

# **Honey Prairie**

# **Complex**

***GA-OKR-000001***

## **Incident Action Plan**

**Operational Period**

**Monday**

**October 31, 2011**

**0700-1900**



**Incident Commander**

**Buck Kline**

**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/ Buck Kline

Incident Commander  
Type 3 Incident Management Team

|  |   |   |                                 |   |  |  |   |                                       |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|---|---|---------------------------------|---|--|--|---|---------------------------------------|--|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| <b>INCIDENT OBJECTIVES</b>   | <b>1. INCIDENT NAME</b><br>Honey Prairie<br>Complex | <b>2. DATE PREPARED</b><br>10/30/11                       | <b>3. TIME PREPARED</b><br>1700 |   |  |  |   |                                       |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>4. OPERATIONAL PERIOD (DATE/TIME)</b><br>Monday, October 31, 2011<br>0700 – 1900  |   |   |                                 |   |  |  |   |                                       |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| <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><br>See attached forecast for area specific weather information.  |   |   |                                 |   |  |  |   |                                       |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>7. GENERAL SAFETY MESSAGE</b><br>Drive defensively and use spotter when backing.<br>Ensure LCES is in place and known by all personnel.<br>Drink plenty of water and take frequent rest breaks.<br>Ensure proper use of PPE during all operations.  |   |   |                                 |   |  |  |   |                                       |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>8. Attachments</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if attached <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 |  |
| <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      |   |                                 |   |  |  |   |                                       |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>9. PREPARED BY (RESOURCE UNIT LEADER)</b><br>Karen Davis  |   | <b>10. APPROVED BY (INCIDENT COMMANDER)</b><br>Buck Kline |                                 |   |  |  |   |                                       |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |

| ORGANIZATION ASSIGNMENT LIST                                      |                                       | 9. Operations Section                           |                    |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|--------------------|
| <b>1. Incident Name</b><br>Honey Prairie Complex<br>GA-OKR-000001 |                                       | Chief   |                    |
| <b>2. Date</b> 10/30/2011   | <b>3. Time</b> 1500 hrs               | <b>a. Branch/Divisions/Groups</b>               |                    |
| <b>4. Operational Period</b> 10/31/2011 0700 - 1900               |                                       | West Branch                                     |                    |
| <b>5. Incident Commander and Staff</b>                            |                                       |   |                    |
| Incident Commander  | Buck Kline 11/12                      |   |                    |
| Safety Officer  | Seth Pierce 11/11                     | Division Y/Z/10a                                | Shawn Pearson 11/7 |
| Information Officer   | Art Webster                           |   |                    |
| <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>  |                                       | <b>c. AIR OPERATIONS BRANCH - Honey Prairie</b> |                    |
| Chief   |                                       | Pogo Helibase Mgr                               | Kevin Merrill 11/1 |
| Resource Advisors   | Ron Phernetton, Reggie Forcine        |   |                    |
| Resources Unit  | Karen Davis 11/9                      |   |                    |
| IMET  |                                       |   |                    |
| Situation Unit  |                                       |   |                    |
| FBAN  |                                       | <b>d. AIR OPERATIONS BRANCH - Pogo</b>          |                    |
| Demob Unit  |                                       |   |                    |
| Documentation   |                                       |   |                    |
| CTSP  |                                       |   |                    |
| SCKN  |                                       |   |                    |
| <b>8. Logistics Section</b>                                       |                                       | <b>10. Finance Section</b>                      |                    |
| Chief   | Willie Boston 11/9                    | Chief   | Lila Johnson 11/10 |
| Supply Unit   | Willie Jackson 11/3                   | Time Unit                                       | David Epps 11/11   |
| Ground Support  |                                       | Cost  |                    |
| COML  | Roy Fortenberry 11/8                  | PTRC  |                    |
| EQPM  |                                       | EQTR  |                    |
| RCDM  |                                       | IBA   |                    |
| BCMG  |                                       |   |                    |
| SECM  | Jason Crisp 11/2<br>James Trull 11/10 | Purchasing Agent                                | Anna Bryant 11/9   |
| COMT  |                                       |   |                    |
| EMTB  |                                       |   |                    |
| ORDM  |                                       |   |                    |
|   |                                       | Prepared by:<br>Karen Davis RESL                | PSC2               |

