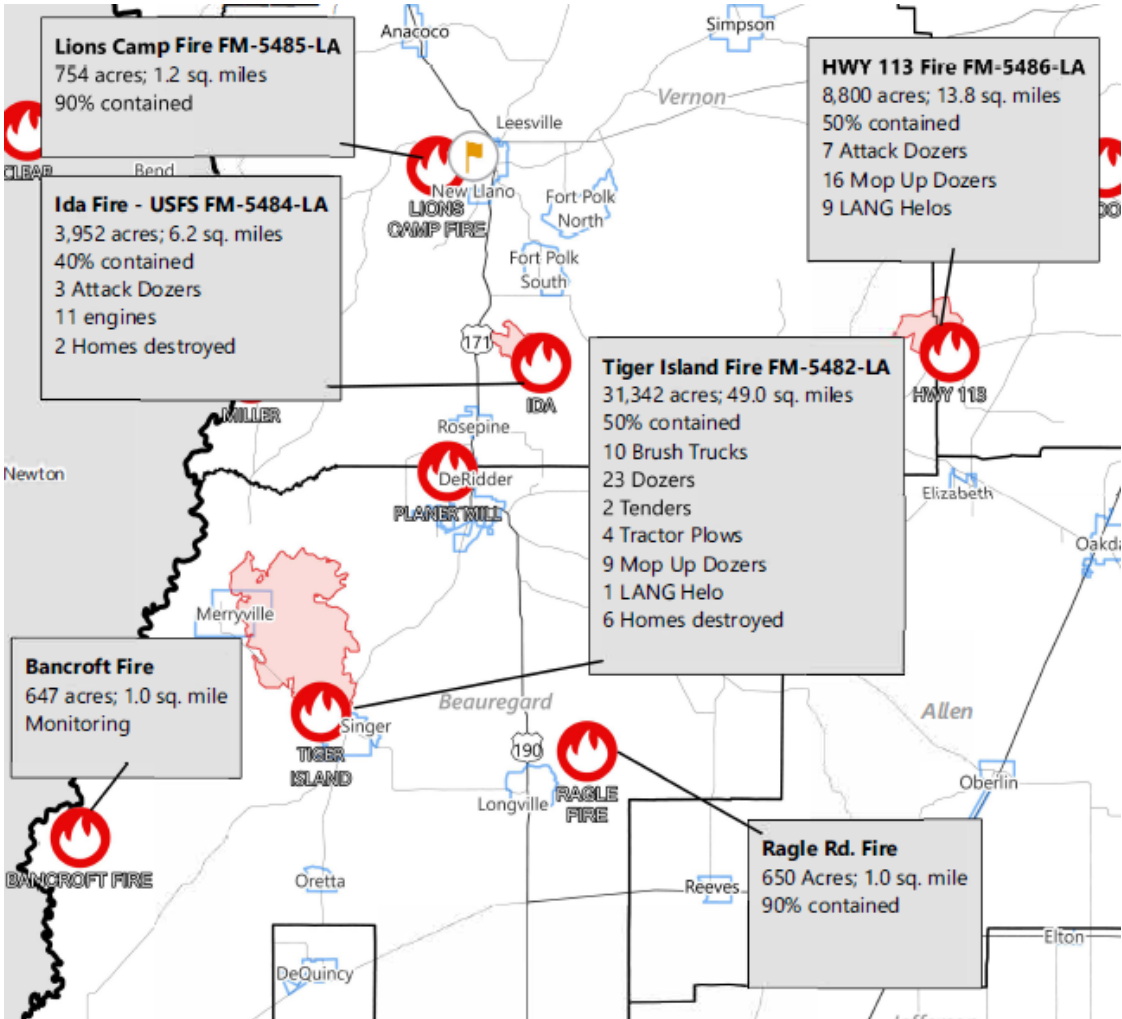


Extreme Heat and Wildfires – SITUATIONAL REPORT

31 August 2023 – 5:00pm



August 2023 Wildfires - Beauregard, Rapides, and Vernon Parishes, Louisiana As of 8/31/2023 1800
 Fire Locations, Perimeters and Assigned Resources



U.S. Forestry Services
 Larger Aerial Tanker (LAT) 2023



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Incident Overview

WebEOC Incident: 23-027 - Extreme Heat and Wildfire-Statewide

State Declaration: 141 JBE 2023 – Heat Related Emergencies

WebEOC Requests: 270

Activation Level: 3

- Beauregard population impacted: None sheltered at this time
- Vernon population impacted: None sheltered at this time
- Rapides population impacted: None sheltered at this time








Incident Objectives

1. Protect lives and properties
2. Ensure safety of all responders
3. Maintain communication and coordination on fire suppression especially in environmental and projected weather conditions of wind gusts and low humidity
4. Support provisions for public health from heat and water issues that result from these impacts
5. Increase fire prevention messaging to the public
6. Coordinate and manage all local, state and federal resources effectively
7. Coordinate and integrate fire assets for tactical fire suppression

Weather Forecast (Source: NWS)



- Beauregard-Vernon-Rapides conditions:
 - Today, Sunny with a high near 96, North wind 10mph
 - Tonight, clear with Northeast wind 5mph
- Statewide conditions:
 - Red Flag Warning conditions today

Lifeline Summaries As Reported on 31 August 2023 @ 5:00pm - Tiger Island Fire, Beauregard Parish Wildfires (FM 5482)

