# Honey Prairie Complex

GA-OKR-000001

# **Incident Action Plan**

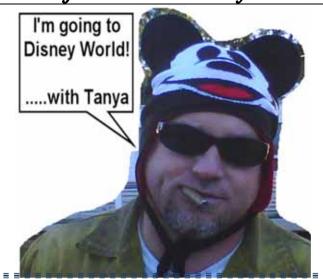
Operational Period Tuesday

October 4, 2011 0800-2000 Incident Commander Steve Gray Bryce Thomas (T)

**Accounting Codes** 

FWS - 9141-F25M-2J NPS - 5023 F25M E11 BLM - F25M USFS - PRF25M\_1502 Initial Attack - F4PM

You just left the Honey Prairie Fire.. What are you going to do now?











#### Letter from GFC Incident Commander:

To: All Honey Prairie Incident Personnel

As a Type 3 Incident Commander, I am committed to a policy of "zero tolerance" of inappropriate behavior during incident operations. Any form of harassment, discriminatory practices, or disrespectful behavior will not be tolerated.

Guidelines on in-appropriate behavior both "on Duty" and "off Duty" while assigned are addressed within each agencies policies. Our Team expects all incident personnel to follow established government policies for behavior along with all Illegal drug and alcohol directives.

Our Incident Management Team endorses and supports an attitude of mutual respect for all personnel and the public we serve.

We expect a strong work ethic and an attitude of Safety at all times!

Sincerely,

/s/ Steve Gray

Incident Commander
Type 3 Incident Management Team

	1. INCIDENT N	AME	2. DATE PREPARED	3. TIME PREPARED							
INCIDENT OBJECTIVES	Honey 1	Prairie	10/03/11	1700							
	Comp	plex									
4. OPERATIONAL PERIOD (DATE/TIME)											
Tuesday, October 4, 2011											
	0800 - 2000										
5. GENERAL CONTROL OBJECTIVES FO	OR THE INCIDEN	IT (INCLUDE	ALTERNATIVES)								
1. Provide for safety of incident per	sonnel and pul	blic in all in	cident operations.								
2. Maintain a positive working relat partners. Inform, involve and con	=	=	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·								
3. Contain all fires that are within inside the swamp edge break if p		ee Nationa	l Wildlife Refuge, insid	de the Refuge and/or							
minimize damage to private tim	4. In cooperation with local land owners and communities, use full suppression strategies and tactics to minimize damage to private timberlands and structural improvements and to prevent fires outside the Refuge from entering the Refuge.										
5. Assist in management and suppr approved by Agency Administrat			•	outs) in the vicinity as							
6. Protect all cultural and archeolog	ical sites and s	tructures v	vithin the refuge.								
7. Manage the fires cost-effectively	consistent wit	h the value	s at risk.								
8. Coordinate suppression actions v	vith assigned R	efuge Reso	urce Advisors								
6. WEATHER FORECAST FOR OPERATION	IONAL PERIOD										
See attached forecast for are	a specific we	eather info	ormation.								
7. GENERAL SAFETY MESSAGE											
Drive defensively and use spotte		_									
Ensure LCES is in place and know											
Drink plenty of water and take	-										
Ensure proper use of PPE during	g all operations	<b>5.</b>									
8. Attachments (☑ if attached)	<b>-</b>		_								
, ,	☐ Incident Map		☑ Safety Message								
☑ Assignment List (ICS 204)	Traffic Plan		☐ Demobilization F	Procedures							
☑ Communications Plan (ICS 205)			☑ Unit Log								
` '	Phone List	<b>,</b>									
9. PREPARED BY (PLANNING SECTION CHIEF)  10. APPROVED BY (INCIDENT COMMANDER)  State Gray											
David Fogler Steve Gray											

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ORGANIZ	ATION ASSIGNMENT LIST	9. Operations Section							
1. Incident Name		Chief	Chief Bryce Thomas (T) 10/7						
Honey Prairie GA-OKR-0000				. ,					
<b>2. Date</b> 10/03/2011	3. Time 1500 hrs	a. Branch/Divisions/Groups							
4. Operational Period	4. Operational Period 10/04/2011 0800 - 2000			West Branch					
5. Incident Command									
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Incident Commander	Bryce Thomas (T) 10/7	Rehab (	-roup	Brent IVI	cCarty 10/13 John Molve (T) 10/13				
Safety Officer	Tommy Hawkins10/12 Leonard Kempf 10/5	Refuge	Group	Brent M	cCarty 10/13 John Molve (T) 10/13				
Information Officer	Art Webster	Division	Y /Z		cCarty 10/13 John Molve (T) 10/13				
		Division	Z 10A)	Brent M	cCarty 10/13 John Molve (T) 10/13				
6a. Agency Administr	rators								
FWS	Curt McCasland								
FWS	Mindy Gautreaux								
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6b. Agency Represen	ilaliyes	h Bran	ch/Divisi	ons/Group	ns.				
GFC	Frank Sorrells	D. Diai		5113/ <b>5</b> 1 <b>5 a</b> p					
	James Karels								
FWS AREP	Mike Housh								
	Art Webster								
	Alan Robinson / Diane Adams								
USFS AREP	Ivan Greene								
7. Planning Section									
Chief	Dave Fogler 10/14	c. AIR C	PERATIC	NS BRAN	⊥ ICH - Honey Prairie				
Resource Advisors	Ron Phernetton, Reggie Forcine				Melvin Tate 10/14				
Resources Unit	North Herriction, Reggie Forcine	Waycross Helibase Mgr			Weivin rate 10/14				
IMET	JR Rothfuss 10/16								
Situation Unit	JR Rotiliuss 10/16								
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CTSP									
SCKN									
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	esa (Tracy) Stelman 10/6	Time Ur	nit	V	ickie Hulsizer 10/11				
Ground Dan Support	Chappell (T) 10/13	Cost							
COML Jam	es (Ronnie) Sumler 10/5	PTRC							
	Chappell (T) 10/13	EQTR							
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	el Gregory 10/7 James Willett 10/13	Purchas	ing Agent	F	redrick Cheeks 10/6				
COMT	id Moore 10/15								
Mechanic									
Base Camp Mngr Rust	Base Camp Mngr Rusty Brown 10/13								
		Prepared Dave Fo			PSC2				