|  |                                      |  |         |   |                            |  |                          |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|---------|---|----------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| <b>DIVISION ASSIGNMENT LIST</b>  |                                      |  |         | 1. Branch<br><b>West</b>                                  |                            | 2. Division<br><b>Y / Z / 10a</b>      |                          |
| 3. Incident Name<br><b>Honey Prairie Complex</b>   |                                      |  |         | 4. Operational Period<br>Date: 10/31/2011 Time: 0700-1900 |                            |  |                          |
| 5. Operations Personnel  |                                      |  |         |   |                            |  |                          |
| <b>Operations</b>  |                                      |  |         | <b>Division Supervisor</b>                                |                            | Shawn Pearson 11/7 <b>208-659-9591</b> |                          |
| <b>Safety Officer</b>  |                                      | Seth Pierce 11/11                                      |         |   |                            |  |                          |
| 6. Resources Assigned this Period  |                                      |  |         |   |                            |  |                          |
| Strike Team/Task Force/ Resource Designator  |                                      | Leader / Name / Designator                             |         | Last Shift Date   | Num. Per.                  | Drop Off PT./Time                      | Crew Names               |
| <b>STPL</b>  |                                      | <b>Byron Haire (O-1415)</b>                            |         | 11/11   | 1                          | ICP 0800                               | <b>912-536-9352</b>      |
| TPL3 Evans 61 (E-1465)   |                                      | Jerry Holloway   |         | 11/11   | 1                          | ICP 0800                               |                          |
| TPL3 Bleckley 60 (E-1466)  |                                      | Sean Sills   |         | 11/11   | 1                          | ICP 0800                               |                          |
| TPL3 Tattnal 61 (E-1467)   |                                      | Bryant Boyett  |         | 11/11   | 1                          | ICP 0800                               |                          |
| <b>TFLD (T)</b>  |                                      | <b>Timothy Joy (O-1403)</b>                            |         | 11/1  | 1                          | ICP 0800                               | <b>706-870-2334</b>      |
| GA ENG6 Laurens 86 (E-1456)  |                                      | Rusty Meadows (E-1456.1)                               |         | 11/4  | 2                          | ICP 0800                               | David Veal (E-1456.2)    |
| GA ENG6 Union 86 (E-1464)  |                                      | Joseph Berry (O-1464)                                  |         | 11/11   | 2                          | ICP 0800                               | Brannon Carey (O-1464.2) |
| GA ENG6 Monroe 86 (E-1392)   |                                      | Willie Vance   |         |   | 2                          | ICP 0800                               | Jefferson Sizemore       |
| GA ENG6 (E-3) GAOKR # 42   |                                      | Greg Gillreath (O-1420)                                |         | 11/11   | 2                          | ICP 0800                               | Tommy Crews ( O-8)       |
| <b>HEQB</b>  |                                      | <b>Rocky Chesser (O-5)</b>                             |         |   | 1                          | ICP 0800                               | <b>912-276-3232</b>      |
| TPL GAOKR 56 (E-22)  |                                      | Wesley O'Connor (O-1339)                               |         | 11/1  | 1                          | ICP 0800                               |                          |
| FWS Motorgrader (E-1356)   |                                      | Unstaffed  |         |   |                            |  |                          |
| GA ENG6 (E-2) GAOKR # 41   |                                      | Unstaffed  |         |   |                            |  |                          |
| TPL4 GAOKR 53 (E-23)   |                                      | Unstaffed  |         |   |                            |  |                          |
| TPL GA OKR 54 (E-21)   |                                      | Fed Privett (O-15)                                     |         |   | 1                          | ICP 0800                               |                          |
| 7. Control Operations  |                                      |  |         |   |                            |  |                          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Respond to Initial Attack as requested</li> <li>Mop up minimum 50 ft in along SEB and 200-feet in on upland areas, also monitor fire's edge for any control issues.</li> <li>Initial attack IC will communicate sizeup information to the Honey Prairie communication.</li> <li>Improve swamp break boundaries for fire breaks, work with resource advisor.</li> </ul>  |                                      |  |         |   |                            |  |                          |
| 8. Special Instructions  |                                      |  |         |   |                            |  |                          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Go to Argyle turn down Antioch Church Rd. Turn down Rd. 28, then Turn on Rd 26, to Perimeter Rd. Stage at DP41</li> <li>Avoid Confrontations with hunters.</li> <li>Ensure LCES are in place before operations begin. Stay hydrated.</li> <li>Drive defensively and with lights on at all times and use extra caution on wet or dry roads.</li> <li>Boggy terrain: Be careful and aware when working around this type of area.</li> <li>Avoid areas with potential tree fall</li> </ul> |                                      |  |         |   |                            |  |                          |
| 9. Division/Group Communication Summary  |                                      |  |         |   |                            |  |                          |
| Function   | Frequency                            | System   | Channel | Function  | Frequency                  | System                                 | Channel                  |
| Command W Okee Repeater  | RX 167.125/156.7<br>TX 163.150/156.7 | KING<br>NIFC   | 1       | Logistics   |                            | KING<br>NIFC                           |                          |
| Tactical Div/Group   | RX 168.775<br>TX 168.775             | KING<br>NIFC   | 9       | Air to Ground   | RX 166.9375<br>TX 166.9375 | KING<br>NIFC                           | 6                        |
| Prepared by (Resource Unit Ldr)<br>Karen Davis   |                                      | Approved by (Planning Sect. Ch.)<br>Karen Davis (RESL) |         |   | Date<br>October 30, 2011   |  | Time<br>1800             |

