

# **Honey Prairie**

# **Complex**

***GA-OKR-000001***

# **Incident Action Plan**

Operational Period

Tuesday

October 11, 2011

0800-2000

**Incident Commander**

**Steve Gray**

**Accounting Codes**

**FWS - 9141-F25M-2J**

**NPS - 5023 F25M E11**

**BLM - F25M**

**USFS - PRF25M\_1502**

**Initial Attack - F4PM**





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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

<b>INCIDENT OBJECTIVES</b>	<b>1. INCIDENT NAME</b> Honey Prairie Complex	<b>2. DATE PREPARED</b> 10/10/11	<b>3. TIME PREPARED</b> 1700												
<b>4. OPERATIONAL PERIOD (DATE/TIME)</b> Tuesday, October 11, 2011 0800 – 2000															
<b>5. GENERAL CONTROL OBJECTIVES FOR THE INCIDENT (INCLUDE ALTERNATIVES)</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide for safety of incident personnel and public in all incident operations.</li> <li>2. Maintain a positive working relationship with all adjacent landowners, cooperators, State and Federal partners. Inform, involve and communicate incident planning and operations with all partners.</li> <li>3. Contain all fires that are within the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge, inside the Refuge and/or inside the swamp edge break if possible.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>5. Assist in management and suppression of additional fires (new starts or breakouts) in the vicinity as approved by Agency Administrators and Incident Commander.</li> <li>6. Protect all cultural and archeological sites and structures within the refuge.</li> <li>7. Manage the fires cost-effectively consistent with the values at risk.</li> <li>8. Coordinate suppression actions with assigned Refuge Resource Advisors</li> </ol>															
<b>6. WEATHER FORECAST FOR OPERATIONAL PERIOD</b> See attached forecast for area specific weather information.															
<b>7. GENERAL SAFETY MESSAGE</b> Drive defensively and use spotter when backing. Ensure LCES is in place and known by all personnel. Drink plenty of water and take frequent rest breaks. Ensure proper use of PPE during all operations.															
<b>8. Attachments (☑ if attached)</b> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Organization List (ICS 203)</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Incident Map</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Safety Message</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assignment List (ICS 204)</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Plan</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Demobilization Procedures</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communications Plan (ICS 205)</td> <td></td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unit Log</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medical Plan (ICS 206)</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phone List</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Organization List (ICS 203)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Incident Map	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Safety Message	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assignment List (ICS 204)	<input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Demobilization Procedures	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communications Plan (ICS 205)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unit Log	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medical Plan (ICS 206)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phone List	
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<b>9. PREPARED BY (PLANNING SECTION CHIEF)</b> David Fogler		<b>10. APPROVED BY (INCIDENT COMMANDER)</b> Steve Gray													

ORGANIZATION ASSIGNMENT LIST		9. Operations Section	
<b>1. Incident Name</b> Honey Prairie Complex GA-OKR-000001		Chief	
<b>2. Date</b> 10/10/2011	<b>3. Time</b> 1500 hrs	<b>a. Branch/Divisions/Groups</b>	
<b>4. Operational Period</b> 10/010/2011 0800 - 2000		West Branch	
<b>5. Incident Commander and Staff</b>			
Incident Commander	Steve Gray 10/16	Rehab Group	Richard McGhee 10/25 John Molve (T) 10/20
Safety Officer	Tommy Hawkins 10/12 Robert Shoemaker 10/21	Refuge Group	Richard McGhee 10/25 John Molve (T) 10/20
Information Officer	Art Webster	Division Y /Z	Richard McGhee 10/25 John Molve (T) 10/20
		Division Z 10A)	Richard McGhee 10/25 John Molve (T) 10/20
<b>6a. Agency Administrators</b>			
FWS	Curt McCasland		
FWS	Mindy Gautreaux		
<b>6b. Agency Representatives</b>			
		<b>b. Branch/Divisions/Groups</b>	
GFC	Frank Sorrells		
FLFFS	James Karels		
FWS AREP	Mike Housh		
FWS-Refuge PAO	Art Webster		
GEMA AREP	Alan Robinson / Diane Adams		
USFS AREP	Ivan Greene		
Charlton Co EMA	Bruce Young		
<b>7. Planning Section</b>			
Chief	Dave Fogler 10/14	<b>c. AIR OPERATIONS BRANCH - Honey Prairie</b>	
Resource Advisors	Ron Phemetton, Reggie Forcine	Waycross Helibase Mgr	Melvin Tate 10/14
Resources Unit			
IMET	JR Rothfuss 10/16		
Situation Unit			
FBAN		<b>d. AIR OPERATIONS BRANCH - Pogo</b>	
Demob Unit	Josh Burnette 10/22		
Documentation			
GIS			
CTSP			
SCKN			
<b>8. Logistics Section</b>		<b>10. Finance Section</b>	
Chief	Tom Lambert 10/22	Chief	Amy Treadwell 10/16
Supply Unit	Amy Weaver 10/20	Time Unit	Vickie Hulsizer 10/11
Ground Support	Dan Chappell (T) 10/13	Cost	
COML	James (Ronnie) Sumler 10/12	PTRC	
EQPM	Dan Chappell (T) 10/13	EQTR	
RCDM	Dan Chappell (T) 10/13	IBA	
Facilities	Rusty Brown 10/13		
SECM	Michael Tipton 10/19 James Willett 10/13	Purchasing Agent	Ronda Vickerman 10/20
COMT			
EMTB	David Moore 10/15		
ORDM	Amy Weaver 10/20		
Base Camp Mngr	Rusty Brown 10/13		
		Prepared by: Dave Fogler	PSC2