DIVISION ASSIGNMENT LIST			1. Branch			2. Division REHAB Group			oup
3. Incident Name	4. Oper	ational Period	t						
Honey Prairie Complex			Date: 10/04/2011 Time: 0				0800-	2000	
Operations	Bryce Thomas (T)10/7		Branch D	irector					
Resource Advisor	Reggie Forcine		Division	Supervisor	Brent M	lcCarty 10	0/13		
Safety Officer	Tommy Hawkins 10/12 Leonard Kempf	10/5	Division	Supervisor	John M	olve (T) 1	013	•	

S. Resources Assigned this Period									
Strike Team/Task Force/ Resource Designator	Leader / Name / Designator	Last Shift Date	Num. Per.	Drop Off PT./Time	Crew Names				
TFLD (O-1332)	Brian Delasantos	10/12	1		720-314-5073				
FWS Motorgrader (E-1356)	Unstaffed								
PVT DOZ2 (E-1424)	Pierce Timber Co.		1		Mngr's Cell# 912-548-4369				
PVT DOZ2 (E-1413)	Pierce Timber Co.		1		Mngr's Cell# 912-548-4369				
PVT Excavator (E-1327)	Pierce Timber Co.		1		Mngr's Cell# 912-548-4369				
Timberline Skidder (E-1305)	Timber Line Forest Service		1		Mngr's Cell# 912-218-0360				
PVT Excavator (E-1326)	Hughes Tree Planting		2		Mngr's Cell# 912-218-0360				
PVT Motorgrader (E-1390)	Tim Prep Inc.		1		Mngr's Cell# 904-759-0561				
PVT Excavator (E-1433)	Johnny Smith & CO.		1		Mngr's Cell# 912-599-0680				
PVT 12-ton Mack dump truck (E-1334)	Johnny Smith & CO.		1		Mngr's Cell# 912-599-0680				
PVT 12-ton Kenworth dp trk (E-1335)	Johnny Smith & CO.		1		Mngr's Cell# 912-599-0680				

- Patrol fire perimeter
- Initial attack IC will communicate sizeup information to the Honey Prairie communication.
- Make contact with the resource advisor before using mechanical equipment.
- Continue to work with resource advisor on Refuge rehab objectives.

#### 8. Special Instructions

- Ensure LCES are in place before operations begin. Stay hydrated.
- Drive defensively with lights on at all times and use extra caution on wet or dry roads.
- Boggy terrain: Be careful and aware when working around this type of area.
- Avoid areas with potential tree fall.

9.	Division/Group Communication Summary									
	Function	Frequency	Channel	Function	Frequency	System	Channel			
Command N Okee Repeater	RX 164.575/206.5 TX 163.150/206.5	KING NIFC	5	Logistics		KING NIFC				
Tactical Div/Group	RX 168.775 TX 168.775	KING NIFC	9	Air to Ground	RX 166.9375 TX 166.9375	KING NIFC	6			
Prepared by (Resource Unit Ldr.)  Chuck Norvell  Approved by (Planning Sect. Ch.)  David Fogler				Date October	3, 2011	Time 1800				

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3. Incident Name				4.	Operational Period			Į.	
Honey Prairie	Complex				Date: 10/04/2011 Time: 0800-2000				
5. Operat					Personnel				
Operations	Bryce Thomas (T)1	0/7							
					Division Superv	isor	В	rent McCar	ty 10/13
Safety Officer	Tommy Hawkins 10	/12	Leonard Kempf 10/5		Division Superv	isor	Jo	ohn Molve	(T) 10/13
6.			Resourc	es /	Assigned this Pe	riod			
	k Force/ Resource ignator	Leade	r / Name / Designator		Last Shift Date	Nun Per		Drop Off PT./Time	Crew Names
ΓFLD			Chesser (O-5)			1			912-276-3232
TPL GAOKR 56 (E			wn (O-1345)			1			
TPL GA OKR 54 (I	E-21)	Charles	Johnson (O-1335)			1			
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- Respond to Initial Attack as requested
- Secure fire's edge, and mop up 200-feet in, (upland areas only).
- Initial attack IC will communicate sizeup information to the Honey Prairie communication.
- Improve swamp break boundaries for fire breaks, work with resource advisor.

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Prepared by (Resource Unit Ldr.)  Chuck Norvell  Approved by (Planning Sect. Ch.)  David Fogler				Date October 3, 20	11	Time 1800	

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Safety Officer	Tommy Hawkins 10	)/12	Leonard Kempf 10/5		Division Supervis	sor	John Molve	(T) 10/13		
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	sk Force/ Resource signator	Le	ader / Name / Designator		Last Shift Date	Num. Per.	Drop Off PT./Time	Crew Names		
STEN (T) (E-1394	4.1) GA	Lela	nd Bass		10/7	1		770-280-7684		
GA ENG6 Habers	ham 86 (E-1394)	Rust	y Carroll(O-1351)		10/14	2		Aubrey Brown (O-1351)		
GA ENG6 Monroe	e 86 (E-1392)	Davi	d Carter (TFLD) 10/6			2		Ben Godowns (E-1392.3)10/15		
GA ENG6 Polk 86	(E-1393)	Anth	ony Keene (E-1393.1)		10/9	2		Timothy Sosebee (E-1393.2)		
FL ENG6 B-114 (E	E-1396)	Jaso	n Longfellow (E-1396.2)		10/6	2		Mark Reddich (E-1396.1)		
FL ENG6 G-106 (I	E-1395)	Cha	les Shewey (E-1395.2)		10/6	2		Johnathan Lambert (E-1395.1)		
FL ENG6 C-920 (I	E-1431)	Shar	ne McGowen		10/14	2		Walter Bowers		
TFLD (T) (O-1333	5)	Wes	Merkison		10/9	1		912-552-3821		
GA TPL3 Lanier 7	0 (E-1418)	Stev	art McIntosh		10/9	1				
GA TPL3 ATCO 7		Dere	k Harper		10/9	1				
GA TPL3 Appling	72 (E-1417)	Josh	Yawn		10/9	1				
GA TPL3 Brantley	72 (E-1419)	Davi	d Smith		10/9	1				
EMTB		Davi	d Moore (O-1344)		10/15	1				
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- Respond to Initial Attack as requested
- Mop up and monitor fire's edge, and mop up 200-feet in,( upland areas only)
- Initial attack IC will communicate sizeup information to the Honey Prairie communication.
- Improve swamp break boundaries for fire breaks, work with resource advisor.