| INCIDENT RADIO COMMUNICATIONS PLAN ICS-205  |            |                     | Incident Name<br><b>Honey Prairie</b> |          |    | <b>GROUP 22</b>                                     |          | Date/Time Prepared<br>10/30/2011-18:00 |             | Operational Period Date/Time<br>10/31/2011<br>0700-1900 |                           |
|---|------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|----------|----|---|----------|--|-------------|---|---------------------------|
| 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)<br>Roy Fortenberry COML 706-897-8020<br>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> | <b>Incident Name</b><br>Honey Prairie Complex | <b>Date Prepared</b><br>10/30/2011 | <b>Time Prepared</b><br>1000 | <b>Operational Period</b><br>10/31/2011 |
|---------------------|---|------------------------------------|------------------------------|---|

**5. Incident Medical Aid Station**

|                               |                                      |                             |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Medical Aid Stations</b>   | <b>Location</b>                      | <b>Paramedics</b><br>Yes No |
| <b>MEDICAL UNIT (ICP EMT)</b> | Honey Prairie Complex ICP- No MEDL   |                             |
| <b>Honey Prairie EMT</b>      | ****Ware County EMT 256-497-8388**** |                             |
|                               |                                      |                             |

**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**

|                                     |                  |                |     |  |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|----------------|-----|--|
| <b>Trauma 1</b>                     | Lake City, FL    | 1-800-223-4878 | Yes |  |
| <b>Trauma 1</b>                     | Jacksonville, FL | 1-800-223-4878 | Yes |  |
| <b>AirMed</b>                       | Augusta, GA      | 1-888-792-9245 | Yes |  |
| <b>Lifeflight</b>                   | Jacksonville, FL | 1-877-870-7779 | Yes |  |
| <b>Air Evac</b>                     | Waycross, GA     | 1-800-247-3822 | Yes |  |
| <b>US Coast Guard (Heli-Rescue)</b> | 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.<br>Waycross, GA                    | N 31' 13.509<br>W 82' 20.853 | (912) -283-3030             | Yes     |    |             | No |
| Clinch Memorial Hospital<br>(WEST SIDE)   | 1050 Valdosta HWY<br>Homerville, GA                 | N 31' 01.977<br>W 82 45.851  | (912) -487-5211<br>ext 4502 | Yes     |    |             | No |
| Charlton Memorial Hospital<br>(EAST SIDE) | 1203 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street<br>Folkston, GA         | N 30' 50.713<br>W 82' 00.302 | (912) -496-2531             | Yes     |    |             | No |
| Savannah Memorial Hospital                | 4700 Waters AVE<br>Savannah, GA                     | N 32' 01.538<br>W 81' 05.298 | (912) -350-8999             | Yes     |    |             | No |
| Shands Hospital<br>(Level I)              | 655 West 8 <sup>th</sup> Street<br>Jacksonville, FL | N 30' 20.97<br>W 81' 39.92   | (800) -223-4878             | Yes     |    | Yes         |    |
| Shands Burn Center                        | 1600 Southwest Archer Road<br>Gainesville, FL       | N 29' 38.33<br>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<br>W 82' 22.659 | (West side), mile marker 4, HWY 177 Steven C. Foster State Park |
| <b>Fargo Helispot</b>  | N 30' 40.945<br>W 82' 33.640 | (West side), HWY 441- Steven C. Foster Visitor Center           |
| <b>POGO Helibase</b>   | N 30' 44.219<br>W 82' 07.689 | (East side) Adjacent to Okee Refuge Shop                        |

**Evac Yankee**

|                   |                              |                 |
|-------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Helispot 6</b> | N 30' 53.280<br>W 82' 33.880 | Road 32 and 32A |
| <b>Helispot 7</b> | N 30' 50.280<br>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: Seth Pierce SOF(T)

10. Reviewed by: eth Pierce , SOF(T)

# Hunter Encounters and Confrontations

Hunting season is now open. Crews are likely to encounter hunters either hunting or scouting in the area of the Swamp Edge Break. Hunting is often done with the aid of dogs and the hunters will be chasing the pack in vehicles on narrow dusty roads to intercept game. 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 – Jason Crisp 828-442-2470

