



Woodstock Fire/Rescue District

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"Service Before Self"

For Immediate Release

On Wednesday, December 23, 2020, at 11:03 AM the Woodstock Fire/Rescue District was dispatched to the 9000 block of Thompson Road in Bull Valley for a reported field on fire.

The first crew arrived within 5 minutes, reported a field fire approximately one acre in size, and began assessing wind direction and potential structural exposures. Due to a very strong southern wind, the fire grew exponentially and rapidly traveled north throughout a heavy marshland. Additional fire crews responded to protect downwind exposures along Marshland Way and Thompson Road.

Since the geographical area was primarily an inaccessible wet marshland, a perimeter was established along the roadways to keep the fire in check. Approximately 45 acres of grass and marshland ultimately burned in the fire. The fire was declared under control at around 3:00 PM.

The fire appears be accidental in nature. No structures or vehicles were damaged in the fire. No evacuations were ordered, and no fire personnel or civilian were injured during this incident.

The Woodstock Fire/Rescue District wants to remind everyone to use extreme caution when disposing of smoking material or any other flammable substances around the exterior of your home or property. Also, do not conduct outside burns or light campfires on high wind (red flag) days, such as today.

Further inquiries should be directed to the WFRD Shift Commander at Station #1: 815 338-2621.