#### 8. Special Instructions

- Goto Argyle turn down Antioch Church Rd. Turn down Rd. 28, then Turn on Rd 26, to Perimeter Rd. Stage at DP41 until DIVS Authorizes movement.
- Avoid Confrontations with bear hunters (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday only).
- Ensure LCES are in place before operations begin. Stay hydrated.
- Drive defensively and with lights on at all times and use extra caution on wet or dry roads.
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Honey Prairie	Complex					Date:	10/04/	2011	Time:	0800-2000
5.			Operat	ions F	ers	onnel				
Operations	Bryce Thomas (T)	10/7								
					Div	ision Sup	ervisor	Brent Mc	Carty 10	/13
Safety Officer	Tommy Hawkins	10/12	Leonard Kempf 10/5		Div	ision Sup	ervisor	John Mol	ve (T) 10	)/13
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	k Force/ Resource ignator	Lead	der / Name / Designator	Last S Dat		Num. Per.	Drop PT			Crew Names
TFLD			ond Franco (O-1318)	10/	4	1			2	208-720-7472
TFLD (T)		Josep	h Taranto (O-1353)	10/	17	1			8	850-653-5371
BIA ENG6 (E-131	8) WIMEA	Adam '	Waukau (E-1318.1)	10/	4	3		Curtis Way 1318.2)	/ka (E-13	18.3)/ Jamie Guzman (E-
NPS ENG6 (E-13	19) WIAIP	Michae	el Larson (E-1319,4)	10/	5	3		Sawyer Gr (E-1319.6)		1319.5) / James Strezishar Jr.
GA ENG6 (E-2) G	AOKR # 41	Donald	Stanley (O-1327)	10/	5	2		Nicolas Ha	wkins (O	-1341) 10/12
GA ENG6 (E-3) G	AOKR # 42	Unstaf	fed			0				
FWS NCDOR EN	G6 PLE1 (E-1364)	Eric Me	eekins (O-1343)	10/	13	2		Donald Ha	rris (O-13	342)
FWS GAPDR EN	G6 51 (E-1391)	John M	lason (E-1391.1)	10/	9	2		Matthew S	mith (E-1	391.2)
TPL4 GA ENG6 C	OKR 53 (E-23)	Unstaf	fed			0				
TPL2 FL (E-1400)		Robert	Dorminey (O-1312)	10/	8	1				
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- Establish control check lines.
- Secure fire's edge, and mop up 50-feet in, in the upland areas.
- Respond to Initial Attack as requested.
- Initial attack IC will communicate sizeup information to the Honey Prairie communication.
- Improve swamp break boundaries for fire breaks, work with resource advisor.

#### 8. Special Instructions

- Goto Argyle turn down Antioch Church Rd, Turn on Rd. 28, Stage at DP44 until DIVS Authorizes movement.
- Avoid Confrontations with bear hunters (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday only).
- Ensure LCES are in place before operations begin. Stay hydrated.
- Drive defensively and with lights on at all times and use extra caution on wet or dry roads.
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Prepared by (Reso	ource Unit Ldr.)	Approved b	y (Planning Sect. Ch.)		Date		Time			
Chuck Norvell		David Fog	ler		October 3, 20	11	1800			



#### Fire Weather Forecast



FORECAST NO: 150 NAME OF FIRE: Honey Prairie Complex

PREDICTION FOR: Day Shift UNIT: Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge

SHIFT DATE: Tuesday 10/04/11

FORECAST ISSUED: 10/03/11 at 1600 SIGNED: Joel Rothfuss, IMET

<u>WEATHER DISCUSSION:</u> High pressure will remain in firm control of the weather with rain free and dry weather conditions. Minimum relative humidity values will still be in the critical levels today but some improvement on expected Wednesday.

TODAY: Mostly Sunny.

**MAXIMUM TEMPERATURES**: 83°

MINIMUM HUMIDITY: 25 to 29%

**20 FT WINDS:** North 3 to 5 mph, becoming North-Northeast 5 to 7 with gusts to

10 mph in the afternoon.

STABILITY/INVERSION: 5000 feet
TRANSPORT WINDS: North 10 mph
DISPERSION INDEX: 50, Generally Good

CHANCE OF PRECIPITATION: 0% LIGHTNING ACTIVITY LEVEL: 1

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TONIGHT: Clear. Low temperature 46-49°. Light and variable winds.

**Wednesday:** Mostly sunny.

MAXIMUM TEMPERATURES: 83-85° MINIMUM HUMIDITY: 83-85° 30 to 35%

**20 FT WINDS:** North-Northeast 3 to 5 mph, becoming Northeast 7 to 10 mph in

the afternoon with gusts 15 to 18 mph.

STABILITY/INVERSION: 5800 feet

**TRANSPORT WINDS:** North-Northeast 12 mph. 60, Generally Good.

CHANCE OF PRECIPITATION: 0% LIGHTNING ACTIVITY LEVEL: 1

**EXTENDED FORECAST:** High pressure will persist on Thursday with no rain expected across the fire. A developing trough of low pressure to the south will increase the pressure gradient and easterly winds with a slight chance of rain over the area Friday. Relative Humidity values will be above critical levels Thursday through Saturday as the onshore wind flow brings increasing moisture off of the Atlantic.