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

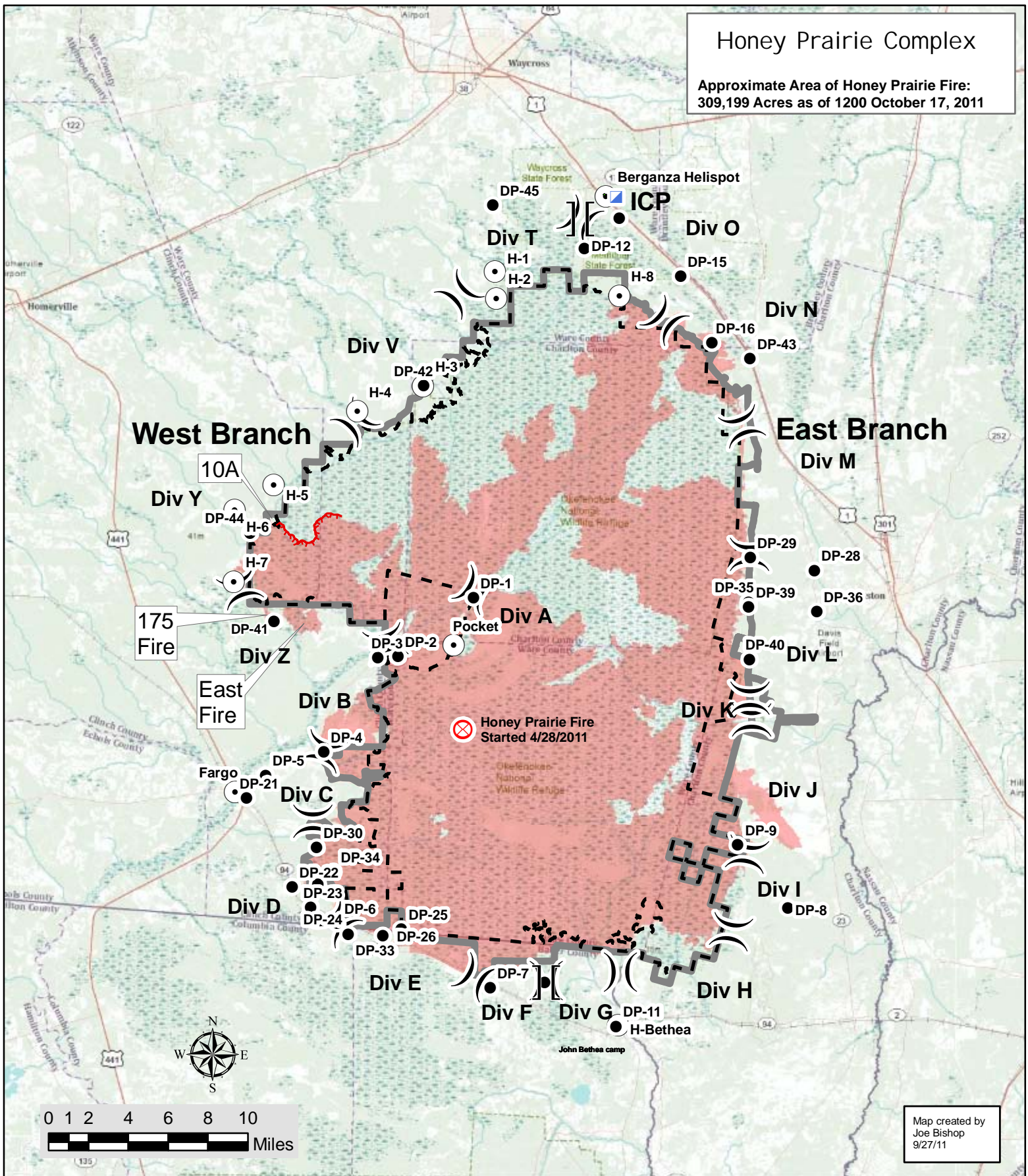
1. Public and firefighter safety remains the top priority for this incident.
2. Fire managers for the refuge have coordinated suppression efforts with the Georgia Forestry Commission and the Greater Okefenokee Association of Landowners (GOAL) representing federal and state agencies, industry and private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










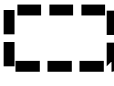
1. Why won't this fire go out? What will it take? Surface burning of available fuels is only part of the current problem. Peat beds (partially decayed vegetation normally floating in a vertical column of water) is what supports these surface fuels. Unfortunately, the current dry conditions have allowed 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:  
309,199 Acres as of 1200 October 17, 2011



Map created by  
Joe Bishop  
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





