## Tiger Island, Hwy 113, Lions Camp Road & Elizabeth Fires Daily Update – Sunday, September 17, 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 <a href="http://sfm.dps.louisiana.gov/doc/press/pr\_2023-36.pdf">http://sfm.dps.louisiana.gov/doc/press/pr\_2023-36.pdf</a>

**Highlights:** Archery deer season has commenced, so hunter and firefighter safety will be paramount. With more people in the fire area this weekend, extra caution is required if you are hunting in or near the fire areas. The drying trend continues and reburn of needle cast was occurring on the Hwy 113 Fire. Despite ongoing reburn, all fires continue to stay in their footprint, with no additional acreage being added. Firefighters continue to monitor, suppress reburn, patrol containment lines and remove any needle cast along control lines on all of the fires. Excess resources continue to be demobilized from these incidents, including a Type 1 and Type 2 helicopter. Some of those are being reassigned to LDAF for initial attack in the local area.

- Tiger Island Fire: 31,087 acres, no change | 84% containment | 228 personnel assigned (down 22) 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 | 95% containment (up 6%) | 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 | 91% containment (up 3%)| 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**: <u>A Red Flag Warning has been issued by the National Weather Service due to high</u> <u>temperatures, low humidity and moderate wind conditions.</u> This means any new fire starts have the potential to move quickly and spread. Extra vigilance is required to prevent any new fires from starting. Over a third of the State of Louisiana is experiencing extreme drought conditions and that is not expected to change over the coming weeks.

**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.