

**Honey Prairie
Complex**
GA-OKR-000001
Incident Action Plan

Operational Period
Tuesday
November 08, 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

INCIDENT OBJECTIVES	1. INCIDENT NAME Honey Prairie Complex	2. DATE PREPARED 11/07/11	3. TIME PREPARED 1700												
4. OPERATIONAL PERIOD (DATE/TIME) Tuesday November 08, 2011 0700 – 1900															
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 (RESOURCE UNIT LEADER) Karen Davis		10. APPROVED BY (INCIDENT COMMANDER) Buck Kline													

ORGANIZATION ASSIGNMENT LIST		9. Operations Section	
1. Incident Name Honey Prairie Complex GA-OKR-000001		Chief	
2. Date 11/07/2011	3. Time 1500 hrs	a. Branch/Divisions/Groups	
4. Operational Period 11/08/2011 0700 - 1900		West Branch	
5. Incident Commander and Staff			
Incident Commander	Buck Kline 11/12		
Safety Officer	Seth Pierce 11/11	Division Y/Z/10a	Brent McCarty 11/21
Information Officer	Art Webster		
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		c. AIR OPERATIONS BRANCH - Honey Prairie	
Chief		Pogo Helibase Mgr	Robert Dodgen 11/16
Resource Advisors	Ron Phernetton, Reggie Forcine		
Resources Unit	Karen Davis 11/9		
IMET			
Situation Unit			
FBAN		d. AIR OPERATIONS BRANCH - Pogo	
Demob Unit			
Documentation			
CTSP			
SCKN			
8. Logistics Section		10. Finance Section	
Chief	Willie Boston 11/9	Chief	Lila Johnson 11/10
Supply Unit	Amy Weaver 11/18	Time Unit	
Ground Support		Cost	
COML	Roy Fortenberry 11/8	PTRC	Teresa Kregl-Barber
EQPM		EQTR	
RCDM		IBA	
BCMG			
SECM	Ryan Petersen 11/16 James Trull 11/10	Purchasing Agent	Anna Bryant 11/9
COMT			
EMTB			
ORDM			
		Prepared by: Karen Davis RESL	

DIVISION ASSIGNMENT LIST				1. Branch West		2. Division Y / Z / 10a	
3. Incident Name Honey Prairie Complex				4. Operational Period Date: 11/08/2011 Time: 0700-1900			
5. Operations Personnel							
Operations		Division Supervisor		Brent McCarty 11/21 229-938-8718			
Safety Officer		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		
STPL	Byron Haire (O-1415)	11/11	1	ICP 0800	912-536-9352		
TPL3 Evans 61 (E-1465)	Jerry Holloway	11/11	1	ICP 0800			
TPL3 Bleckley 60 (E-1466)	Samuel Blackwood	11/11	1	ICP 0800			
TPL3 Tattнал 61 (E-1467)	Bryant Boyett	11/11	1	ICP 0800			
TFLD	Mark Sparrow (O-1426)	11/14	1	ICP 0800	706-968-1895		
GA ENG6 Laurens 86 (E-1456)	Rusty Meadows (E-1456.1)	11/11	2	ICP 0800	David Veal (E-1456.2)		
GA ENG6 Union 86 (E-1464)	Joseph Berry (O-1464)	11/12	2	ICP 0800	Brannon Carey (O-1464.2)		
GA ENG6 Monroe 86 (E-1392)	Willie Vance (O-1427)	11/14	2	ICP 0800	Jefferson Sizemore (O-1428)		
GA ENG6 (E-3) GAOKR # 42	Greg Gillreath (O-1420)	11/11	2	ICP 0800	William Short (O-1437)		
HEQB	Cory Bryant		1	ICP 0800	912-276-0078		
TPL GAOKR 56 (E-22)	Unstaffed						
FWS Motorgrader (E-1356)	Unstaffed						
GA ENG6 (E-2) GAOKR # 41	Unstaffed						
TPL4 GAOKR 53 (E-23)	Unstaffed						
TPL GA OKR 54 (E-21)	Unstaffed						
7. Control Operations							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respond to Initial Attack as requested Mop up minimum 50 ft in along SEB and 200-feet in on upland areas, also monitor fire's edge for any control issues. Initial attack IC will communicate sizeup information to the Honey Prairie communication. Improve swamp break boundaries for fire breaks, work with resource advisor. 							
8. Special Instructions							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Go to Argyle turn down Antioch Church Rd. Turn down Rd. 28, then Turn on Rd 26, to Perimeter Rd. Stage at DP41 Avoid Confrontations with hunters. Ensure LCES are in place before operations begin. Stay hydrated. Drive defensively and with lights on at all times and use extra caution on wet or dry roads. Boggy terrain: Be careful and aware when working around this type of area. Avoid areas with potential tree fall 							
9. Division/Group Communication Summary							
Function	Frequency	System	Channel	Function	Frequency	System	Channel
Command W Okee Repeater	RX 167.125/156.7 TX 163.150/156.7	KING NIFC	1	Logistics		KING NIFC	
Tactical Div/Group	RX 168.775 TX 168.775	KING NIFC	9	Air to Ground	RX 166.9375 TX 166.9375	KING NIFC	6
Prepared by (Resource Unit Ldr) Karen Davis		Approved by (Planning Sect. Ch.) Karen Davis (RESL)			Date November 7, 2011		Time 1800