# Fire Weather Forecast



**FORECAST NO:** 157  
**PREDICTION FOR:** Day Shift  
**SHIFT DATE:** Tuesday 10/11/11

**NAME OF FIRE:** Honey Prairie Complex  
**UNIT:** Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge

**FORECAST ISSUED:** 10/10/11 at 1600 EDT

**SIGNED:** Joel Rothfuss, IMET

**WEATHER DISCUSSION:** A low pressure area over the northeast Gulf of Mexico and the central Florida Panhandle will move northeast across north Florida and southern Georgia into the Atlantic off of the southeast Georgia coast and into the Atlantic late tonight. Weak high pressure will move toward the area from the northwest Wednesday.

**TODAY:** Mostly cloudy with scattered showers with possible isolated thunderstorms.

**MAXIMUM TEMPERATURES:** 78-80  
**MINIMUM HUMIDITY:** 60%  
**20 FT WINDS:** South to southwest 5 to 8 mph with gusts to 12 mph.  
**STABILITY/INVERSION:** 3000 feet  
**TRANSPORT WINDS:** Southwest 15 mph  
**DISPERSION INDEX:** 28, poor to fair  
**CHANCE OF PRECIPITATION:** 50%  
**LIGHTNING ACTIVITY LEVEL:** 2

**TONIGHT:** Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. Low temperature 62. North 2 to 5 mph.

**Wednesday:** Mostly cloudy. A slight chance of showers with possible isolated thunderstorms.

**MAXIMUM TEMPERATURES:** 83  
**MINIMUM HUMIDITY:** 50 to 55%  
**20 FT WINDS:** West to northwest 5 to 8 mph with gusts to 15 mph.  
**STABILITY/INVERSION:** 3500 feet  
**TRANSPORT WINDS:** Northwest 10 mph.  
**DISPERSION INDEX:** 35, Poor to fair  
**CHANCE OF PRECIPITATION:** 20%  
**LIGHTNING ACTIVITY LEVEL:** 2

**EXTENDED FORECAST:** A dry cold front will move through the area Thursday with high pressure building over the area from the northwest Friday and into the weekend.

	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
<b>SKY/WEATHER</b>	Partly cloudy	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny
<b>THUNDER/PRECIP</b>	5%	0%	0%
<b>20 FT WINDS</b>	West to northwest 5 to 10 mph with gusts to 15 mph	Northwest 5 to 10 mph with gusts to 15 mph	North to northeast 5 to 10 mph with gusts to 15 mph.
<b>MIN/MAX</b>	55/83	52/85	52 to 55/80
<b>Relative Humidity</b>	45%	40%	35%



## FIRE BEHAVIOR FORECAST

Fire: Honey Prairie Complex	Unit: GA-OKR-000001	Prediction for Day Shift
Forecast #154 Issued: 10/10/2011 1600 hrs	Signed: David Fogler	Shift Date: <b>Monday 10/11/2011</b>