 SAFETY & SECURITY	 HEALTH AND MEDICAL
LDAF <ul style="list-style-type: none">• August (as of 8/31/23 – 4:45pm) – 31,342 Acres• LNOs remain attached to Red Team for assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5 surge ambulances assisting Red Team• 10 surge units staged if needed
GOHSEP <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fire Assistance Task Force continues to strategically position resources for tactical fire suppression	 FOOD, WATER, SHELTER <ul style="list-style-type: none">• First Baptist Church is on standby for shelters if needed• Mega shelter for MSNS and pet shelter assets remain on standby• SNAP recipients must request replacement SNAP benefits within 10 days of power restoration<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requesting window: 8/29/23 – 9/7/23
SFM <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continues to support resource management of fire personnel/equipment• Partnered with LDWF to aide in patrol and ban burn support• Requesting a fuel distribution point at 5527 Hwy 27 operating 24/7	 TRANSPORTATION <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All state highways in parish open• Smoke affecting visibility on roadways• DOTD has a total of 9 buses staged in Alexandria (5) and DeRidder (4)
USFS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ordered twice as much fire retardant as additional flares up were present• Additional LATs have been approved	 COMMUNICATION <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All commercial carriers report no outages at this time as of 7:00am (08/31/23)• Starlink enroute to DeRidder to support LDAF operations
LANG <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aviation and engineer assets remain vigilant in parish to support fire suppression• Personnel and equipment on standby for Quick Response Reaction Team for evacuation if needed Beauregard Parish <ul style="list-style-type: none">• GOHSEP LNOs demobilized	 ENERGY <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No power outages reported due to fires as of 4:00pm (8/31/23)  HAZMAT <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nothing reported at this time

Modified UCG Call: Friday (9/1/23) at 9:00am

Lifeline Summaries As Reported on 31 August 2023 @ 5:00pm – Ida (FM 5484)/Lions Camp Rd (FM 5485), Vernon Parish Wildfires

 SAFETY & SECURITY	 HEALTH AND MEDICAL
<p>Vernon Parish</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">As of 4:45pm (8/31/23) 4,706 Acres <p>GOHSEP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Fire Assistance Task Force continues to strategically position resources for tactical fire suppression <p>LDAF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Fueling stations remain flexible in order to stay out of harms way but will continue to provide First Responder fueling <p>SFM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Personnel have been demobilized from Sabine and moved to VernonPartnered with LDWF to aide in patrol and ban burn supportFDNY IMT has taken over management of Vernon operations <p>LANG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Tiger Team is demobilizingAviation and engineer assets remain vigilant in parish to support fire suppressionPersonnel and equipment on standby for Quick Response Reaction Team for evacuation if needed <p>USFS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The 2 LATs with missions for 113 Fire were rerouted to Elizabeth in Vernon due to new emerging fire. However, the 113 Fire mission is still scheduled to be completed. The Goal is to accomplish the mission before sunset as it is illegal to drop after dark (30 mins before Sunset)Ordered twice as much fire retardant as additional flares up were presentAdditional LATs have been approved	<p>The Woodlands Manor Nursing home in Leesville has successfully repatriated</p> <p>FOOD, WATER, SHELTER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">3 churches remain on standbyMega shelter for MSNS and pet shelter assets remain on standby <p>TRANSPORTATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">All state highways in parish open <p>COMMUNICATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">All commercial carriers report no outages at this time as of 7:00am (08/31/23) <p>ENERGY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">No power outages reported due to fires as of 4:00pm (8/31/23) <p>HAZMAT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Nothing reported at this time

Lifeline Summaries As Reported on 31 August 2023 @ 5:00pm – Hwy 113 (FM 5486), Rapides/Vernon Parish Wildfires



SAFETY & SECURITY

Vernon Parish

- As of 4:45pm (8/31/23) 8,800 Acres
- 35 residents evacuated Mandatory evacuation along Earnest Thompson Rd and D. E. Stephens Road (Pitkin)

GOHSEP

- **Fire Assistance Task Force** continues to strategically position resources for tactical fire suppression

LDAF

- Reopened Freedom Church Rd. fueling station to assist dozers fighting Hwy 113 Fire.
- Woodworth Emergency fueling station closing as of 7pm tonight (8/31/23)
- Fueling stations remain flexible in order to stay out of harms way but will continue to provide First Responder fueling

SFM

- Personnel have been demobilized from Sabine and moved to Vernon
- Partnered with LDWF to aide in patrol and ban burn support
- FDNY IMT has taken over management of Vernon operations

LANG

- Tiger team is demobilizing
- Aviation and engineer assets remain vigilant in parish to support fire suppression
- Personnel and equipment on standby for Quick Response Reaction Team for evacuation if needed

USFS

- The 2 LATs with missions for 113 Fire were rerouted to Elizabeth in Vernon due to new emerging fire. However, the 113 Fire mission is still scheduled to be completed. The Goal is to accomplish the mission before sunset as it is illegal to drop after dark (30 mins before Sunset)
- Ordered twice as much fire retardant as additional flares up were present
- Additional LATs have been approved



HEALTH AND MEDICAL

- Nothing reported at this time



FOOD, WATER, SHELTER

- 3 churches remain on standby
- Mega shelter for MSNS and pet shelter assets remain on standby
- Gravel Hill Baptist Church closing today (8/31/23)



TRANSPORTATION

- All state highways in parish open



COMMUNICATION

- All commercial carriers report no outages at this time as of 7:00am (08/31/23)
- Starlink enroute to Oberlin to support LDAF operations



ENERGY

- No power outages reported due to fires as of 4:00pm (8/31/23)



HAZMAT

- Nothing reported at this time