WEATHER FORECAST

	TONIGHT	TUE	TUE NIGHT	WED
CLOUD COVER	PCLDY	PCLDY	PCLDY	PCLDY
CHANCE PRECIP (%)	0	0	0	0
WEATHER TYPE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE
TEMP	50	74	47	76
RH (%)	100	42	100	37
20FT WND MPH (AM)		NE 8		NE 5
20FT WND MPH (PM)	NE 5	NE 7	NE 4	NE 5
PRECIP DURATION				
PRECIP BEGIN				
PRECIP END				
PRECIP AMOUNT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
LAL	1	1	1	1
MIXING HEIGHT(FT-AGL)	300	4400	300	4300
TRANSPORT WND (MPH)	NE 9	E 17	NE 6	NE 10
DISPERSION INDEX	5	49	3	34
MAX LVORI	9		9	

.THURSDAY...MOSTLY CLOUDY WITH A 40 PERCENT CHANCE OF RAIN SHOWERS. LOWS IN THE UPPER 40S. HIGHS IN THE UPPER 60S. WEST WINDS UP TO 10 MPH.

.FRIDAY...PARTLY CLOUDY. A 20 PERCENT CHANCE OF RAIN SHOWERS. LOWS IN THE LOWER 40S. HIGHS IN THE MID 60S. NORTH WINDS 10 TO 15 MPH.

.SATURDAY...MOSTLY CLEAR. LOWS IN THE UPPER 30S. HIGHS AROUND 70. SOUTH WINDS UP TO 5 MPH.

.SUNDAY...PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS IN THE MID 40S. HIGHS IN THE MID 70S. WEST WINDS UP TO 5 MPH.

.MONDAY...PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS IN THE LOWER 50S. HIGHS IN THE UPPER 70S. EAST WINDS UP TO 5 MPH.

FIRE BEHAVIOR FORECAST

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

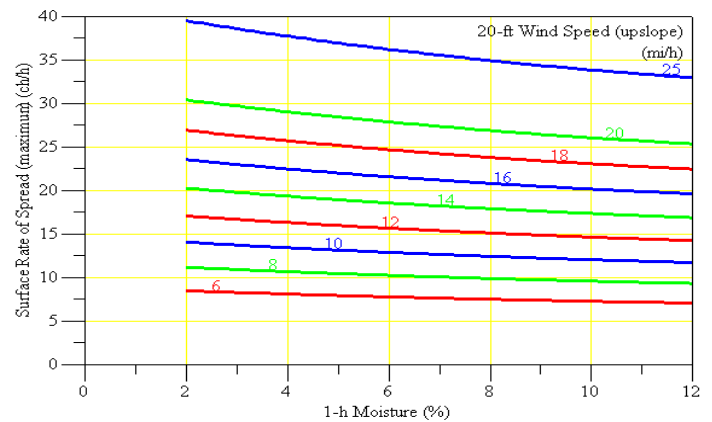
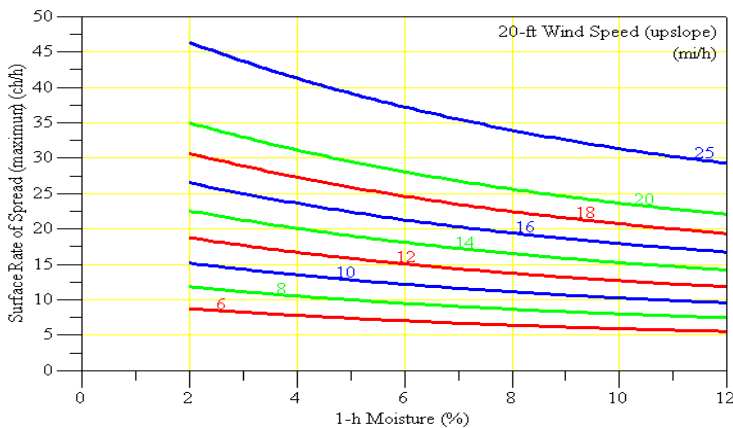
Weather Summary: This fire behavior forecast is designed to be used with the daily fire weather forecast produced by the National Weather Service or field observations you take near the fire line.