**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 2

	Rates of Spread	Flame Length	Spotting Distance	Firebrand Ignition
<b>Wnd 5-8 g-12 mph</b>	Winds will be brisk from the Northeast - East			
Small PL Pines (4)	<b>10-15 ch/hr</b>	<b>14-18 ft</b>	UP to 1/10 MILE	20%
Southern Rough (7)	<b>6-10 ch/hr</b>	<b>4-6 ft</b>	UP to 1/10 MILE	20%
Reburn (9)	<b>3-5 ch/hr</b>	<b>2-3 ft</b>	UP to 1/10 MILE	20%
Shrub Fuels (sh8)	<b>4-6 ch/hr</b>	<b>7-9 ft</b>	UP to 1/10 MILE	20%

**One hour fine dead fuel moisture is 15% for Monday:** 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 UNBURNED 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.*

**Air Operations:** Expect an increase in smoke from the fire.

**SAFETY:**

**Brisk Winds – Watch for increasing winds throughout the afternoon**

**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:** 10/11/2011

**TIME:** 0800

## Major Hazards and Risks: Driving Winch Operations Wildlife

**Driving** – One of the biggest hazards that we face is the amount of driving we do, Drive defensively and travel with headlights on at all times. With the amount of rainfall predicted watch for pounding on roadways. And the biggest threat is watch the other drivers!

**Winch Operations** – With the weather forecast predicted rain, there are going to be some vehicles that get bogged down. During winch operations follow the safe winching practices found in the “Basic Guide to Winching Techniques” See Safety for a copy of this Guide.

**Wildlife** – Snakes and other critters are on the move again watch where you step, There has been several sightings of venomous snakes in the area. Be aware of your surroundings, and communicate to others any hazards you encounter.

### You may want to stay in your vehicle



**Sign says:**

**Hikers and Bikers  
Move to the side of  
The road when a  
Vehicle approaches**

### Weather observations need to include:

- Location on the fire
- Elevation of observation
- Aspect of observation
- Time of observation
- Wind direction
- Wind speed
- Dry bulb
- Wet bulb
- RH
- Dew point
- Sky conditions (cloud types, dust devils, precipitation, etc.)

Finally, after you've received the spot forecast, consider providing feedback to forecaster, especially if conditions on the ground do not match those in the forecast.

**Safety Officers:** Tommy Hawkins, Robert Shoemaker

INCIDENT ACTION PLAN SAFETY ANALYSIS										1. Incident Name Honey Prairie Fire		2. Date 10/11/2011		3. Time Day Shift		
LCES* Analysis of Tactical Applications Lookouts Communications Escape routes Safety zones										Other Risk Analysis						
Divisions	Indirect Fireline	Power lines / Snags	Road Conditions	Frontal Assault	Extreme Conditions	Railroad	Logging Operations	Wildlife, Insects	LCES Mitigations	Smoke	Traffic/Driving	Communications	Fatigue/Hydration	School Buses / Children	Other Risk Mitigations	
All Divisions	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 14	2, 6, 11, 15, 17	12, 20, 26	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 14	7, 10	1	2, 3, 5, 6, 20, 21, 24, 28	2, 23,	1. Establish & maintain LCES. Report LCES checks twice daily to DIVS on line & staging.	24	12 17 19 20 22, 26, 27	1, 3, 10 14 19 24 25	16 18 21	26	16. Take adequate rest breaks and encourage to drink water NOW through briefings.	
									2. Look UP,DOWN and AROUND						17. Defensive driving will be addressed in all briefings.	
									3. Post experienced Lookouts. Make sure LCES is in place and make known.						18. All personnel must meet the 2:1 work/rest ratio. Line supervisors and Safety will monitor closely.	
									4. Use Aerial Resources as Lookout if available.						19. Notify Operation and Safety of Railroad track issues to ensure safety of firefighters.	
									5. 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.						20. Ensure Traffic Planning is safe and enforced. Heed Defensive Driving techniques noted in Safety Messages.	
									6. Identify, mark & mitigate.						21. Relocate staging area when driving conditions warrant.	
									7. FBAN/Meteorologist to monitor weather updates and advisories.						22. Use spotter when backing vehicle(s).	
									8. Ensure Fireline is Anchored to black or manmade/natural barrier.						23. For insects, use protective spray with deet on skin (Not on Nomex), permethrin can be used on nomex clothing	
									10. Keep Firefighters informed of any changes in predicted weather, consider at least a two day weather pattern when planning Strategic Firing operations.						24. Establish smoke/fog signs on roadways. Coordinate with Department of Transportation.	
									11. Refer to IRPG, pg. 12 on Power Line Hazards.						25. Follow establish communication plan, flight follow through dispatch	
									12. Observe all traffic signals and speed limits. Drive with lights on.						26. Watch-out for school buses and for children along the edge of roadway and crossing the road.	
									14. Ensure GOOD tailgate briefings with resources unable to attend Operational Briefing (Include Ops, Logs, Fin & Plans info.).						27. Treat all intersections as 4-way stops	
									15. 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.						28. Bears, Gators, and some snakes are dangerous. Do not approach or feed wildlife at any time.	

