

Honey Prairie
Complex
GA-OKR-000001
Incident Action Plan

Operational Period
Friday

October 14, 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

INCIDENT OBJECTIVES	1. INCIDENT NAME Honey Prairie Complex	2. DATE PREPARED 10/13/11	3. TIME PREPARED 1700												
4. OPERATIONAL PERIOD (DATE/TIME) Friday, October 14, 2011 0800 – 2000															
5. GENERAL CONTROL OBJECTIVES FOR THE INCIDENT (INCLUDE ALTERNATIVES) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide for safety of incident personnel and public in all incident operations. 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. 3. Contain all fires that are within the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge, inside the Refuge and/or inside the swamp edge break if possible. 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 suppression of additional fires (new starts or breakouts) in the vicinity as approved by Agency Administrators and Incident Commander. 6. Protect all cultural and archeological sites and structures within the refuge. 7. Manage the fires cost-effectively consistent with the values at risk. 8. Coordinate suppression actions with assigned Refuge Resource Advisors 															
6. WEATHER FORECAST FOR OPERATIONAL PERIOD See attached forecast for area specific weather information.															
7. GENERAL SAFETY MESSAGE 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.															
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9. PREPARED BY (PLANNING SECTION CHIEF) David Fogler		10. APPROVED BY (INCIDENT COMMANDER) Steve Gray													

ORGANIZATION ASSIGNMENT LIST		9. Operations Section	
1. Incident Name Honey Prairie Complex GA-OKR-000001		Chief	
2. Date 10/12/2011	3. Time 1500 hrs	a. Branch/Divisions/Groups	
4. Operational Period 10/13/2011 0800 - 2000		West Branch	
5. Incident Commander and Staff			
Incident Commander	Steve Gray 10/16	Rehab Group	Richard McGhee 10/25 John Molve (T) 10/14
Safety Officer	Troy Floyd (T) 10/28, Robert Shoemaker 10/21	Refuge Group	Richard McGhee 10/25 John Molve (T) 10/14
Information Officer	Art Webster	Division Y /Z	Richard McGhee 10/25 John Molve (T) 10/14
		Division Z 10A)	Richard McGhee 10/25 John Molve (T) 10/14
6a. Agency Administrators			
FWS	Curt McCasland		
FWS	Mindy Gautreaux		
6b. Agency Representatives			
		b. Branch/Divisions/Groups	
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		
7. Planning Section			
Chief	Dave Fogler 10/14	c. AIR OPERATIONS BRANCH - Honey Prairie	
Resource Advisors	Ron Phernetton, Reggie Forcine	Waycross Helibase Mgr	Robert Dodgen 10/19
Resources Unit	Josh Burnette 10/22		
IMET	JR Rothfuss 10/16		
Situation Unit			
d. AIR OPERATIONS BRANCH - Pogo			
FBAN			
Demob Unit			
Documentation	Karen Davis 10/24		
CTSP			
SCKN			
8. Logistics Section		10. Finance Section	
Chief	Tom Lambert 10/22	Chief	Amy Treadwell 10/16
Supply Unit	Amy Weaver 10/20	Time Unit	John Sunday 10/17
Ground Support	Kenneth Edge 10/27	Cost	
COML	Kelly Towe 10/25	PTRC	
EQPM		EQTR	
RCDM		IBA	
BCMG	Chris Buchanan 10/27		
SECM	Michael Tipton 10/19 James Willett 10/13, Steve Barnett 10/26	Purchasing Agent	Ronda Vickerman 10/20
COMT			
EMTB	David Moore 10/14		
ORDM	Amy Weaver 10/20		
		Prepared by: Dave Fogler	PSC2



Fire Weather Forecast



FORECAST NO: 160
PREDICTION FOR: Day Shift
SHIFT DATE: Friday 10/14/11

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

FORECAST ISSUED: 10/13/11 at 1600 EDT

SIGNED: Joel Rothfuss, IMET

WEATHER DISCUSSION: High pressure centered over the southern Great Plains will move eastward into the lower Mississippi River Valley. Lower relative humidity and dry weather will prevail today and into the weekend.

TODAY: Sunny.

MAXIMUM TEMPERATURES: 81
MINIMUM HUMIDITY: 30-35%
20 FT WINDS: Northwest 8 to 10 mph with gusts to 15 mph.
STABILITY/INVERSION: 4800 feet
TRANSPORT WINDS: Northwest 20 mph
DISPERSION INDEX: 75, very good
CHANCE OF PRECIPITATION: 0%
LIGHTNING ACTIVITY LEVEL: 1

TONIGHT: Clear. Low temperature around 50. Wind north 2-4 mph.