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.

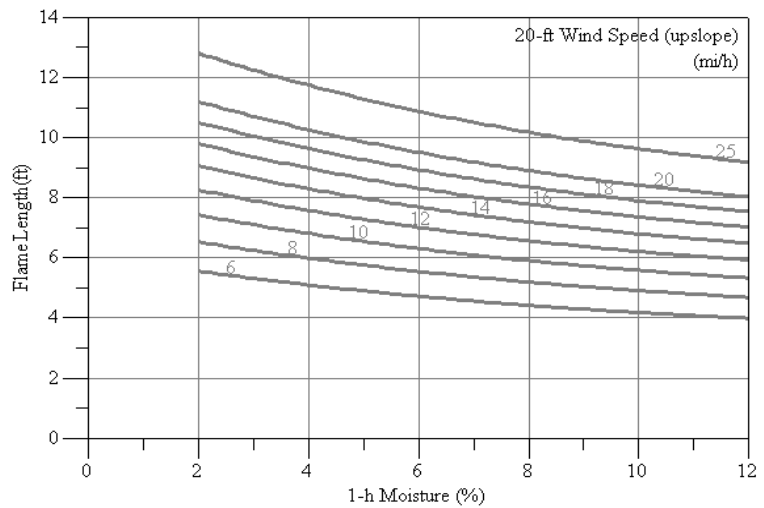
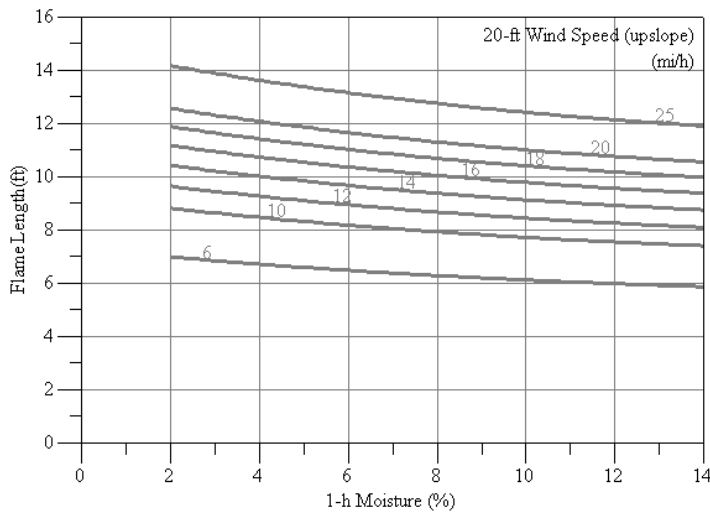
Fuel Model (7) Southern Rough (Table Below)

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

1	Relative Humidity (%)																				
	Dry Bulb Temp. (F)	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
10 - 29	1	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	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	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.

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

AIR OPERATIONS SUMMARY

Prepared By: Robert Dodgen

Prepared Date: 11.07.2011

Prepared Time: 1500

1. INCIDENT NAME: Honey Prairie	2. OPS PERIOD DATE: November 8, 2011	START TIME: 0830	END TIME: 1900	SUNRISE: 0648	SUNSET: 1735
3. REMARKS (Safety Notes, Hazards, Air Operations Special Equipment, etc ALL FLIGHT REQUESTS GO DIRECTLY TO HELIBASE Afternoon thunderstorms <i>NOTE: Latitude/Longitude format is "Degrees-Minutes-Decimal Minutes" (example: N30 41.42 W082 33.97)</i>					5. TFR #: Canceled 7/27/11 SEE and AVOID!!!