# AIR OPERATIONS SUMMARY

Prepared By: Kevin Merrill, HEB1

Prepared Date: 9.30.2011

Prepared Time: 1600

<b>1. INCIDENT NAME:</b> <b>Honey Prairie</b>	<b>2. OPS PERIOD DATE:</b> <b>October 11, 2011</b>	<b>START TIME:</b> <b>0830</b>	<b>END TIME:</b> <b>2000</b>	<b>SUNRISE:</b> <b>0731</b>	<b>SUNSET:</b> <b>1909</b>
<b>3. REMARKS (Safety Notes, Hazards, Air Operations Special Equipment, etc ALL FLIGHT REQUESTS GO DIRECTLY TO HELIBASE Afternoon thunderstorms</b> <i>NOTE: Latitude/Longitude format is "Degrees-Minutes-Decimal Minutes" (example: N30 41.42 W082 33.97)</i>				<b>5. TFR #:</b> Canceled 7/27/11 <b>SEE and AVOID!!!</b>	

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

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

FAA N#	TY	MAKE/ MODEL	BASE	AVAIL	MANAGER	FAA N#	TY	MAKE/ MODEL	BASE	AVAIL	MANAGER
351CH	3	AS350-B3	Waycross	0830	Jackie Heesacker 970-903-0133						
699RH	1	K-max	Waycross	0830	Tracy Dott (805) 722-0170						

## 10. TASK/ MISSION/ ASSIGNMENT (Type/ function includes: Air Tactical, Retardant, Recon, Personnel Transport, Bucket Operations, SAR, etc.)

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

INCIDENT RADIO COMMUNICATIONS PLAN ICS-205			Incident Name <b>Honey Prairie</b>			<b>GROUP 22</b>		Date/Time Prepared 10/10/2011-18:00		Operational Period Date/Time 10/11/2011 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	PRIMARY North 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	A	
7	Tactical	MOB-MOB	GFC Contingency	159.3900	W	CSQ	159.3900	W	156.7	A	
8	Tactical	V-Fire 21W WHITE	West group Secondary	154.2800	W	CSQ	154.2800	W	156.7	A	
9	Tactical	USFS 9	East/West Groups	168.7750	N	CSQ	168.7750	N	CSQ	A	
10	Tactical	S.E. Compact		159.2850	W	CSQ	159.2850	W	CSQ	A	
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	A	
13	Tactical	FL 190		151.2725	N	CSQ	151.2725	N	CSQ	A	
15	Air-Ground	Air to Ground	SECONDARY	166.9000	N	CSQ	166.9000	N	CSQ	A	
16	EMERGENCY	AIR Guard	Air OPS.	168.6250	N	CSQ	168.6250	N	110.9	A	
Prepared by (Communications Unit) Ronnie Sumler COML Incident Dispatcher: 404-772-5384						<b>Cloning at ICP communications and briefings,</b>					

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.