Saturday: Sunny.

MAXIMUM TEMPERATURES: 82
MINIMUM HUMIDITY: 25-30%
20 FT WINDS: Northwest 4 to 7 mph with gusts to 10 mph.
STABILITY/INVERSION: 4600 feet
TRANSPORT WINDS: Northwest 12 mph.
DISPERSION INDEX: 45, generally good
CHANCE OF PRECIPITATION: 0%
LIGHTNING ACTIVITY LEVEL: 1

EXTENDED FORECAST: High pressure, centered over the lower Mississippi River Valley, will move eastward through the southeastern states Sunday and Monday. The high pressure system will then move northeast toward New England and into the Atlantic Tuesday as a cold front moves into the southeast.

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
SKY/WEATHER	Mostly clear	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy with a chance of slight chance of showers late in the day
THUNDER/PRECIP	0%	5%	20%
20 FT WINDS	Northeast to east 4 to 7 mph with gusts to 10 mph	East northeast to east 4 to 7 mph with gusts to 10 mph	East 4 to 7 with gusts to 10 mph.
MIN/MAX	50/82	53/84	55/84
Relative Humidity	30%	33%	35%

FIRE BEHAVIOR FORECAST

Fire: Honey Prairie Complex	Unit: GA-OKR-000001	Prediction for Day Shift
Forecast #158 Issued: 10/13/2011 1600 hrs	Signed: David Fogler	Shift Date: Friday 10/14/2011

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%**
- Fine dead fuel moisture 8% or less**
- Winds above 10 mph**
- Dispersion above 70**
- Heavy fuel loadings**

* 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 3

	Rates of Spread	Flame Length	Spotting Distance	Firebrand Ignition
Wind 5-8 G15 mph				
Small PL Pines (4)	30-50 ch/hr	14-18 ft	UP to 2/10 MILE	50%
Southern Rough (7)	13-22 ch/hr	4-6 ft	UP to 2/10 MILE	50%
Reburn (9)	4-7 ch/hr	2-3 ft	UP to 2/10 MILE	50%
Shrub Fuels (sh8)	10-15 ch/hr	7-9 ft	UP to 2/10 MILE	50%

One hour fine dead fuel moisture is 6% for Wednesday: 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: 10/14/2011

TIME: 0800

Major Hazards and Risks: Driving
Hazard Trees
Snakes
Situational Awareness

Driving – Following defensive driving techniques. Travel with lights on, increase your following distance, and watch the other driver.

Hazard Trees – With the increased wind and the weakened roots due to the subsurface fires, a lot of the trees are falling. Use caution while working around the edge of these trees. Treat all of them as if they can fall at any time, use a spotter while working in these areas

Snakes – Snakes are on the move, avoid contact and communicate hazards to others

Situational Awareness – Maintain a higher level of Situational Awareness with the increase of external conditions (Bear Hunting, Snakes, winch operations, Hazard Trees, excessive driving, etc.) all within our theater of operations. Remember to apply LCES to all of these activities.



Welcome New Safety Officer

Troy Floyd

Hazard Tree Safety

Hazard trees, both dead snags and live green trees, are one of the most common risks encountered on the fireline. All firefighters should frequently survey their work area for potential hazard trees.

Situation Awareness

Environment:

- Current and forecasted winds
- Night operations
- Steep slopes
- Diseased or bug-kill areas
- Number and height of hazard trees
- Anticipated burn-down time
- Potential for trees to domino

Hazard tree indicators:

- Trees burning for any period of time
- High risk tree species (rot and shallow roots)
- Numerous downed trees
- Dead, broken, or burning tops and limbs overhead
- Accumulation of downed limbs
- Absence of needles, bark, or limbs
- Leaning or hung-up

Ground Fires will weaken root system or remove them.

Safety Officers: Tommy Hawkins, Troy Floyd, Robert Shoemaker

AIR OPERATIONS SUMMARY

Prepared By: Melvin Tate

Prepared Date: 10.13.2011

Prepared Time: 1600

1. INCIDENT NAME: Honey Prairie	2. OPS PERIOD DATE: October 14, 2011	START TIME: 0830	END TIME: 2000	SUNRISE: 0733	SUNSET: 1907
3. REMARKS (Safety Notes, Hazards, Air Operations Special Equipment, etc ALL FLIGHT REQUESTS GO DIRECTLY TO HELIBASE Afternoon thunderstorms NOTE: Latitude/Longitude format is "Degrees-Minutes-Decimal Minutes" (example: N30 41.42 W082 33.97)					5. TFR #: Canceled 7/27/11 SEE and AVOID!!!

