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## Wildfire News

## Media Alert

# Additional Evacuations and Road Closures

(Waycross, Ga.) -- A local, state and federal facility to coordinate the release of official public information concerning the wildfire currently burning in Ware County has been established in Waycross.

The following information is current as of 7:30 PM, April 26, 2007. Due to high winds and low humidity, the wildfire currently is moving in a northeasterly direction. Fire embers were blown across US Highway 1 but firefighters quickly extinguished the spot fires. Georgia Forestry Commission and cooperating agencies continue to work around the clock to protect the citizens and property of Waycross.

As a precaution, due to smoky conditions and poor visibility lingering in the area, local and state emergency officials have evacuated and closed the following roads:

### **New Road Closures and Evacuations**

- Archie Sweat Road
- Braganza Road
- Check Station Road
- Josephine Park Road
- Laura Walker State Park
- Lions Club Camp for the Blind
- East of Lloyd Strickland Road to Hinson Road
- Marvin Strickland
- Owen Lee Road
- Pine Ridge Road
- Sams Road
- State Forest Road
- Strickland Road
- Trail Road

Approximately 100 persons reside in the areas listed above. **Goat Farm Road** remains under evacuation orders and **US Highway 1 between mile marker 1 to 16** (Hatcher Point Road to Race Pond Road) and **State Route 177** remains closed at this time. **CSX Railroad** remains closed.

Local and state officials will further assess the situation tonight before determining whether or not to allow residents to return home.

Residents of these areas may seek shelter at the **Waycross Middle School, located at 700 Central Avenue (behind Memorial Stadium) in Waycross.**

Residents should stay tuned to local radio and television for addition information and emergency protective measures.

<http://www.gema.state.ga.us/>  
<http://www.inciweb.org/>  
<http://www.satilla.org/>  
<http://www.ware.k12.ga.us/>

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