## DMOB Report Oct 31

| RequestNu | ResourceName     | KindCode | UnitID | TravelMethod | Jetport | DemobDate  |
|-----------|------------------|----------|--------|--------------|---------|------------|
| O-1401    | SANDERS, KEITH   | FFT2     | GAGAS  | AOV          |         | 10/31/2011 |
| O-1398    | ABBOTT, STEVE    | ICT3     | GASAR  | POV          |         | 10/31/2011 |
| O-1400    | BARBEE, GEORGE   | ENGB     | GAGAS  | AOV          |         | 10/31/2011 |
| O-1287    | ALONSO, ROBERT   | FFT1     | GAOKR  | AOV          |         | 11/02/2011 |
| O-1394    | DECKER, TODD     | HECM     | NMCIF  | AIR          | ABQ     | 11/02/2011 |
| O-1395    | KLIESEN, BRIAN   | HMGB     | NMSNF  | POV          | ABQ     | 11/02/2011 |
| E-1457    | BARROW 31        | ENG7     | GAGAS  | AOV          |         | 11/02/2011 |
| O-1402    | BITTNER, MICHAEL | HECM     | NMSNF  | AIR          | ABQ     | 11/02/2011 |
| O-1399    | O'CONNOR, WESLEY | DZOP     | FLFPR  | AOV          |         | 11/02/2011 |
| O-1403    | JOY, TIMMOTHY    | TFLD     | GAGAS  | AOV          |         | 11/02/2011 |
| O-1407    | CRISP, JASON     | SEC1     | NCNCF  | AOV          |         | 11/03/2011 |
| O-1412    | SORENSEN, SARAH  | FFT1     | GAOKR  |              |         | 11/03/2011 |
| O-1393    | MERRILL, KEVIN   | HMGB     | NMCIF  | AIR          | ABQ     | 11/04/2011 |
| E-1458    | JACKSON PU       | PU       | GAGAS  | AOV          |         | 11/04/2011 |
| O-1405    | JACKSON, WILLIE  | SPUL     | GAGAS  | AOV          |         | 11/04/2011 |
| E-1456.1  | MEADOWS, RUSSELL | ENGB     | GAGAS  | AOV          |         | 11/05/2011 |
| E-1456.2  | VEAL, DAVID      | FFT2     | GAGAS  | AOV          |         | 11/05/2011 |
| E-1456    | LAURENS 86       | ENG6     | GAGAS  | AOV          |         | 11/05/2011 |

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Record Count: 18



### FIRE BEHAVIOR FORECAST

|                                      |                                |   |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| <b>Fire name: Honey Prairie</b>      | <b>Forecast # 1 Long Term</b>  | <b>Prediction for: Oct, Nov, Dec 2011</b> |
| <b>Forecast Issued: October 2011</b> | <b>Signed: Troy Floyd FBAN</b> | <b>Shift Date; ALL</b>                    |

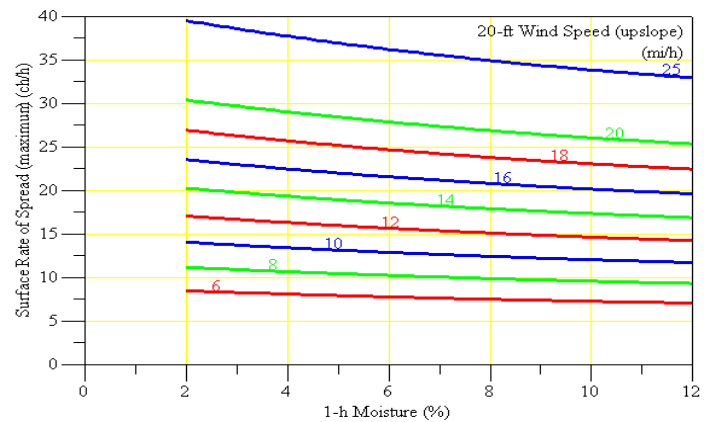
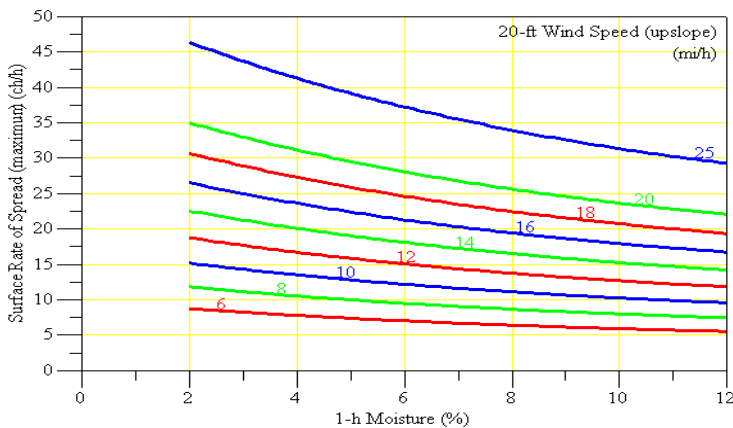
**Weather Summary:** This fire behavior forecast is designed to be used with the daily fire weather forecast produced by the National Weather Service or field observations you take near the fire line.

**General Fire Behavior:** The Seasonal fire situation within and around the Okefenokee swamp has been driven by historic drought. Muck fuels within much of the swamp interior will continue to burn until substantial rainfall has occurred. Prolonged dry periods, periods with low RHs and High Winds will be the most probable situations for increased fire behavior. Major concerns are flare-ups that are near the containment lines threatening to spot or slop over onto the uplands. Pine Fuels and Southern Rough along the uplands are conducive to rapid rates of spread, torching, crowning and spotting.