PERSONNEL	NAME	PHONE #	FREQUENCIES	AM	FM	
HEB1 Waycross HB	Robert Dodgen Desk Cell	912-287-4479 850-849-0405	AIR/ AIR	122.375		AIRTANKERS / LEAD PLANES - None Available OTHER: <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 Honey Prairie			GROUP 22		Date/Time Prepared 10/13/2011-18:00		Operational Period Date/Time 10/14/2011 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) Kelly Towe COML 478-308-4770 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 Prepared 10/13/2011	Time Prepared 1000	Operational Period 10/14/2011
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5. Incident Medical Aid Station

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

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

Evac Yankee

Helispot 6	N 30' 53.280 W 82' 33.880	Road 32 and 32A
Helispot 7	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

HONEY PRAIRIE PHONE LIST			10/14/11		
Incident		Communication		(Hours: 0800-2000) 912-286-1660	
AGENCY OFFICIALS			OPERATIONS		
Curt McCasland	602-359-0013	USFWS AA			
Mindy Gautreaux	912-282-7500	USFWS Deputy AA			
Frank Sorrells	912-381-7503	GFC AA			
James Karels	850-228-7763	FL DOF AA			
Diane Adams	912-266-5421	GEMA			
Mike Housh	404-772-5380	USFWS AREP			
Bruce Young	912-390-0147	Charlton EMA			
COMMAND - IC			AIR OPERATIONS		
Steve Gray	770-655-8002	Incident Commander		Melvin Tate	850-849-0405 HEB1
					912-287-4479 WAYCROSS AIRPORT
RESOURCE ADVISORS			LANDOWNERS		
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
INFORMATION 912-496-2566					
Art Webster		Fire Information		Langdale Office	229-242-7450 Langdale Office
SAFETY OFFICERS					
Troy Floyd	706-676-0168	SOF2(T)		Mike Conlon	386-365-3882 Rayonier Unit Supervisor
Robert Shoemaker	541-531-7266	Line SOF		Ray Carter	386-288-6626 Rayonier
DISPATCH 912-496-3332 FAX					
Okeefenokee Dsp	912-496-7366	Okeefenokee		Ed Carter	386-288-6626 Rayonier
Suwannee Dispatch	386-758-5700	Fla wildfires, other		Doug Nuss	912-390-1037 Rayonier
Honey Prairie Dspth	404-772-5384	Honey Prairie ICP		Randall McCrady	912-283-4077 Rayonier
Waycross Dispatch	912-287-4915	Ga wildfires, other		Colin Myerson	229-506-1565 Superior Pine Products Co
GA DNR	1-800-241-4113	Hunting Issues		Robbie Lee	229-356-0526 Superior Pine Products Co
LOGISTICS 912-287-6540 fax 912-287-6542					
Tom Lambert	404-772-5399	LSC (T)		Superior Pine Office	912-637-5261 Superior Pine Products Co
Michael Tipton	706-633-6419	Security		Al Alexander	850-843-0104 The Forestry Co
Chris Buchanan	404-772-5400	BCMG (T)		Savell Schmidt	850-843-1181 The Forestry Co
Kelly Towe	478-308-4770	COML		John Bogue	850-843-1192 The Forestry Co
Kenneth Edge	404-772-5318	GSUL (T)/EQPM (T)/RCMD (T)		Joe Hopkins	912-276-0911 Toledo Timber
David Moore	513-616-9192	EMT		Chris Gowan	912-276-0965 Toledo Timber
Amy Weaver	770-301-5920	SPUL/ORDM		Martin Bell	912-283-0583 Swamp Park
				Crystal Peebles	352-316-0632 FIA
				Steve Davis	912-614-1828 Davis Community
				Trevor Fortner	912-599-9271 Little Suwannee
				Tim Jarrell	912-223-7120 Hancock Forest Mgmt.
PLANNING 912-287-6565 FAX 912-287-6541			RAILROADS		
Dave Fogler	352-442-2895	PSC2 /SITL		Norfolk Southern	800-453-2530
JR Rothfuss	240-778-5019	IMET		Sid Moody	904-318-7983 Norfolk Southern Railroad
Josh Burnette	706-331-9313	RESL/DMOB		Chad Edwards	404-582-4909 Norfolk Southern Railroad
FINANCE 912-287-6544 FAX 912-287-6564					
Amy Treadwell	912-287-6544	FSC2		Eric Sams	904-576-9907
Ronda Vickerman	541-891-1067	Purchasing Agent		Emergency Dispatch	404-529-1597 Norfolk Southern Railroad
	912-287-6557	Buying Team Fax		CSX Randy Dixon	912-270-0699
All Contractors 912-287-6568		All Contractors		CSX Dispatch	800-232-0144
FEDERAL Federal			COUNTY		
Okefenokee Fire	912-496-4181				912-496-7229 Charlton County EMA
Okefenokee NWR HQ	912-496-7366			John F. Meyer -	912-496-2549 Charlton County Commissioners
Okefenokee NWR	912-637-5322			Dobie Conner	912-496-7321 Charlton County Sheriff
Okefenokee Visitor	912-496-7836			Jesse Booth	912-520-0061 Clinch County EMA
STATE State					
GFC Fargo Office	912-637-5270			Jonathan Daniel	912-281-5158 Ware County EMA
GFC Satilla District	912-287-4915			Jessie Jordan	912-816-6063 Ware County Fire Dept
Jason Gillis	912-314-9233	GFC Satilla Mgr.		Joe Morris	912-281-6020 Ware County Sheriff
				Robbie Sutton	912-599-9027 Tri County 911
				Georgia State Patrol	912-287-6500
				Travis Griffin	912-281-5790 Laura Walker State Park