	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SKY/WEATHER	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy with a slight chance of showers	Mostly Cloudy with a chance of showers
THUNDER/PRECIP	5%	20%	30%
20 FT. WINDS	Northeast 10 to 12 mph with gusts to 15 to 18 mph	Northeast 10 to 12 mph with gusts to 20 mph	Northeast to east 10 to 12 mph with gusts 16-18 mph,
MIN/MAX	56/83	59/81	60/80
Relative Humidity	38 to 43%	45 to 50%	48 to 52%

# Fire: Honey Prairie Complex Forecast #150 Issued: 10/3/2011 1600 hrs Unit: GA-OKR-000001 Forecast #150 Issued: 10/3/2011 1600 hrs Signed: David Fogler Shift Date: Tuesday 10/4/2011

#### **GENERAL FIRE BEHAVIOR**

Fuels around the Okefenokee Wildlife Refuge are predominately Fuel Model 7 (Southern Rough). Large to moderate acreage tracts of commercial timberland are mixed in throughout the entire perimeter surrounding the refuge. Fast moving wildfires with extremely high flame lengths and rapid rates of spread occur within and around the swamp.

Indicators/Threshold for Increased Fire Activity

- Relative humidity below 45%
- Winds above 10 mph
- Heavy fuel loadings

- Fine dead fuel moisture 8% or less
- Dispersion above 70

\* Items in BOLD ITALICS are predicted to occur today\*

#### SPECIFIC FIRE BEHAVIOR

- Interior smoldering may become active burning with flare ups and re-burn possible.
- Expect fire to continue smoldering with potential open flame as heated areas are fanned by winds. Backing fire will progress in organic leaf mats, muck soils, and un-burnt shrubs in the Refuge Wilderness swamp area.

#### **LIGHTNING ACTIVITY LEVEL 1**

	Rates of Spread	Flame Lengt	th Spotting Distance	Firebrand Ignition				
Winds at 6-9 mph	Winds will be moderate from the North - Northwest							
Small PL Pines (4)	19-30 ch/hr	10-13 ft	UP to 2/10 MILE	63%				
Southern Rough (7)	8-13 ch/hr	4-5 ft	UP to 2/10 MILE	63%				
Reburn (9)	3-4 ch/hr	2-3 ft	UP to 2/10 MILE	63%				
Shrub Fuels (sh8)	6-9 ch/hr	6-7 ft	UP to 2/10 MILE	63%				

One hour fine dead fuel moisture is at 5% for Tuesday: Smoldering in the duff and larger fuels will continue. 1,000 hour fuels remain drier than normal for this time of year. Re-burn potential is likely due to lower humidity's in the areas that have received minimal rainfall. The uncontrolled fire edge in the Wilderness swamp will continue to burn through organic soils, leaf litter and downed woody material. If contiguous fuels are ignited, spread and spotting potential will increase due to lower humidity and higher winds

NOTE- OTHER THAN THE RE-BURN, FIRE BEHAVIOR CALCULATIONS ARE FOR FIRES IN <u>UNBURNED</u> FUELS INCLUDING NEW IA STARTS.

#### **All Divisions:**

The fire continues a slow spread through the thick bays and muck soils. Roots and fallen trees are protecting heat sources allowing the fire to burn organic soils from the bottom up. Keep a heads-up for falling trees. Re-burn potential is likely.

<u>Air Operations</u>: Expect an increase in smoke from the fire.

#### **SAFETY:**

Live Trees/SNAGS – are falling in all Divisions and will be influenced by Increased winds.

**FUELS:** Watch for pockets of cured shrubs or blankets of needle cast. Re-burn is possible in some area. 1,000 and 10,000 hour fuels as well as deep duff pockets are providing a heat source. 100 and 1000 hour fuels are still below average in moisture content. Stay focused, and put LCES in place before starting operations.

Energy Release Component (ERC) is running WELL ABOVE AVERAGE for this time of year.

## Safety Message

INCIDENT: Honey Prairie Fire DATE: 10/04/2011 TIME: 0800

Major Hazards and Risks: Muck fire dangers

Traffic in fire area
Situational Awareness

Muck Fire Dangers – There are many dangers while fighting muck or ground fires. The fire burns under the ground and may have a thin layer of crust over it, If you walk over this area you could fall through. Some of these pits may be several feet down and have a lot of heat which can lead to some severe burns, Some mitigation would be to avoid walking in these areas or if it is unavoidable test the area and tighten the bottom strap of your pants to prevent burns to the legs. Another danger is steam burns from spraying water into these ash pits. Use extended mop up wands, it will keep you away from the steam.

**Traffic in fire area** – Logging operations are going on in the area which will increase the congestion in the fire area, use caution and watch for trucks, skidders and other logging equipment.

**Situational awareness** – Keep your situational awareness up, Know what the fire is doing at all times, Keep monitoring the radio and keep up with weather updates. Make sure you know what the plan is and how you fit into it. And remember to use appropriate LCES – Locate Cooler Establish Shade?

# Ensure you have the proper equipment for the job at hand!



## **LCES**

**LCES** must be established and known to **ALL** firefighters **BEFORE** it is needed.

Lookout(s)

## **Communication(s)**

- Radio frequencies confirmed
- Backup procedures and check-in times established
- Provide updates on any situation change
- Sound alarm early, not lateEscape Route(s)Safety Zone(s)

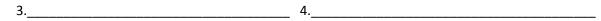
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Safety Officers: Tommy Hawkins, Lenny Kempf