<b>MEDICAL PLAN</b>	Incident Name <b>Honey Prairie Complex</b>	Date Prepared <b>09/02/2011</b>	Time Prepared <b>1000</b>	Operational Period <b>10/11/2011</b>
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**5. Incident Medical Aid Station**

<u>Medical Aid Stations</u>	<u>Location</u>	Paramedics Yes	No
<b>MEDICAL UNIT (ICP EMT)</b>	<b>Honey Prairie Complex ICP- No MEDL</b>		
<b>WEST SIDE (Line EMT)</b>	<b>****David Moore 513-616-9192 (BLS Kit)****</b>		
<b>EAST SIDE (Line EMT)</b>	<b>****David Moore 513-616-9192 (BLS Kit)****</b>		

**Ambulance Services**

Name	Address	Phone	Paramedic	
			Yes	No
Clinch County EMS (West)	Homerville, GA (911 to activate)	912-487-5315	Yes	
Ware County EMS (North)	Waycross, Georgia (911 to activate)	912-287-4335	Yes	
Charlton County EMS (East)	Folkston, GA (911 to activate)	912-496-7321	Yes	

**Air Ambulance Service**

Trauma 1	Lake City, FL	1-800-223-4878	Yes	
Trauma 1	Jacksonville, FL	1-800-223-4878	Yes	
AirMed	Augusta, GA	1-888-792-9245	Yes	
Lifeflight	Jacksonville, FL	1-877-870-7779	Yes	
Air Evac	Waycross, GA	1-800-247-3822	Yes	
US Coast Guard (Heli-Rescue)	Savannah GA	1-912-652-4646	Yes	

**7. Hospitals**

Name	Address	LAT-LON	Phone	Helipad		Burn Center	
				Yes	No	Yes	No
Satilla Regional	410 Darling AVE. Waycross, GA	N 31' 13.509 W 82' 20.853	(912) -283-3030	Yes			No
Clinch Memorial Hospital (WEST SIDE)	1050 Valdosta HWY Homerville, GA	N 31' 01.977 W 82 45.851	(912) -487-5211 ext 4502	Yes			No
Charlton Memorial Hospital (EAST SIDE)	1203 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street Folkston, GA	N 30' 50.713 W 82' 00.302	(912) -496-2531	Yes			No
Savannah Memorial Hospital	4700 Waters AVE Savannah, GA	N 32' 01.538 W 81' 05.298	(912) -350-8999	Yes			No
Shands Hospital (Level I)	655 West 8 <sup>th</sup> Street Jacksonville, FL	N 30' 20.97 W 81' 39.92	(800) -223-4878	Yes		Yes	
Shands Burn Center	1600 Southwest Archer Road Gainesville, FL	N 29' 38.33 W 82' 20.55	(352) -265-0200	Yes		Yes	

**8. Medical Emergency Procedures**

**Identify any EMTs and Paramedics in your crews. All medical emergencies will be reported to the Division Supervisor who will assume command and notify Line Medics.**

**On scene personnel will:**

1. Provide medical care & stabilize patient.
2. Call 911 if possible or call phone #'s above for EMS and provide the information requested.
3. Notify Communications via radio over Command Channel
4. Communications will clear radio traffic for medical emergency.
5. Communications will confirm 911 has been notified coordinate with IC, SOF.
6. DIVS will notify the Field Ops Section Chief.

**MAJOR EMERGENCIES – Secure the area and identify witness for later investigation. Keep an accurate log of events. NOTE: Do not give Patients Name over the radio!**

**INJURY REPORTING PROCESS:**

Nature of Injury: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Patient: \_\_\_\_\_

Transportation Requested by: Air \_\_\_ Ground \_\_\_

Pick Up Point: \_\_\_\_\_

Lat: \_\_\_\_\_ Long: \_\_\_\_\_

Patient Unit ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Is an EMT w/Patient: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_ Sex: Male \_\_\_ Female \_\_\_

Weight (If Air Evac. is needed): \_\_\_\_\_

**HELISPOTS**

NAME	LAT-LON	LOCATION
<b>Pocket Helispot</b>	N 30' 47.500 W 82' 22.659	(West side), mile marker 4, HWY 177 Steven C. Foster State Park
<b>Fargo Helispot</b>	N 30' 40.945 W 82' 33.640	(West side), HWY 441- Steven C. Foster Visitor Center
<b>POGO Helibase</b>	N 30' 44.219 W 82' 07.689	(East side) Adjacent to Okee Refuge Shop

**Evac Yankee**

<b>Helispot 6</b>	N 30' 53.280 W 82' 33.880	Road 32 and 32A
<b>Helispot 7</b>	N 30' 50.280 W 82' 33.857	Tatum Road Pond

