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Whipping Creek Road Fire, Dare and Hyde Counties

Fire Suppression Crews Identifying Hot Spots

The Whipping Creek Road Fire remains at 15,449 acres in size and containment has increased to 62 percent. A perimeter flight on Monday, using infrared camera technology, revealed minimal heat on the fire. The locations identified were hit with helicopter water drops supported by firefighters directly attacking the hot spots. A follow up infrared flight is planned for today.

Fire crews continue to monitor weather and fuel conditions for their daily planning of suppression tactics. Minimal fire growth is expected today even though increased fire weather conditions prevail. Fire weather conditions include rising temperatures, decreased humidity, and increased winds. The incident now has 146 firefighters and fire managers assigned to the fire, primarily from the North Carolina Forest Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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