

Tiger Island, Hwy 113, Lions Camp Road & Elizabeth Fires
Daily Update – Monday, September 18, 2023
Southern Area Blue CIMT



Information: Hours: 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM Phone: 318-239-9263 Email: 2023.TigerIsland@firenet.gov

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

Highlights: Yesterday’s events included a sizable spot on the Tiger Island Fire on the south end of the incident. Large Air Tankers, Scooper Planes and helicopters aided ground crews with dozers and plow units to get a fireline around the spot which crossed Hwy 110. The highway was temporarily closed for public safety. Ground crews worked late into the night to stop the fire’s progression. The drying trend continues and reburn of needle cast was occurring on the Hwy 113 Fire but stayed within the original footprint as currently mapped. Crews continue to monitor, suppress reburn, patrol containment lines and remove any needle cast along all control lines on all of the fires. 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.

Tiger Island Fire: 31,087 acres, no change (The spot fire is not yet mapped but will be reflected in tomorrow’s acreage) | 84% containment | 228 personnel assigned

Inciweb: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident-information/lalas-tiger-island-fire>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TigerIslandFire>

Hwy 113 Fire: 7,124 acres, no change | 95% containment | 71 personnel assigned

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Lions Camp Road Fire: 785 acres, no change | 91% containment | 22 personnel assigned

InciWeb: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident-information/lalas-lions-camp-road-fire>

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Elizabeth Fire: 940 acres, no change | 95% containment | 13 personnel assigned

InciWeb: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident-information/lalas-elizabeth-fire>

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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: Today’s weather has predicted even lower humidities and temperatures in the 90s, but winds will moderate and be less than yesterday’s gusts. This still means any new fire starts have the potential to move quickly and spread. The incident’s Fire Behavior Analyst gave an example of how fast a fire could spread comparing it to a potential of 5 acres of spread in just 15 minutes. 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: <https://fire.airnow.gov/>.

Temporary Flight Restriction: A Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) is in place over the [Tiger Island Fire](#) and [Hwy 113 and Elizabeth Fire](#) 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.

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