**Instructions for use-** Start with second page to obtain your 1 hour Fuel moisture. Then use Charts below for outputs.

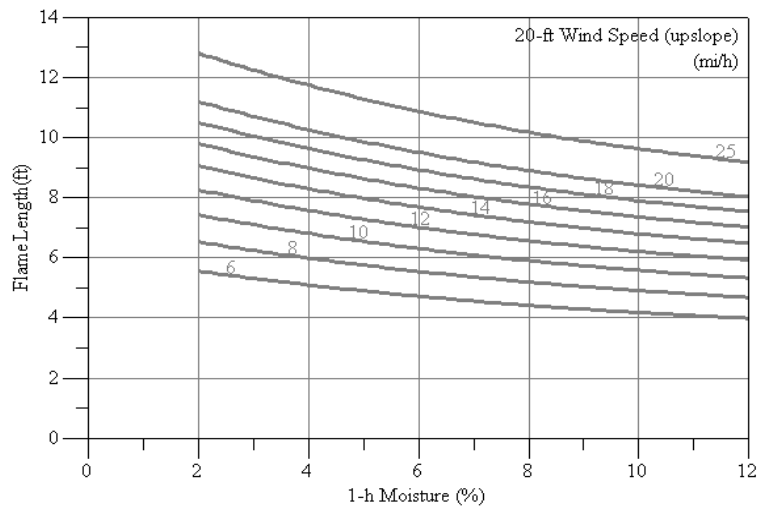
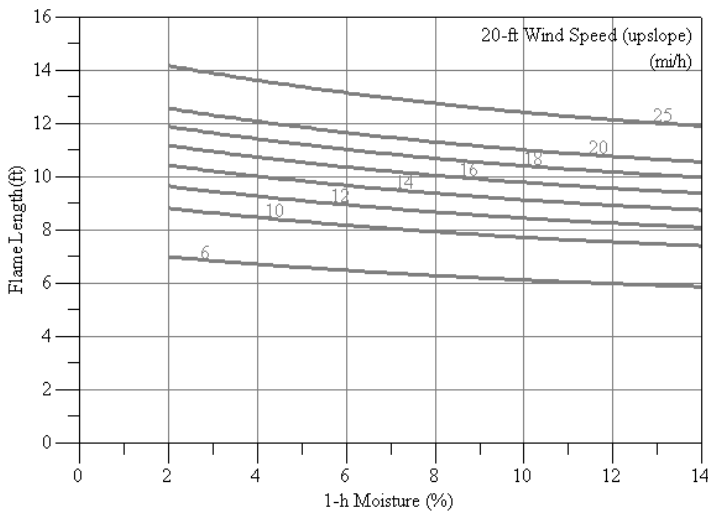
**Fuel Model (7) Southern Rough (Table Below)**

**Shrub Fuels (sh8) Palmetto and Galberry (Table Below)**



**Flame Lengths FM (7) Table Below**

**Flame Lengths (sh8) Table Below**



**To calculate Rates of Spread and Flame Lengths**

**Use the graphs above starting on the bottom with your 1 hr Fuel moisture, Trace upwards to the wind line then turn left to get your Rates of spread and Flame Lengths.\*\*\*Use next page to calculate your 1 hour fuel Moisture.**

**Reference Fuel Moisture**  
**Day Time**  
**0800 - 1959**

|                    |                       |       |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |     |    |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----|----|
| <b>1</b>           | Relative Humidity (%) |       |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |     |    |
|                    | 0 - 4                 | 5 - 9 | 10 - 14 | 15 - 19 | 20 - 24 | 25 - 29 | 30 - 34 | 35 - 39 | 40 - 44 | 45 - 49 | 50 - 54 | 55 - 59 | 60 - 64 | 65 - 69 | 70 - 74 | 75 - 79 | 80 - 84 | 85 - 89 | 90 - 94 | 95 - 99 | 100 |    |
| Dry Bulb Temp. (F) | 10 - 29               | 2     | 2       | 3       | 4       | 5       | 5       | 6       | 7       | 8       | 8       | 8       | 9       | 9       | 10      | 11      | 12      | 12      | 13      | 13      | 14  |    |
|                    | 30 - 49               | 1     | 2       | 2       | 3       | 4       | 5       | 5       | 6       | 7       | 7       | 8       | 9       | 9       | 10      | 10      | 11      | 12      | 13      | 13      | 13  |    |
|                    | 50 - 69               | 1     | 2       | 2       | 3       | 4       | 5       | 5       | 6       | 6       | 7       | 7       | 8       | 8       | 9       | 9       | 10      | 11      | 12      | 12      | 13  |    |
|                    | 70 - 89               | 1     | 1       | 2       | 2       | 3       | 4       | 5       | 5       | 6       | 7       | 7       | 8       | 8       | 8       | 9       | 10      | 10      | 11      | 12      | 12  | 13 |
|                    | 90 - 109              | 1     | 1       | 2       | 2       | 3       | 4       | 5       | 5       | 6       | 7       | 7       | 8       | 8       | 8       | 9       | 10      | 10      | 11      | 12      | 12  | 13 |
|                    | 109 +                 | 1     | 1       | 2       | 2       | 3       | 4       | 4       | 5       | 6       | 7       | 7       | 8       | 8       | 8       | 9       | 10      | 10      | 11      | 12      | 12  | 12 |

