



**Lafayette Fire**  
**Monday, August 17, 2015 09:00 AM**  
**Fire Information Office – 318-446-3217**  
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<http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4518/>  
 Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM. to 10:00 PM.



**Fire Information:**

Current Status	The Lafayette Fire started on August 13, 2015. The fire is approximately 4 miles northwest of Gorum, Louisiana. It is burning in the Kisatchie Hills Wilderness of Kisatchie National Forest. The fire is being managed by a Type 3 Team, led by Incident Commander, Steve Staples. Yesterday’s afternoon thunderstorms added to the fires continued spread; however an amount of rainfall was received over much of the fire. Handcrews were able to continue constructing line on southeast portion of the fire. They were also able to tie hand line into the Bayou Cypre. The hose lay that was started Friday was finished allowing firefighters easier access to water as much of the waterways are seasonally dry due to the drought.
Current Size	795 Acres
Containment	25%
Planned Events	Firefighters plan to take advantage of the past two days of rain and last night’s good relative humidity recovery. Handcrews will focus on strengthening lines and back burns. Engines will continue patrolling along the Longleaf Trail Scenic Byway. Two helicopters are available for use if needed. As always we will provide for firefighter and public safety as our main priority. Firefighters will take the appropriate measures to protect private residences and timberlands on the east side of the Wilderness.
Cause	Human
Equipment	7 Engines, 1 Type 2 Helicopter, 1 Type 3 Helicopter, 5 Dozers, 1 Type 1 Handcrews, 4 Type 2 Handcrews, and 56 Overhead.
Staff	187
Restrictions and Closures	The Kisatchie Hills Wilderness Area is currently closed. The Longleaf Trail Scenic Byway (FS 59) from LA Highway 119 to FS 339 is also closed to all traffic.
Fire Weather	Today will be slightly cooler; the high is forecasted to reach 90 degrees with a relative humidity between 40-55%. Winds will be out of the east at 4 mph. There is a 50% chance of rain and a possibility of thunder storms this afternoon.
Safety Message	Smoke may impact local roadways. We are asking visitors to use extreme caution around the fire area. It has been determined that this fire was human caused, please be careful while enjoying your National Forests.