# Can you name the Venomous Snakes of Georgia?









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1. Incident Name INCIDENT ACTION PLAN SAFETY ANALYSIS Honey Prairie Fire						CCT	\/ A b	1413/	010		2. D	2. Date 3. Time 10/4/2011 Day Shift						
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ı	_	_			Loc					Escape routes Safety zones LCES Mitigations	Φ	9 17 19 1 15 15 19 19 19 19						
<b>Divisions</b> Indirect Fireline		Power lines / Snags	Road Conditions	Frontal Assault		Extreme Conditions	Railroad	Logging Operations	Wildlife, Insects			Traffic/Driving	Communications			School Buses / Childr		
1 2 3 4 5 7 8 10 14 14 14 14 14 14 14 14 14 14 14 14 14	),	15,	12, 20, 26	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8,		7, 10	1	2, 3, 5, 6, 20, 21, 24,	2, 23, 28	twice daily to DIVS on line & staging.  2. Look UP,DOWN and AROUND  3. Post experienced Lookouts. Make sure LCES is in place and make known.  4. Use Aerial Resources as Lookout if available.		12 17 19 20 22, 26, 27	1, 3, 10 14 19 24 25	1	16 18 21		16. Take adequate rest breaks and encourage to drink water NOW through briefings.  17. Defensive driving will be addressed in all briefings.  18. All personnel must meet the 2:1 work/rest ratio. Line supervisors and Safety will monitor closely.  19. Notify Operation and Safety of Railroad track issues to ensure safety of firefighters.	
										<ol> <li>Flag escape routes on right side of escape route facing outward. Create new escape routes as you progress and identify Safety Zones on the ground and maps.</li> <li>Identify, mark &amp; mitigate.</li> <li>FBAN/Meteorologist to monitor weather updates and advisories.</li> <li>Ensure Fireline is Anchored to black or manmade/natural barrier.</li> <li>Keep Firefighters informed of any changes in predicted weather, consider at least a two day weather pattern when planning Strategic Firing operations.</li> <li>Refer to IRPG, pg. 12 on Power Line Hazards.</li> <li>Observe all traffic signals and speed limits. Drive with lights on.</li> <li>Ensure GOOD tailgate briefings with resources unable to attend Operational Briefing (Include Ops, Logs, Fin &amp; Plans info.).</li> <li>Scout ahead of tractor operations to avoid making contact with power poles and guide wires when tying into roads. Power companies are working in some DIVS, avoid all down lines as they may become charged.</li> </ol>							20. Ensure Traffic Planning is safe and enforced. Heed Defensive Driving techniques noted in Safety Messages.  21. Relocate staging area when driving conditions warrant.  22. Use spotter when backing vehicle(s).  23. For insects, use protective spray with deet on skin (Not on Nomex), permethrin can be used on nomex clothing  24. Establish smoke/fog signs on roadways. Coordinate with Department of Transportation.  25. Follow establish communication plan, flight follow through dispatch  26. Watch-out for school buses and for children along the edge of roadway and crossing the road.  27. Treat all intersections as 4-way stops  28. Bears, Gators, and some snakes are dangerous. Do not approach or feed wildlife at any time.	
Prepar	ed by	/ (Na	me a	nd P	ositio	on)	•	ICS	215/	Tommy Hawkins/ Lenny Kempf; SOF			•					

#### AIR OPERATIONS SUMMARY

Prepared By: Kevin Merrill, HEB1

Prepared Date: 9.30.2011

Prepared Time: 1600

1. INCIDENT NAME:	2. OPS PERIOD DATE:	START TIME:	END TIME:	E: SUNR		SUNSET:		
Honey Prairie	October 4, 2011	0830	2000	072	725 1913			
3. REMARKS (Safety Notes, Hazards, Air (	Y	5. TFR #:	Canceled 7/27/11					
TO HELIBASE Afternoon thunderstorms		SEE and AVOI D!!!						
NOTE: Latitude/Longitude format is "Degi								

PERSONNEL	NAME		PHONE #	FREQUENCIES	АМ	FM	
HEB2	Melvin Tate D	esk	912-287-4479	AIR/ AIR	122.375		AIRTANKERS / LEAD PLANES - None Available
Waycross	(	Cell	850-849-0405				
НВ							
ABRO	Darold Williams De	esk	912-287-4479				OTHER:
	(	Cell	386-383-6288				Waycross Airport Helibase: 912-287-4479
							Waycross Airport Helibase Fax: 912-287-4458
							ICP Helispot is Waycross Airport Helibase
				Georgia AIR/GRND		159.285 W	Okefenokee Dispatch: 912-496-7366 X230
				(Smokey – Dozers)			Waycross Airport: N 31 16.16 10 W82 33.38
				AIR/GROUND		166.9375	Waycross Airport. 14 31 10.10 10 W02 33.30
				PRIMARY			BERGANZA HELISPOT N 31 07.22 W082 15.22 * don't
				AIR/GROUND		166.9000	use unless cleared with AOBD.
				ALTERNATE			
							POGO HELISPOT: N30 44.03 W082 07.41
				AIR GUARD		168.625 T110.9	

#### 9. HELICOPTERS (Use Additional Sheets as Necessary

FAA N#	TY	MAKE/ MODEL	BASE	AVAIL	MANAGER	FAA N#	T Y	MAKE/ MODEL	BASE	AVAIL	MANAGER
351CH	3	AS350-B3	Waycross	0830	Robert Dodgen 970-799-1176						
699RH	1	K-max	Waycross	0830	Al Driesbach (805) 479-1837						
10. TASK	/ MISS	SION/ ASSIG	NMENT (Tvp	e/ functior	n includes: Air Tactical, Retarda	ant. Recon.	Per	sonnel Transport.	Bucket C	Operation	s. SAR. etc.

NAME OF PERSONNEL OR CARGO (If applicable)
or instructions for tactical aircraft TYPE/FUNCTION MISSION START FLY FROM FLY TO 699RH Bucket Ops/ As Requested Waycross 351CH As Requested Waycross Recon 351CH As Requested Medevac Waycross

cc	INCIDEN DMMUNICATION	T RADIO NS PLAN ICS-205		Incident Name		airie	GROUP 22		Date/Time Prepared 09/30/2011-18:00		Operational Period Date/Time 10/04/2011 0800-2000			
Ch #	Function	Channel Name	Assignment	RX Freq	NW	RX Tone/NAC	TX Freq	N W	TX Tone/NAC	Mode A,D or M	Remarks			
1	Command	West Okee Repeater	Sec West Branch CMD	167.1250	N	156.7	163.1500	N	156.7	A	Stephen Foster State Park			
2	Command	South Okee Repeater	Sec East/West Branch CMD	164.7750	N	123.0	163.1500	N	123.0	A	Eddy Florida			
3	Command	East Okee Repeater	PRIMARY East Branch CMD	164.6250	N	103.5	163.1500	N	103.5	A	Refuge Headquarters			
5	Command	North Okee Repeater	PRIMARYNorth Branch CMD	164.5750	N	206.5	163.1500	N	206.5	A	Waycross			
6	Air-Ground	Air to Ground	PRIMARY	166.9375	N	CSQ	166.9375	N	CSQ	Α				
7	Tactical	МОВ-МОВ	GFC Contingency	159.3900	W	CSQ	159.3900	w	156.7	Α				
8	Tactical	V-Fire 21W WHITE	West group Secondary	154.2800	w	CSQ	154.2800	w	156.7	Α				
9	Tactical	USFS 9	East/West Groups	168.7750	N	CSQ	168.7750	N	CSQ	Α				
10	Tactical	S.E. Compact		159.2850	w	CSQ	159.2850	W	CSQ	Α				
11	Tactical	USFS 11	East Group Secondary	168.2000	N	CSQ	168.2000	N	CSQ	A				
12	Tactical	Refuge Tac 1	East Group	168.3500	N	CSQ	168.3500	N	CSQ	Α				
13	Tactical	FL 190		151.2725	N	CSQ	151.2725	N	CSQ	Α				
15	Air-Ground	Air to Ground	SECONDARY	166.9000	N	CSQ	166.9000	N	CSQ	Α				
16	EMERGENCY	AIR Guard	Air OPS.	168.6250	N	CSQ	168.6250	N	110.9	Α				
Prepared by (Communications Unit) Ronnie Sumler COML Incident Dispatcher: 404-772-5384							Cloning at ICP communications and briefings,							