PERSONNEL	NAME	PHONE #	FREQUENCIES	AM	FM	
HEB2 Pogo HB	Robert Dodgen Desk Cell	912-496-7063 912-496-7066 970-799-1176	AIR/ AIR	122.375		AIRTANKERS / LEAD PLANES - None Available OTHER: <u>Waycross Airport : 912-287-4479</u> <u>Waycross Airport Fax: 912-287-4458</u> <u>ICP Helispot is Pogo</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 AOBD.</u> <u>POGO HELISPOT: N30 44.03 W082 07.41</u> <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	Jackie Heesacker 505-228-6596						

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	

INCIDENT RADIO COMMUNICATIONS PLAN ICS-205			Incident Name Honey Prairie			GROUP 22		Date/Time Prepared 11/06/2011-18:00		Operational Period Date/Time 11/08/2011 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) Roy Fortenberry COML 706-897-8020 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 11/07/2011	Time Prepared 1000	Operational Period 11/08/2011
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5. Incident Medical Aid Station

<u>Medical Aid Stations</u>	<u>Location</u>	Paramedics Yes No
Honey Prairie EMT	****Ware County EMT 256-497-8388****	No

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 Yes No	Burn Center 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: Seth Pierce SOFR(T)

10. Reviewed by: Seth Pierce , SOFR(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 – Ryan Petersen 301-471-5173

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

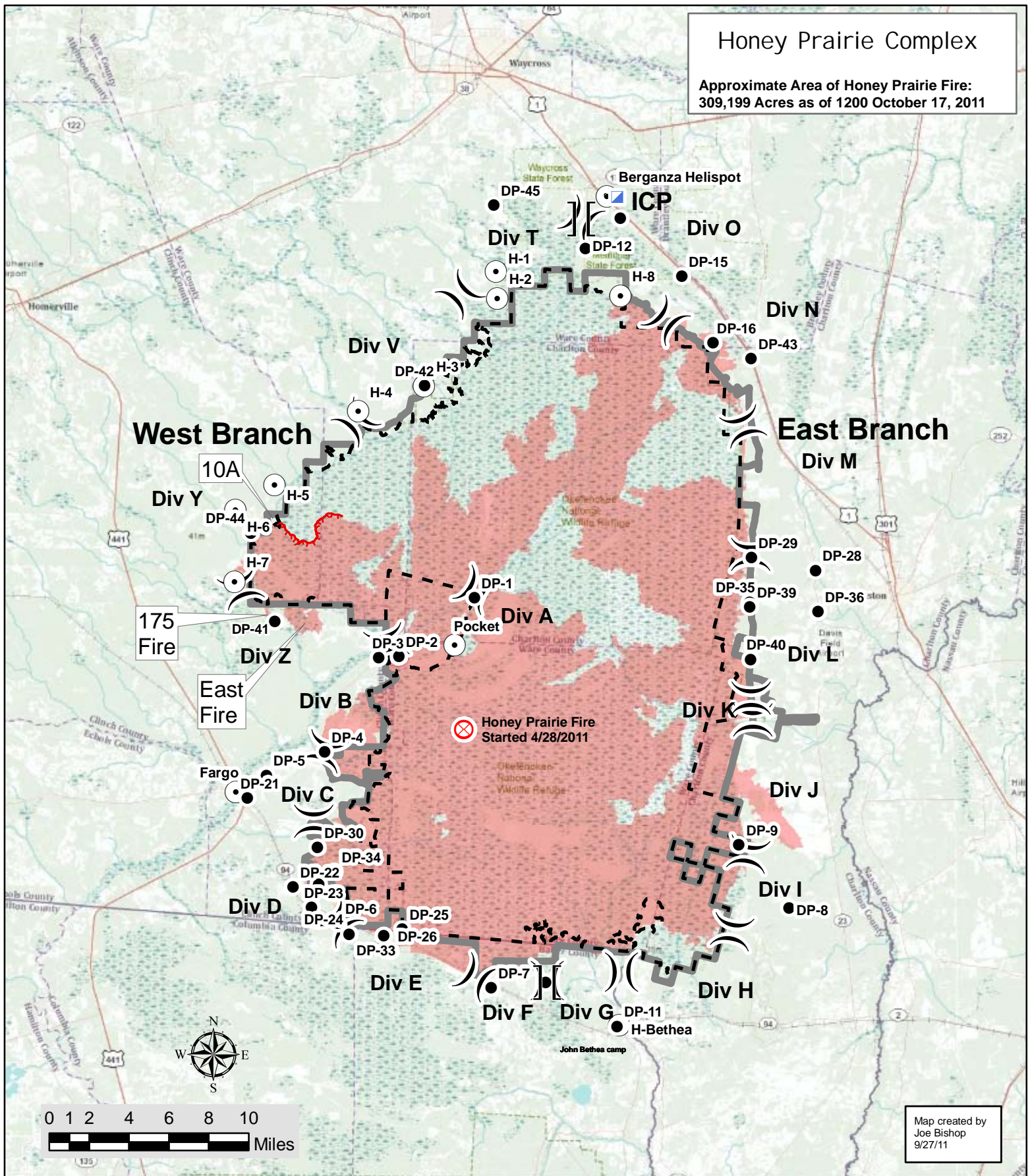
1. Public and firefighter safety remains the top priority for this incident.
2. Fire managers for the refuge have coordinated suppression efforts with the Georgia Forestry Commission and the Greater Okefenokee Association of Landowners (GOAL) representing federal and state agencies, industry and private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










