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Georgia/Northern Florida Fire Information

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FIRE	COUNTY	PERS.	ACRES	% CONT.	COST
Sweat Farm/Big Turnaround	Ware/Charlton	902	166,294		\$27,438,977
Big Turnaround	Ware/Charlton	662	110,767	45	\$12,995,139
Sweat Farm Road	Ware	240	55,527	85	\$14,443,838
Totals for Bugaboo		645	282,077		\$4,697,751
Bugaboo Scrub Fire (GA)	Ware	129	160,727	45	NA
Florida Bugaboo Wildfire	Baker	516	121,350	90	\$4,697,751
Total active fires in Georgia: 11 fires on 328,269 acres.					

Sweat Farm/ Big Turnaround

Firefighters continue to prepare control lines south of the Okefenokee NWR headquarters in the event that a burnout is deemed necessary. Crews are working to cool hot spots near the fireline north of the refuge headquarters to decrease the possibility of reburns threatening established containment lines.

As the fire moves closer to the western side of the Okefenokee Wildlife Refuge perimeter crews will be reinforcing and extending fire breaks in that area. The winds in the earlier part of the day will be coming out of the north to northeast and could push the fire closer to this edge of the perimeter.

Bugaboo Scrub Fire

Mop up operations continue today on the east side of the fire, along with structural protection in areas threatened by the fire. Initial attack crews are also in place to take action on any new starts due to the low humidity predicted today.

A temperature inversion is holding smoke close to the ground and reducing visibility as the fires in the interior are continuing to burn towards each other and have been putting up smoke visible from Waycross and Fargo.

Florida Bugaboo Wildfire

The Florida Bugaboo Fire continues to be an active fire. Smoke may continue to be seen throughout the fire area and in surrounding communities for some time as fuels burn within the interior of the fire perimeter.

The Osceola National Forest is closed north of I-10 (reference Closure Order no. 2007-0401).

Today's Fire Weather

A **RED FLAG** alert will be in effect again today due to expected low relative humidity. Winds today will be from the east/southeast 6-10 mph with gusts to 16-20 mph this afternoon. Temperatures will be 84-88 degrees and relative humidity will be below 20 percent on the firelines.

Evacuations

Georgia

- Areas west of Hwy. 121 from Folkston to Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge, including Hamp Chesser and Doc Ryder Road, and south to Chesser Island Road (Charlton County, Georgia) – **Precautionary**
- Davis Community (Charlton County, west of Folkston) – **Fire Advisory**
- Moniac (Charlton County, Georgia) – **Precautionary**
- Reeves Landing (Clinch County, Georgia) – **Precautionary**

Florida

All evacuations for Florida portion of the Bugaboo Fire were lifted May 19..

Roads Information

Georgia

- US 441 is closed from Fargo to Florida line.
- SR 177 between Stephen C. Foster State Park and Fargo is closed.
- SR 94 West from Moniac to Florida Line (0.10 mile) is open for local traffic only.
- SR 94 from St. George to Moniac is open for local traffic only.
- SR 185 in Georgia is open for local traffic only.
- I-75 Traffic is allowed as visibility permits. Expect frequent closures. Use alternate routes if possible.

Florida

- US 441 from CR-246 to Florida-Georgia Line is closed.
- I-10 Traffic is allowed as visibility permits. Expect frequent closures. Use alternate routes if possible.
- I-75 Traffic is allowed as visibility permits. Expect frequent closures. Use alternate routes if possible.
- I-95 and I-295 Traffic is allowed as visibility permits. Expect frequent closures. Use alternate routes if possible.
- SR-2 is open to local traffic only.

Additional Information Source On the web:

Georgia Forestry Commission, www.gatrees.org
Georgia Emergency Mgmt. www.gema.state.ga.us/
Satilla Regional Medical Center www.satilla.org/
Georgia Road Information www.georgianavigator.com
Florida Road Information, www.fhp.state.fl.us
Incident Information System, www.inciweb.org
Fire Weather Watch, www.weather.gov
Ware County Schools, www.ware.k12.georgia.us
Charlton County Schools, www.charlton.k12.ga.us
Firewise Communities, www.firewise.org
Okefenokee NWR www.fws.gov/okefenokee

www.brighterdaysministries.net, 912-286-5093 or
912-286-2842

To support Georgia Fire Fighters, go to:
www.gsffa.org/contact

Cash donations for fire victims are being collected by:
Department of Family and Children Services
1200 Plant Avenue, Waycross, GA 31501
For more information, call 912-285-6040

By Phone:

Big Turnaround Information	912-496-3687
Charlton County Fire Hotline	912-496-3687
Sweat Farm Information	912-285-6017
Columbia County Fire information	386-719-7530

To donate firefighter supplies or for volunteers, contact:

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