The convention calls for frequency lists to show four digits after the decimal place, followed by either an "N" or a "W", depending on whether the frequency is narrow or wide band. Mode refers to either "A" or "D" indicating analog or digital (e.g. Project 25) or "M" indicating mixed mode. All channels are shown as if programmed in a control station, base stations, mobile or portable radio.

MEDICAL PLAN	Incident Name Honey Prairie	Complex	Date Pr <b>09/02/</b>	•		me Prepared Operational Period 10/4/2011					
				5. Incident Medical Aid Station							
Medical Aid Stations				<u>Location</u>					Pa Ye	ramedics s No	
MEDICAL UNIT (ICP E	MT)			Honey Prairie Complex I	CP- No	MEDL					
WEST SIDE (Line EMT) ****David Moore 513-616-919						2 (BLS Kit)****					
EAST SIDE (Line EMT)	)		****[	David Moore 513-616-	9192	(BLS Kit)****					
				Ambulance Services							
Name		Address				Phone		Yes	Param	edic No	
Clinch County EMS (W		Homerville	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	1 to activate)		912-487-5315		Ye			
Ware County EMS (No Charlton County EMS	•	Waycross, Folkston, (		1 to activate) 1 to activate)		912-287-4335 912-496-7321		Ye			
Chariton County Elvis	Edstj	Folkston, C	JA (91.	Air Ambulance Service		312-430-7321		16	•		
Trauma 1		Lake City ,	FL			1-800-223-4878		Ye	s l		
Trauma 1		Jacksonvill				1-800-223-4878		Ye			
AirMed		Augusta, G	GA			1-888-792-9245		Ye	s		
Lifeflight		Jacksonvill	e, FL			1-877-870-7779		Ye	s		
Air Evac		Waycross,	GA			1-800-247-3822		Ye	s		
US Coast Guard (Heli-Re	scue)	Savannah	GA			1-912-652-4646		Ye	s		
				7. Hospitals							
Name	?		Address	LAT-LON		Phone	Heli Yes	pad No	Burn Yes	Center No	
Satilla Regional			.0 Darling AVE. Waycross, GA	N 31' 13.509 W 82' 20.853		(912) -283-3030	Yes			No	
Clinch Memorial Hospita (WEST SIDE)	Clinch Memorial Hospital (WEST SIDE)		0 Valdosta HWY omerville, GA	N 31' 01.977 W 82 45.851		(912) -487-5211 ext 4502				No	
Charlton Memorial Hos (EAST SIDE)	Charlton Memorial Hospital (EAST SIDE)		203 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street Folkston, GA	N 30' 50.713 W 82' 00.302		(912) -496-2531 Yes				No	
Savannah Memorial Ho	spital	9	00 Waters AVE Savannah, GA	N 32' 01.538 W 81' 05.298		(912) -350-8999	Yes			No	
Shands Hospital (Level I)			West 8 <sup>th</sup> Street acksonville, FL	N 30' 20.97 W 81' 39.92		(800) -223-4878	Yes		Yes		
Shands Burn Center			uthwest Archer Road Gainesville, FL	N 29' 38.33 W 82' 20.55		(352) -265-0200	Yes		Yes		
				Medical Emergency Procedu	res						
				al emergencies will be nd and notify Line Medi	ics.	INJURY REPORTING PROCESS:					
On scene personne	el will:					Nature of Injury:					
			ve for EMS and pro	vide the information		Location of Patient:					
requested. 3. Notify Commu 4. Communication			ommand Channel or medical emergen	CV		Transportation Reque	ested by:	Air	Ground		
	ns will confirm	911 has be	en notified coordin			Pick Up Point:					
	-			estigation. Keep an accurate lo	og of	Lat:	Long	ı:			
	o not give Patients			estigation. Excep an accurate to	,g 01						
NAME	LAT-LO		<u>ISPOTS</u>	LOCATION		Patient Unit ID:				_	
Pocket Helispot	N 30' 47	.500		ter 4, HWY 177 Steven C. Foster	State	lo on EMT/Dotiont	Voo	No			
Fargo Helispot	W 82' 22 N 30' 40	.945	Park (West side), HWY 441-	Steven C. Foster Visitor Center		Is an EMT w/Patient:	res	_ INO	_		
POGO Helibase	W 82' 33 N 30' 44	.219	(East side) Adjacent	to Okee Refuge Shop		Age: Sex: Male	e	Female			
W 82' 07.689 Evac Yankee						Weight (If Air Even in	neadad	١٠			
Helispot 6	Helispot 6 N 30' 53.280 Road 32 and 32A					Weight (If Air Evac. is	needed	)	-		
Helispot 7	W 82' 33.880 N 30' 50.280 Tatum Road Pond										
-	W 82' 33		lines for safety farm	d with IDDG and least FAC							
resources.		owing guide	eilles for safety foun	d with IRPG and local EMS							
						10. Reviewed by: Tommy Hawkins, SOF					