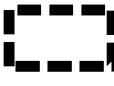
1. Why won't this fire go out? What will it take? Surface burning of available fuels is only part of the current problem. Peat beds (partially decayed vegetation normally floating in a vertical column of water) is what supports these surface fuels. Unfortunately, the current dry conditions have allowed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



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



PENDING DEMOBS 11/08

RequestNumber	ResourceName	Kind	UnitID	TravelMethod	Jetport	DemobDate
E-1460	GFC-VAN	VAN	GAGA	AOV		11/09/2011
O-1411	FORTENBERRY, ROY	CO	GAGA	AOV		11/09/2011
O-1406	BRYANT, ANNA	PA2	VAVAF	REN		11/09/2011
E-1462	GFC-PU-BOSTON	PU	GAGA			11/10/2011
O-1371	DAVIS, KAREN	RES	NVBM	AIR	EKO	11/10/2011
O-1419	TRULL, JAMES	SEC	NCNC	AOV		11/10/2011
O-1413	JOHNSON, LILA R	FSC	GAGA	AOV		11/11/2011
E-1461	GFC-CAR-JOHNSON	AUT	GAGA			11/11/2011
O-1421	PIERCE, NATHANIEL	SOF	GAGA			11/12/2011
E-1469	GFC-PU-PEARCE	PU	GAGA	AOV		11/12/2011
E-1466.1	GFC-TRAILER-BLECKL	TRA	GAGA	AOV		11/12/2011
E-1468	GFC-PU-HAIRE	PU	GAGA	AOV		11/12/2011
O-1415	HAIRE III, BYRON J	TFL	GAGA			11/12/2011
E-1467	GFC-TRACTOR-TATTN	TPL	GAGA	AOV		11/12/2011
E-1467.2	BOYETT, BRYANT	TPO	GAGA	AOV		11/12/2011
E-1467.1	GFC-TRAILER-TAHNAL	TRA	GAGA	AOV		11/12/2011
E-1465	GFC-TRACTOR-CANDL	TPL	GAGA	AOV		11/12/2011
E-1465.2	HOLLOWAY, JERRY	TPO	GAGA	AOV		11/12/2011
E-1465.1	GFC-TRAILER-CANDL	TRA	GAGA	AOV		11/12/2011
O-1420	GILREATH, SAMUAL	ENG	GACH	AOV		11/12/2011
O-1438	BLACKWOOD,	TPO	GAGA	AOV		11/12/2011
O-1414	BOSTON, WILLIE	LSC	GAGA	AOV		11/12/2011
E-1456.1	MEADOW, RUSSELL	ENG	GAGA	AOV		11/12/2011
E-1456.2	VEAL, DAVID	FFT	GAGA	AOV		11/12/2011
A-83.20	APODACA, TONY	HEC	NMSN	AIR	ABQ	11/13/2011
E-1464	GFC-ENG-UNION	ENG	GAGA	AOV		11/13/2011
E-1464.1	BERRY, JOSEPH	ENG	GAGA	AOV		11/13/2011
E-1464.2	CAREY, BRANNON	FFT	GAGA	AOV		11/13/2011

Record Count: 28

