



# JOINT INFORMATION CENTER

## Georgia/Northern Florida Fire Information

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FIRE	COUNTY	PERS.	ACRES	% CONT.	COST
Sweat Farm Road Wildfire	Ware/Charlton	195	55,527		\$14.9 million
Big Turnaround Complex	Ware/Charlton	662	271,494	45	\$13.7 million
Florida Bugaboo Wildfire	Baker	419	121,401	90	\$5.4 million
Total active fires in Georgia: 52 fires on 345,973 acres.					

**Note: The Southwest Incident Management Team has taken over management of the Big Turnaround and Bugaboo Scrub Fires. These fires will now be shown on the Joint Information Center updates as the Big Turnaround Complex.**

### Sweat Farm Wildfire

Late afternoon and overnight reburn within the perimeter of the fire smoked in Waycross this morning. The smoke should clear as the temperature increases and inversion lifts. Fire activity and behavior is forecast to be intense today as relative humidity's will be in the teens near the fire this afternoon.

### Big Turnaround Complex Wildfire

If weather permits, fire crews may initiate a multi-day burnout operation in the area of Chesser Island and Coward Lake within the Refuge boundary. Expect to see heavy smoke on the east side of the fire, especially near St. George. The purpose of this burnout is to further secure the east side of the fire's perimeter by burning the area between the current active fire and the control line under known conditions.

### Florida Bugaboo Wildfire

Fire crews continue to improve containment lines and do the all-important mop-up work within the fire's interior. Firefighters remain in place to protect structures if needed. Area residents are urged to be extremely careful with anything that could cause a fire.

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

### Today's Fire Weather

**Red Flag Warning** for low humidity continues in effect. Dry air will continue to persist over the area today. Onshore winds across the east coast should keep relative humidity values above critical levels most of the day. Inland locations will experience periods of relative humidity around 20 percent for several hours.

## 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.
- 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 open to local traffic only.
- SR-2 is open to local traffic only.
- I-10, I-75, I-95 and I-295 are open, but smoke from the fires may reduce visibility at times.

### Additional Information Source On the web:

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

To donate firefighter supplies or for volunteers, contact:  
[www.brighterdaysministries.net](http://www.brighterdaysministries.net), 912-286-5093 or  
912-286-2842

To support Georgia Fire Fighters, go to:  
[www.gsffa.org/contact](http://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

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