**Dead Fuel Moisture Content Corrections**  
**Nov. Dec. Jan.**

|           |         |  |         |         |         |         |         |
|-----------|---------|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| <b>2E</b> |         | <b>EXPOSED</b>   |         |         |         |         |         |
|           |         | Exposed - Less than 50% shading of surface fuels               |         |         |         |         |         |
| ASPCT     | Slope   | 0800 to  | 1000 to | 1200 to | 1400 to | 1600 to | 1800 to |
|           |         | L  | L       | L       | L       | L       | L       |
| <b>S</b>  | 0 - 30% | 5  | 4       | 3       | 2       | 4       | 5       |
| <b>2S</b> |         | <b>SHADED</b>  |         |         |         |         |         |
|           |         | Shaded - Greater than or equal to 50% shading of surface fuels |         |         |         |         |         |
| <b>S</b>  | All     | 5  | 5       | 5       | 5       | 5       | 5       |

**Instructions to calculate 1 hour FDFM**

*Step (1) Use top table to get reference fuel moisture: Use predicted or taken weather OBS of temperature (Dry Bulb) and Relative Humidity. Follow the chart from left (Dry Bulb) and (RH) top of chart. In the numbers field where both meet you will get your Reference Fuel Moisture.*

*(2) Use the above table (2E) for exposed fuels or (2S) for shaded fuels or cloudy days. At the top of the table select time of day then to the left of the Table select 0-30% slope and locate your Fuel Moisture content correction number.*

*(3) Add your reference Fuel Moisture to the Dead Fuel moisture content correction. This will give you your 1hr FDFM.*

# SPOT FORECAST FOR HONEY PRAIRIE...USFWS

SKY/WEATHER.....MOSTLY CLOUDY (70-80 PERCENT) THEN BECOMING  
MOSTLY SUNNY (30-40 PERCENT). SLIGHT CHANCE OF  
RAIN SHOWERS UNTIL LATE AFTERNOON.

MAX TEMPERATURE.....AROUND 70.  
MIN HUMIDITY.....60 PERCENT.  
WIND (20 FT).....NORTH WINDS 5 TO 9 MPH.  
LAL.....1.  
MIXING HEIGHT.....700-2200 FT AGL.  
MIXING WINDS.....NORTH 10 TO 16 MPH.  
DISPERSION INDEX....38.  
CHANCE OF PCPN.....20 PERCENT.  
LVORI.....MISSING.

| TIME (EDT)        | 6 AM   | 8 AM   | 10 AM  | NOON   | 2 PM | 4 PM |
|-------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------|------|
| SKY (%).....      | 73     | 88     | 88     | 76     | 63   | 63   |
| WEATHER COV.....  | S CHC  | S CHC  | S CHC  | S CHC  |      |      |
| WEATHER TYPE....  | RNSHWR | RNSHWR | RNSHWR | RNSHWR | NONE | NONE |
| TEMP.....         | 48     | 48     | 57     | 65     | 69   | 69   |
| RH.....           | 100    | 100    | 81     | 64     | 61   | 61   |
| 20 FT WIND.....   | N 6    | N 6    | N 7    | N 8    | N 8  | N 9  |
| 20 FT WIND GUST.. | 10     | 10     | 10     | 15     | 15   | 15   |
| MIX HGT (FT)....  | 700    | 1000   | 1000   | 1600   | 2200 | 2200 |
| TRANSPORT WIND..  | NE 10  | NE 14  | NE 14  | N 14   | N 14 | N 14 |
| LVORI.....        | M      | M      | M      | M      | M    | M    |
| DISPERSION INDX.. | 8      | 21     | 21     | 26     | 40   | 40   |
| CHC OF PCPN (%).. | 20     | 20     | 20     | 20     | 10   | 10   |
| LAL.....          | 1      | 1      | 1      | 1      | 1    | 1    |