**\*Alternate site can be established following guidelines for safety found with IRPG and local EMS resources.**

Prepared by: Tommy Hawkins SOF

10. Reviewed by: Tommy Hawkins, SOF

<b>HONEY PRAIRIE PHONE LIST</b>			<b>10/11/11</b>		
<b>Incident</b>		<b>Communication</b>		<b>(Hours: 0800-2000) 912-286-1660</b>	
<b>AGENCY OFFICIALS</b>			<b>OPERATIONS</b>		
Curt McCasland	602-359-0013	USFWS AA			
Mindy Gautreaux	912-282-7500	USFWS Deputy AA			
Frank Sorrells	912-381-7503	GFC AA	<b>DIVISIONS</b>		
James Karels	850-228-7763	FL DOF AA	Richard McGhee	256-497-8490	West Group
Diane Adams	912-266-5421	GEMA	John Molve (T)	404-772-5553	West Group
Mike Housh	404-772-5380	USFWS AREP			
Bruce Young	912-390-0147	Charlton EMA			
<b>COMMAND - IC</b>			<b>AIR OPERATIONS</b>		
Steve Gray	770-655-8002	Incident Commander	Melvin Tate	850-849-0405	HEB1
				912-287-4479	WAYCROSS AIRPORT
<b>RESOURCE ADVISORS</b>			<b>LANDOWNERS</b>		
Ron Phernetton	912-276-2349	Resource Advisor	Jim Barrett	229-356-1993	Langdale/GOAL Chairman
Rocky Chesser	912-276-3232	Resource Advisor	Wesley Langdale	229-220-2602	Langdale
Reggie Forcine	912-614-4041	Resource Advisor	Hal Rowe	229-412-3133	Langdale
<b>INFORMATION 912-496-2566</b>			Langdale Office	229-242-7450	Langdale Office
Art Webster		Fire Information	Mike Conlon	386-365-3882	Rayonier Unit Supervisor
<b>SAFETY OFFICERS</b>			Ray Carter	386-288-6626	Rayonier
Tommy Hawkins	404-558-4476	LEAD SOF	Ed Carter	386-288-6626	Rayonier
Robert Shoemaker	541-531-7266	Line SOF	Doug Nuss	912-390-1037	Rayonier
<b>DISPATCH 912-496-3332 FAX</b>			Randall McCrady	912-283-4077	Rayonier
Okeefenokee Dsp	912-496-7366	Okeefenokee	Colin Myerson	229-506-1565	Superior Pine Products Co
Suwannee Dispatch	386-758-5700	Fla wildfires, other	Robbie Lee	229-356-0526	Superior Pine Products Co
Honey Prairie Dspth	404-772-5384	Honey Prairie ICP	Superior Pine Office	912-637-5261	Superior Pine Products Co
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
<b>LOGISTICS 912-287-6540 fax 912-287-6542</b>			John Bogue	850-843-1192	The Forestry Co
Tom Lambert		LSC (T)	Joe Hopkins	912-276-0911	Toledo Timber
Michael Tipton	706-633-6419	Security	Chris Gowan	912-276-0965	Toledo Timber
Rusty Brown	478-973-6231	FACL (T)/BCMG	Martin Bell	912-283-0583	Swamp Park
Ronnie Sumler	850-361-9163	COML	Crystal Peebles	352-316-0632	FIA
James Chappell	404-772-5318	GSUL (T)/EQPM (T)/RCDM (T)	Steve Davis	912-614-1828	Davis Community
David Moore	513-616-9192	EMT	Trevor Fortner	912-599-9271	Little Suwannee
Amy Weaver	770-301-5920	SPUL/ORDM	Tim Jarrell	912-223-7120	Hancock Forest Mgmt.
			<b>RAILROADS</b>		
			Norfolk Southern	800-453-2530	
<b>PLANNING 912-287-6565 FAX 912-287-6541</b>			Sid Moody	904-318-7983	Norfolk Southern Railroad
Dave Fogler	352-442-2895	PSC2 /SITL	Chad Edwards	404-582-4909	Norfolk Southern Railroad
JR Rothfuss	240-778-5019	IMET	Eric Sams	904-576-9907	
Josh Burnette	912-287-6565	RESL/DMOB	Emergency Dispatch	404-529-1597	Norfolk Southern Railroad
<b>FINANCE 912-287-6544 FAX 912-287-6564</b>			CSX Randy Dixon	912-270-0699	
Amy Treadwell	912-287-6544	FSC2	CSX Dispatch	800-232-0144	
Ronda Vickerman	541-891-1067	Purchasing Agent			
	912-287-6557	Buying Team Fax	<b>COUNTY</b>		
<b>All Contractors</b>	<b>912-287-6568</b>	All Contractors		912-496-7229	Charlton County EMA
<b>FEDERAL Federal</b>			John F. Meyer -	912-496-2549	Charlton County Commissioners
Okefenokee Fire	912-496-4181		Dobie Conner	912-496-7321	Charlton County Sheriff
Okefenokee NWR HQ	912-496-7366		Jesse Booth	912-520-0061	Clinch County EMA
Okefenokee NWR	912-637-5322		Jonathan Daniel	912-281-5158	Ware County EMA
Okefenokee Visitor	912-496-7836		Jessie Jordan	912-816-6063	Ware County Fire Dept
<b>STATE State</b>			Joe Morris	912-281-6020	Ware County Sheriff
GFC Fargo Office	912-637-5270		Robbie Sutton	912-599-9027	Tri County 911
GFC Satilla District	912-287-4915		Georgia State Patrol	912-287-6500	
Jason Gillis	912-314-9233	GFC Satilla Mgr.	Travis Griffin	912-281-5790	Laura Walker State Park

