

ANNUAL REPORT
July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Active Personnel

Ken Wells Chief Ranger
 Beadie Carter Admin. I Tower Operator
 Ira Croft, Jr. Ranger III
 Chris Rigg Ranger III
 Jeromy Browning Ranger II
 Wesley Rowe Ranger I

FOREST PROTECTION

While protecting over 206,341 acres of forested land in Lowndes County, the local forestry unit responded to 19 wildfires which burned a total of 51.13 acres. The average wildfire size was 2.55 acres. Equipment and personnel from Lowndes also responded to 3 wildfires outside of its home unit. Once again this year, debris burning was the major cause of wildfires in Lowndes county.

Fire Cause	Number of Wildfires
Debris Burning	19
Construction/ Land clearing Escaped Prescribed Burning Residential Children Other	10
Lightning	1
Undetermined	1
Campfire	2
Machine Use	2
Power line/Electric Fence	0
Incendiary	2
Structure/Vehicle	0
Fireworks	0
Spontaneous Combustion	1
Total	19

*****6 of the 19 suppressed fires were not permitted and thus resulted in suppression charges being issued*****