# AIR OPERATIONS SUMMARY

Prepared By: Kevin Merrill

Prepared Date: 10.29.2011

Prepared Time: 1600

|  |   |                                   |                                 |                                |  |
|--|---|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| <b>1. INCIDENT NAME:</b><br><b>Honey Prairie</b>   | <b>2. OPS PERIOD DATE:</b><br><b>October 31, 2011</b> | <b>START TIME:</b><br><b>0830</b> | <b>END TIME:</b><br><b>1900</b> | <b>SUNRISE:</b><br><b>0742</b> | <b>SUNSET:</b><br><b>1841</b>                                |
| <b>3. REMARKS (Safety Notes, Hazards, Air Operations Special Equipment, etc ALL FLIGHT REQUESTS GO DIRECTLY TO HELIBASE Afternoon thunderstorms</b><br><b>NOTE: Latitude/Longitude format is "Degrees-Minutes-Decimal Minutes" (example: N30 41.42 W082 33.97)</b> |   |                                   |                                 |                                | <b>5. TFR #:</b> Canceled 7/27/11<br><b>SEE and AVOID!!!</b> |

| PERSONNEL       | NAME               | PHONE #  | FREQUENCIES                        | AM      | FM             |  |
|-----------------|--------------------|--|------------------------------------|---------|----------------|--|
| HEB1<br>Pogo HB | Kevin Merrill Desk | 912-496-7063<br>912-496-7066<br>912-496-4415<br>505-504-4613<br>Cell | AIR/ AIR                           | 122.375 |                | <b>AIRTANKERS / LEAD PLANES - None Available</b><br><br><b>OTHER:</b><br><u>Waycross Airport : 912-287-4479</u><br><u>Waycross Airport Fax: 912-287-4458</u><br><u>ICP Helispot is Pogo</u><br><u>Okefenokee Dispatch: 912-496-7366 X230</u><br><br><u>Waycross Airport: N 31 16.16 10 W82 33.38</u><br><br><u>BERGANZA HELISPOT N 31 07.22 W082 15.22 * don't use unless cleared with AOB.</u><br><u>POGO HELISPOT: N30 44.03 W082 07.41</u><br><u>Phone# 912-496-7063 Phone#(2) 912-496-7066</u> |
|                 |                    |  | Georgia AIR/GRND (Smokey - Dozers) |         | 159.285 W      |  |
|                 |                    |  | AIR/GROUND PRIMARY                 |         | 166.9375       |  |
|                 |                    |  | 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  | Kevin Merrill 505-504-4613 |        |    |             |      |       |         |
|        |    |             |          |       |                            |        |    |             |      |       |         |
|        |    |             |          |       |                            |        |    |             |      |       |         |

## 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 |
|------------------|--|---------------|----------|--------|
| Recon/Bucket Ops | 351CH  | As Requested  | Pogo     |        |
| Medevac          | 351CH  | As Requested  | Pogo     |        |
|                  |  |               |          |        |



# HEALTH AND SAFETY MESSAGE

*SAFETY* starts with *YOU*

We are ALL accountable for SAFE behaviors

INCIDENT: Honey Prairie Complex

DATE: 10/31/11

TIME: 0800

**Major Hazards and Risks:**     **Driving**  
   **Wildlife**  
   **Complacency**  
   **Fatigue / Hydration**

**DRIVING** – **Accidents are avoidable!** Most of the accidents on this incident have occurred when vehicles are backing up. Always try to park in a position to avoid backing. When backing is unavoidable use a spotter. If no one is around to spot you walk all the way around the vehicle and check for obstacles. **Avoid parking in blind curves.** Hunters will travel these dirt roads at extreme rates of speed chasing their dogs. You do not want to be parked where they can't see you when they come by.

**Wildlife** – Many wildlife encounters have occurred throughout the incident. Snakes have been the biggest issue. **Watch where you are stepping!** **Feeding or harassing wildlife is inappropriate and just plain dumb!** The last thing we want is for wildlife to relate humans to food. By feeding the wildlife you encourage them to charge at humans which could lead to them having to be moved or put down.

**Complacency** – As we have transitioned into a holding and mop up mode, don't get complacent that active fire behavior is over. History has shown us that a fire in this swamp can once again become active when you least expect it. Remember to look up, down, and around as you patrol

**Fatigue / Hydration** – Long shifts with little activity can lead to mental fatigue, Keeping a good attitude can help to avoid this. Remember that even during cool weather it is possible to get dehydrated. Take full advantage of off shift time getting good rest and continue to hydrate. Make sure you get plenty of water and ice in the mornings so you can stay hydrated throughout the day. Remember if you are drinking Gatorade or a similar drink to alternate between these and water! The rule of thumb is 4 waters to 1 gatorade.

## DO NOT FEED WILDLIFE!

**off the mark** by Mark Parisi



It could be your last mistake!

**Safety Officer: Seth Pierce**

## Communication Responsibilities

All firefighters have five communication responsibilities:

- Brief others as needed
- Debrief your actions
- Communicate hazards to others
- Acknowledge messages
- Ask if you don't know

In addition, all leaders of firefighters have the responsibility to provide complete briefings that include a clearly stated "Leaders Intent."

- Task = What is to be done
- Purpose = Why it is to be done
- End State = How it should look when done