## DMOB Report Oct

RequestNur	ResourceName	KindCode	UnitID	TravelMethod	Jetport	DemobDate
O-1329	HAWKINS, TOMMY	SOF2	GAGAS	AOV		10/13/2011
E-290	FWS FORD F-350 LIC# I482444	PU	GAOKR	AOV		10/13/2011
O-1317	SUMLER, JAMES (RONNIE)	COML	FLFIC	AOV		10/13/2011
E-1416	HAWKINS PU	PU	GAGAS	AOV		10/13/2011
O-1341	HAWKINS, NICHOLAS	FFT2	GAOKR	POV		10/13/2011
O-1332	DELASANTOS, BRIAN	TFLD	COPBS	AIR	DEN	10/13/2011
O-1335	JOHNSON, CHARLES	TPOP	GASAR	AOV		10/13/2011
E-1422	BROWN VAN	VAN	GAGAS			10/14/2011
E-1430	MOLVE PU	PU	FLFLS			10/14/2011
O-1334	BROWN, RUSTY	BCMG	GAGAS	AOV		10/14/2011
E-1431	CHIPOLA 920	ENG6	FLFLS			10/14/2011
O-1340	WILLETT, JAMES	SEC1	FLFNF	AOV		10/14/2011
E-1431.2	BOWERS, WALTER	ENOP	FLFLS	AOV		10/14/2011
O-1354	CHAPPELL, JAMES 'DAN'	RCDM	GAGAS	AOV		10/14/2011
E-1431.1	MCGOWAN, WILLIAM 'SHANE'	ENGB	FLFLS	AOV		10/14/2011
O-1352	BROWN, AUBREY	ENOP	GAGAS	AOV		10/15/2011
E-1426	FOGLER PU	PU	FLFLS			10/15/2011
O-1345	BROWN, MATTHEW	TPOP	SCSNR	AOV		10/15/2011
O-1219	TATE, MELVIN	HEB1	FLFIC	POV		10/15/2011
O-1344	MOORE, DAVID	EMTB	KYDBF	POV		10/15/2011
O-1351	CARROLL, RUSTY	ENGB	GAGAS	AOV		10/15/2011
O-1338	FOGLER, DAVE	PSC2	FLFLS	AOV		10/15/2011
O-1368	DOMINEY, CHAD	ENGB	GAGAS	AOV		10/16/2011
E-1364	PLE-1 ENG6	ENG6	NCPOR	AOV		10/16/2011
E-1392	GFC ENGINE	ENG6	GAGAS			10/16/2011

