patrol containment lines and remove any needle cast along control lines. Excess resources from these fires continue to be reassigned to LDAF for initial attack in the local area. Today, crews will continue to patrol and mop up any remaining heat within 100 to 200 feet of the control lines. Needle cast is still a concern, especially in the Hwy 113 Fire footprint, so firefighters will continue checking lines and blowing them out when needed.

Tiger Island Fire: 31,087 acres, no change | 84% containment | 250 personnel assigned Inciweb: <u>https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident-information/lalas-tiger-island-fire</u> Facebook: <u>https://www.facebook.com/TigerIslandFire</u>

Hwy 113 Fire: 7,124 acres, no change | 89% containment | 71 personnel assigned InciWeb: <u>https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident-information/lalas-hwy-113-fire</u> Facebook: <u>https://www.facebook.com/TigerIslandFire</u>

- Lions Camp Road Fire: 785 acres, no change | 88% containment | 22 personnel assigned InciWeb: <u>https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident-information/lalas-lions-camp-road-fire</u> Facebook: <u>https://www.facebook.com/TigerIslandFire</u>
- Elizabeth Fire: 940 acres, no change | 95% containment | 13 personnel assigned InciWeb: <u>https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident-information/lalas-elizabeth-fire</u> Facebook: <u>https://www.facebook.com/TigerIslandFire</u>

Equipment resources assigned to the fires include Type 6 Engines; Dozers; Tractor Plow Units; and Water Tenders. Aerial resources include helicopters and fixed wing aircraft. Additional support is being provided by Parish authorities and departments; Sheriff's Offices; and the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness.

Weather & Fire Behavior: The southern part of Tiger Island Fire received trace amount of rain yesterday. Today there is a slight chance of isolated thunderstorms. However, a drying trend will start today and continue for the next several days. If afternoon thunderstorms do occur, expect strong erratic winds that could hasten needle-cast and increase reburn potential.

Air Quality: Smoke may occur in areas of reburn. Air quality information is available at the EPA's Fire and Smoke Map at: <u>https://fire.airnow.gov/</u>.

Temporary Flight Restriction: A Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) is in place over the <u>Tiger Island Fire</u> and <u>Hwy 113</u> <u>and Elizabeth Fire</u> areas. If you fly, we can't. Aircraft or drone intrusions into the restricted airspace endangers aircrews conducting fire operations and aerial resources are grounded for safety. This unnecessarily places aircrews and ground fire crews at risk in a dynamic and dangerous fire environment.