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E-1431.1	MCGOWAN, WILLIAM 'SHANE'	ENGB	FLFLS	AOV		10/14/2011
O-1340	WILLETT, JAMES	SEC1	FLFNF	AOV		10/14/2011
E-1431.2	BOWERS, WALTER	ENOP	FLFLS	AOV		10/14/2011
E-1431	CHIPOLA 920	ENG6	FLFLS			10/14/2011
O-1361	PIPPIN, BRIAN	ENGB	FLSMR			10/14/2011
E-1430	MOLVE PU	PU	FLFLS			10/14/2011
O-1338	FOGLER, DAVE	PSC2	FLFLS	AOV		10/15/2011
O-1351	CARROLL, RUSTY	ENGB	GAGAS	AOV		10/15/2011
O-1344	MOORE, DAVID	EMTB	KYDBF	POV		10/15/2011
O-1352	BROWN, AUBREY	ENOP	GAGAS	AOV		10/15/2011
E-1426	FOGLER PU	PU	FLFLS			10/15/2011
E-1364	PLE-1 ENG6	ENG6	NCPOR	AOV		10/16/2011
E-1392	GFC ENGINE	ENG6	GAGAS			10/16/2011
O-1368	DOMINEY, CHAD	ENGB	GAGAS	AOV		10/16/2011
O-1342	HARRIS, DONALD	ENOP	NCALR	AOV		10/17/2011
O-1330	TREADWELL, AMY	FSC2	GAGAS	AOV		10/17/2011
E-1415	GRAY PICKUP PAULDING 31	PU	GAGAS	AOV		10/17/2011
O-1328	GRAY, J. STEVE	ICT3	GAGAS	AOV		10/17/2011
E-1423	TREADWELL PU	PU	GAGAS			10/17/2011
E-1392.3	GODOWNS, BEN	ENOP	GAGAS	AOV		10/17/2011
O-1343	MEEKINS, ERIC	ENGB	NCALR	AOV		10/17/2011
A-83.12	HEESACKER, JACKIE	HMGB	NMCIF	AIR	ABQ	10/18/2011
E-1443	SUNDAY SUV	AUTO	GAGAS	AOV		10/18/2011
A-83.14	SCHOLZ, JOE	HECM	NMCIF	AIR	ABQ	10/18/2011
O-1367	SUNDAY, JOHN	PTRC	GAGAS	AOV		10/18/2011
E-1432	TARANTO PU	PU	FLFLS			10/18/2011
O-1353	TARANTO, JOSEPH	TFLD	FLFLS	AOV		10/18/2011
A-83.13	HALL, JESSICA	FFT1	NMCIF	AIR	ABQ	10/18/2011
E-1436	MCGHEE PU	PU	FLFLS			10/19/2011
O-1349	DOTT, TRACY	HMGB	CALPF	AIR	LAX	10/19/2011
E-1319.8	CHARENTE, JASON PAUL	FFT2	WIAIP	AIR		10/20/2011
O-1295	DODGEN, ROBERT	HMGB	COSJF	AIR	CEZ	10/20/2011
O-1337	VICKERMAN, RHONDA	BUYM	ORFWF	A/R		10/20/2011
O-1345	BROWN, MATTHEW	TPOP	SCSNR	AOV		10/20/2011
E-1319.7	PANEK, DAMON	ENGB	WIAIP	AIR		10/20/2011