		HONEY PRAIRIE	PHONE LIST		10/0
	Incident	Communication	(Hours:	0800-2000)	912-286
AGENCY	OFFICIALS		OPERATIONS		
Curt McCasland	602-359-0013	USFWS AA	Bryce Thomas (T)	850-625-6634	
Mindy Gautreaux	912-282-7500	USFWS Deputy AA	Bryce monas (1)	030 023 0031	
Frank Sorrells	912-381-7503	GFC AA	DIVISIONS		
James Karels	850-228-7763	FL DOF AA	Brent McCarty	229-938-8718	West Group
Diane Adams	912-266-5421	GEMA	John Molve (T)	404-772-5553	West Group
Mike Housh	404-772-5380	USFWS AREP	John Worve (1)	404 772 3333	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
COMMAND - IC	101772 2200	CSI WS III.	AIR OPERATIONS		
Steve Gray	770-655-8002	Incident Commander	Melvin Tate	850-849-0405	HEB1
Bryce Thomas	850-625-6634	ICT3 (T)	Weivin Tate	912-287-4479	WAYCROSS AIRPO
RESOURCE	ADVISORS	1013 (1)	LANDOWNERS	)12 207 TT7	WITTEROSSTING
Ron Phernetton	912-276-2349	Resource Advisor	Jim Barrett	229-356-1993	Langdale/GOAL Cha
Rocky Chesser	912-276-3232	Resource Advisor	Wesley Langdale	229-220-2602	Langdale Langdale
Reggie Forcine	912-614-4041	Resource Advisor	Hal Rowe	229-412-3133	Langdale
INFORMATION	912-496-2566	Tresource Figvisor	Langdale Office	229-242-7450	Langdale Office
Art Webster	712-170-2300	Fire Information	Mike Conlon	386-365-3882	Rayonier Unit Super
		THE IIIOIIIAUOII			
SAFETY OFFICERS	104 559 4476	LEAD SOE	Ray Carter	386-288-6626	Rayonier
Tommy Hawkins	404-558-4476	LEAD SOF	Ed Carter	386-288-6626	Rayonier
Lenny Kempf	715-661-0728	LINE SOF	Doug Nuss	912-390-1037	Rayonier
DISPATCH	010 10		Randall McCrady	912-283-4077	Rayonier
Okeefenokee Dsp	912-496-7366	Okeefenokee	Colin Myerson	229-506-1565	Superior Pine Produc
Suwannee Dispatch	386-758-5700	Fla wildfires, other	Robbie Lee	229-356-0526	Superior Pine Produc
Honey Prairie Dspth	404-772-5384	Honey Prairie ICP	Superior Pine Office	912-637-5261	Superior Pine Produc
Waycross Dispatch	912-287-4915	Ga wildfires, other	Al Alexander	850-843-0104	The Forestry Co
GA DNR	1-800-241-4113	Hunting Issues	Savell Schmidt	850-843-1181	The Forestry Co
LOGISTICS	912-287-6540	fax 912-287-6542	John Bogue	850-843-1192	The Forestry Co
Steve Blackwell	423-605-3793	LSC (T)	Joe Hopkins	912-276-0911	Toledo Timber
Lindel Gregory	404-772-5401	Security	Chris Gowan	912-276-0965	Toledo Timber
Rusty Brown	478-973-6231	FACL (T)/BCMG (T)	Martin Bell	912-283-0583	Swamp Park
fames (Ronnie) Sumler	850-361-9163	COML	Crystal Peeples	352-316-0632	FIA
James Chappell	404-772-5318	GSUL (T)	Steve Davis	912-614-1828	Davis Community
James Chappell	404-772-5318	EQPM (T)	Trevor Fortner	912-599-9271	Little Suwannee
James Chappell	404-772-5318	RCDM (T)	Tim Jarrell	912-223-7120	Hancock Forest Mgn
David Moore	513-616-9192	EMT	RAILROADS		
Fracy Stelman	209-352-0548	SPUL	Norfolk Southern	800-453-2530	
PLANNING	912-287-6565	FAX 912-287-6541	Sid Moody	904-318-7983	Norfolk Southern Rai
Dave Fogler	352-442-2895	PSC2 /SITL	Chad Edwards	404-582-4909	Norfolk Southern Ra
JD Rothfuss	240-778-5019	IMET	Eric Sams	904-576-9907	
Chuck Norvell	912-287-6565	RESL/DMOB	Emergency Dispatch	404-529-1597	Norfolk Southern Rai
FINANCE	912-287-6544	FAX 912-287-6564	CSX Randy Dixon	912-270-0699	
Amy Treadwell	912-287-6544	FSC2	CSX Dispatch	800-232-0144	
Fredrick Cheeks	256-497-8334	Purchasing Agent			
	912-287-6557	Buying Team Fax	COUNTY		
All Contractors	912-287-6568	All Contractors		912-496-7229	Charlton Count
FEDERAL	Federal		John F. Meyer -	912-496-2549	Charlton County Co
Okefenokee Fire Shop	912-496-4181		Dobie Conner	912-496-7321	Charlton County
Okefenokee NWR HQ	912-496-7366		Jesse Booth	912-520-0061	Clinch County
Okefenokee NWR	912-637-5322		Jonathan Daniel	912-281-5158	Ware County
Okefenokee Visitor	912-496-7836		Jessie Jordan	912-816-6063	Ware County F
STATE	State		Joe Morris	912-281-6020	Ware County
GFC Fargo Office	912-637-5270		Robbie Sutton	912-599-9027	Tri County
	00. 02.0	1		1 -2 577 7027	
GFC Satilla District	912-287-4915		Georgia State Patrol	912-287-6500	

### **Hunter Encounters and Confrontations**

Bear, Archery, and Muzzle Loader season is now open. Crews are likely to encounter hunters either hunting or scouting in the area of the Swamp Edge Break. Bear Hunter will be running dogs and chasing the pack in vehicles on narrow dusty roads to intercept bears. Use Caution traveling as hunters may not be paying attention and traveling at excessive speeds.

Avoid contact as much as possible. The least amount of impact we have on their hunting area the better off we will be. Expect many questions about the fire operations and how long the fire will continue to burn. It's a good idea to review the Fire Information section of the plan for a good explanation of what to expect in the coming months.

