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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM FOREST LAKES FIRE DISTRICT:

Approximately a little over one hour ago our FLFD crews were dispatched to reports of smoke and fire south of Hwy 260 between Canyon Point Campground and Merzville Rd. Upon arrival, along with Forest Service crews, multiple fires were observed, the largest of which was approximately 3/4 of an acre. Forest Service crews mounted a rapid attack and brought in a dozer to help contain the area. Our crews staged near several of the closest structures to provide protection should it be needed and provided our water tender to the Forest Service crews.

At this time the fires are contained and mop up operations are ongoing.

It appears that these fires, perhaps as many as 7 different ones, are human caused and arson cannot be ruled out. Fortunately no structures were threatened.

An individual was seen in the area yesterday and is a person of interest. He is described to be a Hispanic male 5'8"-5'10" with a camouflaged back pack, blue jeans, tan boots, blue hat, with no facial hair. It is reported that he has been seen out in the forest in our area over the last month. If you should see him or have information on where he could be currently located, please call 911 and report it. Law enforcement officials are actively searching for him.

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