Record Count: 35

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

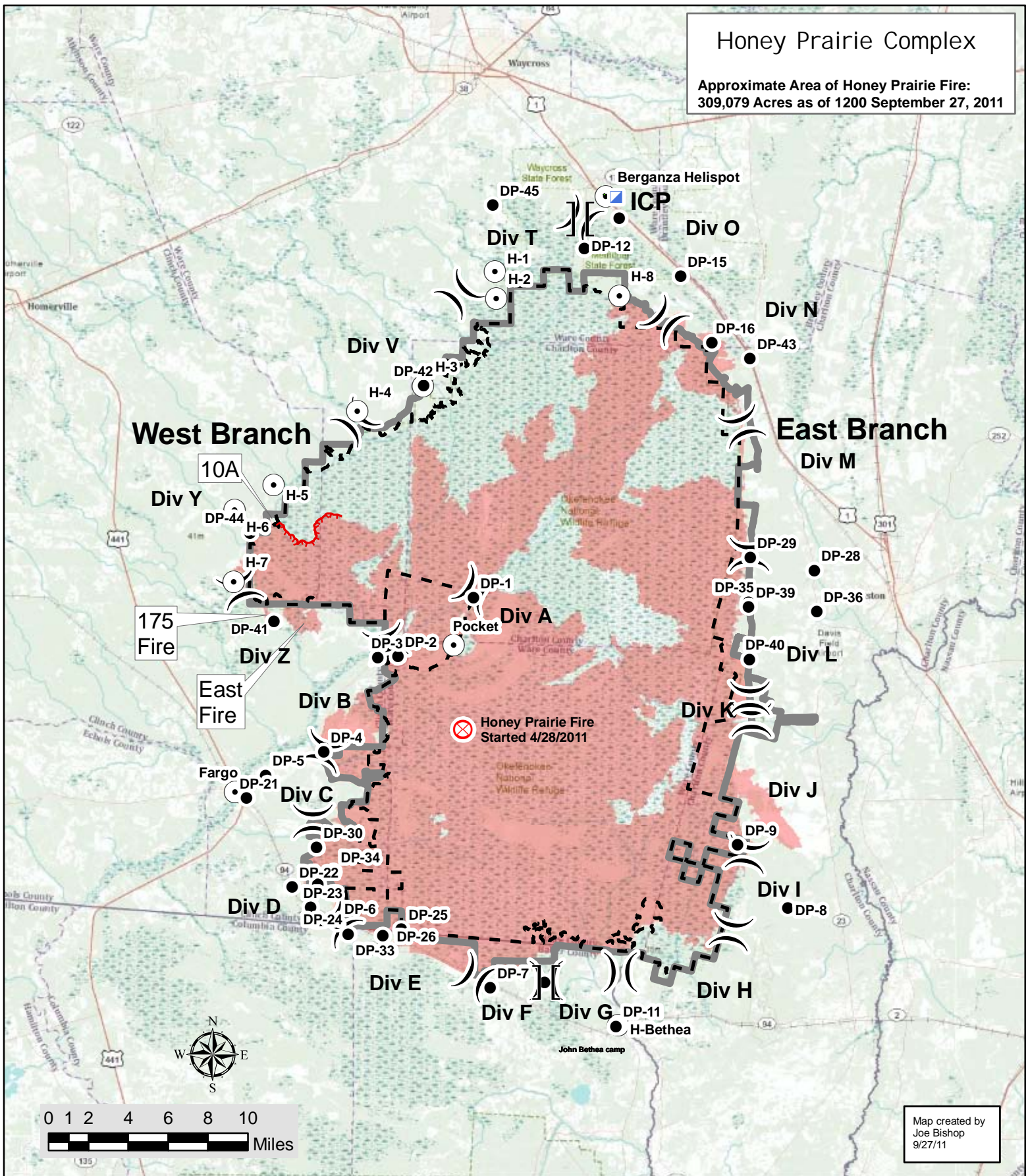
1. Public and firefighter safety remains the top priority for this incident.
2. Fire managers for the refuge have coordinated suppression efforts with the Georgia Forestry Commission and the Greater Okefenokee Association of Landowners (GOAL) representing federal and state agencies, industry and private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










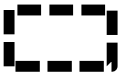
Honey Prairie Complex

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



Honey Prairie Fire Started 4/28/2011

Map created by
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9/27/11

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