The majority of the hunters will be friendly but should you have a confrontation with someone:

- 1. Politely excuse yourself and leave the area immediately;
- 2. Notify your supervisor;
- 3. Notify the Security Manager by radio or phone:

SECM - Lindel Gregrory 404-772-5401

Or

GA DNR Gary Simmons 912-282-2406 Cell

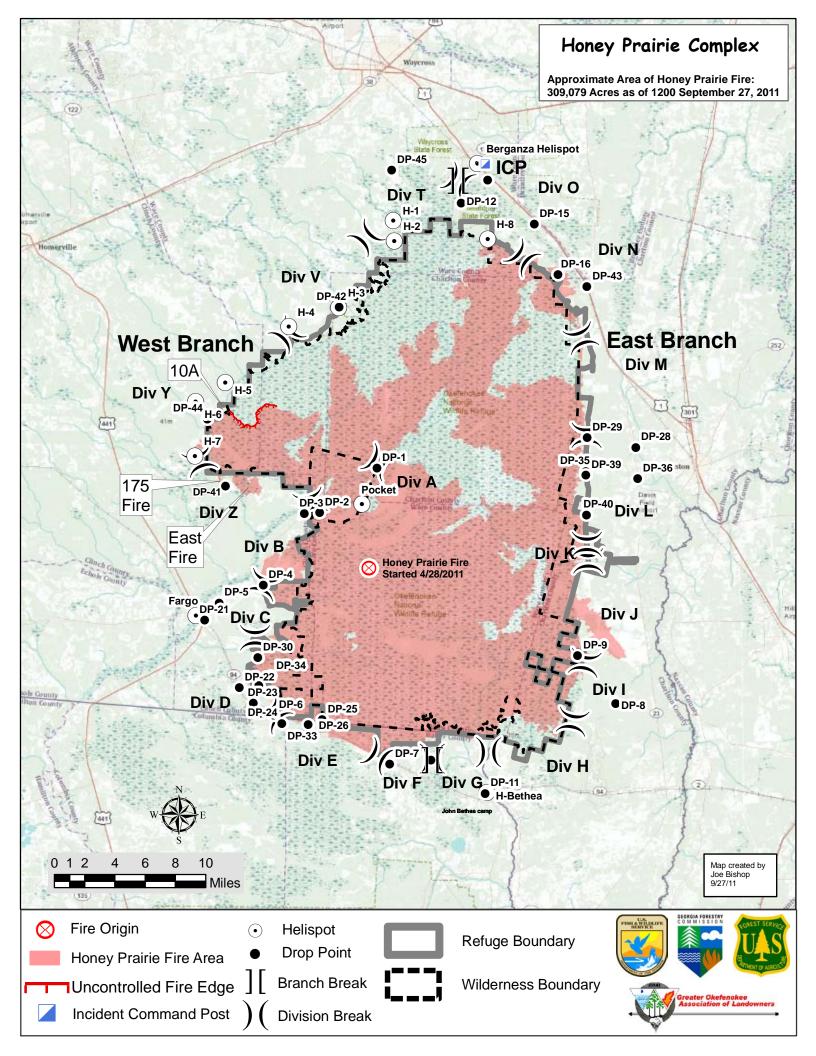
4. If necessary, call the Georgia DNR at 1-800-241-4113 with a description of the person, vehicle and Tag number, and the nature of the confrontation. Georgia DNR will send an officer to handle the situation.

#### Fire Information IAP messages

- 1. Public and firefighter safety remains the top priority for this incident.
- 2. Fire managers for the refuge have coordinated suppression efforts with the Georgia Forestry Commission and the Greater Okefenokee Association of Landowners (GOAL) representing federal and state agencies, industry and private landowners. Through this Unified Command, the partners support the chosen strategy as the appropriate management response to protect adjacent valuable commercial timber, isolated homes scattered on private land, and critical wildlife habitat for threatened and endangered species.
- 3. Fire is a natural component of the Okefenokee ecosystem; since the refuges creation in 1937, there have been hundreds of wildfires that have burned thousands of acres here. The plants and animals on the refuge are well adapted to survive periodic wildfires.
- 4. Past experience has shown that conventional fire suppression tactics do not work well inside the swamp. Humans have never been successful in controlling fires within the swamp; only "mother nature" has done this. Attempting suppression within the swamp is ineffective, costly, wastes firefighting resources and needlessly endangers firefighter safety.
- 5. Fire on the refuge is usually fought by reinforcing firelines along the Swamps Edge Break, including areas of private land, to keep the fire contained within the swamp.
- 6. Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge typically employs a contain and control strategy to manage fire; containing it within the swamp and actively suppressing it outside of the swamp in the upland forest.

#### Commonly asked question:

1. Why won't this fire go out? What will it take? Surface burning of available fuels is only part of the current problem. Peat beds (partially decayed vegetation normally floating in a vertical column of water) is what supports these surface fuels. Unfortunately, the current dry conditions have allowed a portion of the peat beds to dry out and the surface burn has transferred into the peat beds and is now burning subsurface. There are now two sources of heat and available fuel that must be extinguished. The current spotty, localized rain storms can have some effect on the surface burns but do not do much to control subsurface burns. It will take a big rain storm blanketing the entire swamp (remember the swamp is huge –over 650 square miles in size) dropping a minimum of 6-8 inches of rain. As the water levels in the swamp slowly rise, as a result of the rain, the peat beds will become water saturated again eliminating one source of the fire. As the surface of the swamp becomes covered by water, burning surface fuels will be extinguished as well. Burning fuels that extend above these water levels (dead and drying trees/shrubs) may continue to burn until they fall over or burn up. Fire that exists in upland habitat on islands within the swamp may also continue to burn but it will be confined to that immediate area by the swamp waters surrounding the island. This is not something that will likely occur overnight. It may take days, weeks, or even months. The refuge has experienced fire events that were not declared officially out for well over a year after the main firefighting effort had ceased.



UNIT		Incident Name     Honey Prairie Complex	2. Date Prepared	3. Time Prepared
4. Unit Name/Designators		5. Unit Leader (Name and Position)		6. Operational Period
7.		Personnel Roste	r Assianed	
Nan	ne	ICS Position		Home Base
8.	Г	Activity Log		
Time			Major Events	
9. Prepared by (Name an	d Position)			