Record Count: 25



# 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 – Michael Tipton 706-633-6419

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

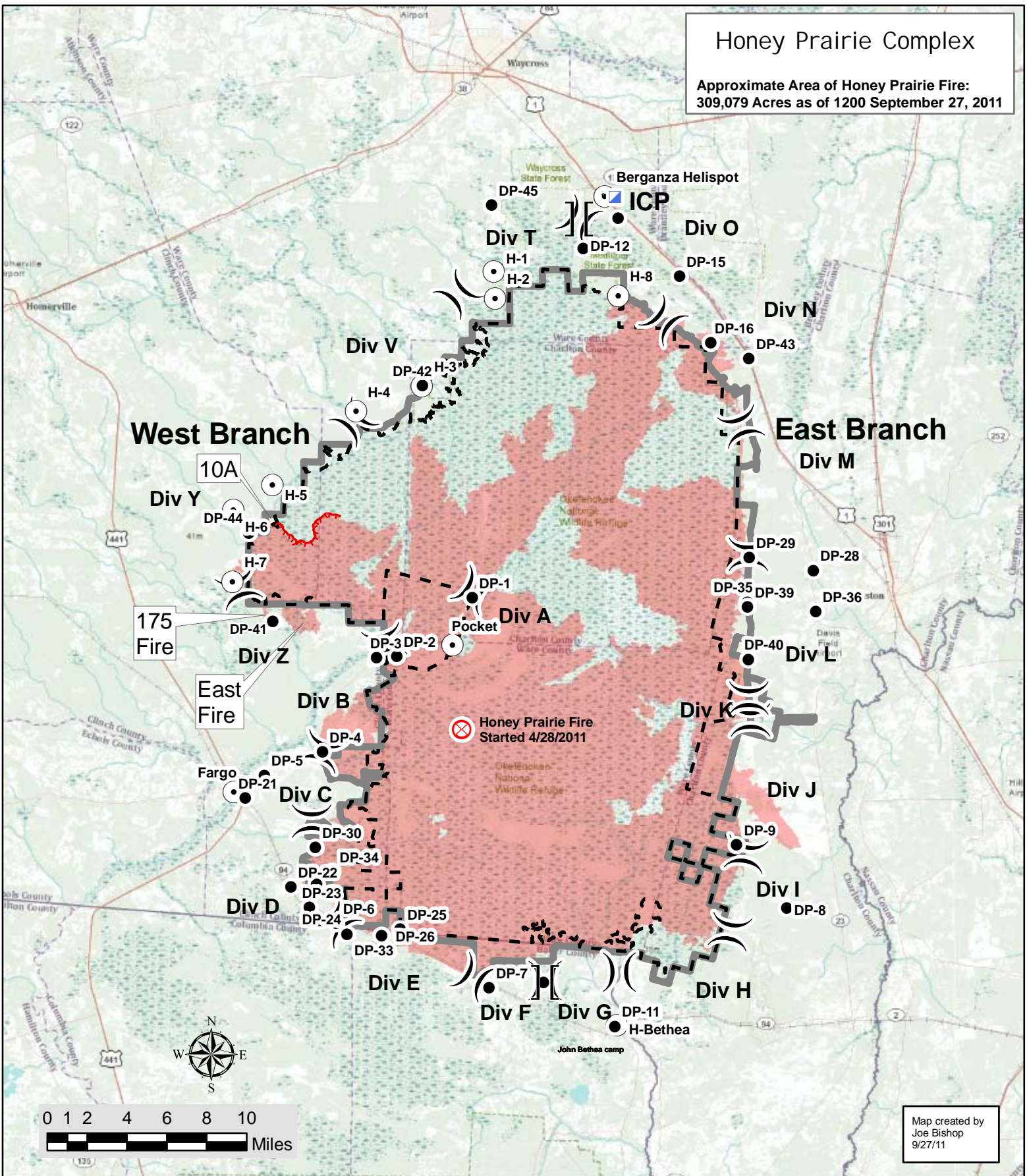
1. Public and firefighter safety remains the top priority for this incident.
2. Fire managers for the refuge have coordinated suppression efforts with the Georgia Forestry Commission and the Greater Okefenokee Association of Landowners (GOAL) representing federal and state agencies, industry and private 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.

# Honey Prairie Complex

Approximate Area of Honey Prairie Fire:  
309,079 Acres as of 1200 September 27, 2011



Map created by  
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9/27/11

	Fire Origin		Helispot		Refuge Boundary
	Honey Prairie Fire Area		Drop Point		Wilderness Boundary
	Uncontrolled Fire Edge		Branch Break		
	Incident Command Post		Division Break		

