

Tiger Island, Hwy 113, Lions Camp Road & Elizabeth Fires
Daily Update – Friday, September 22, 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

Highlights: All four fires continue to have reburning in interior locations where needle cast continues to fall and hot spots remain due to heavier fuels. Hot spots persist in hardwood drainages and there is a potential for more active fire behavior and spread along these drainages. New hotspots are located daily as some are buried under sandy soil and infrared sensors may not detect them from one day to the next. Multiple helicopters are providing water drops to cool areas of reburn, and ground crews continue to clear needle cast from containment lines and work inward from fire area perimeters to suppress hot spots and reburn. Snag trees with weakened root systems are a major safety concern for crews as they work in the interior of the burn areas. The Southern Area Gold Team will shadow the Southern Area Blue Team today and assume command on Saturday morning.

Tiger Island Fire: 31,290 acres, no change | 84% containment | 115 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 | 38 personnel assigned

InciWeb: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident-information/lalas-hwy-113-fire>

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Lions Camp Road Fire: 785 acres, no change | 100% containment | 7 personnel assigned

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

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Elizabeth Fire: 940 acres, no change | 100% containment | 5 personnel assigned

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

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

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: High temperatures in the low to mid 90s and higher relative humidity of 40 to 45% are forecast for this afternoon. Light southeast winds of 5 to 10 mph with gusts into the teens are expected. Fuel moistures remains critically low for all fuel types with smaller fuels in the 6 to 9% range. Heavier fuels are very low with 10 to 15% fuel moisture due to the long-term **EXCEPTIONAL /EXTREME** drought conditions. The combination of weather and fuel moisture provides the potential for moderate to high fire behavior to continue.

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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