

# Honey Prairie Complex

*GA-OKR-000001*

## Incident Action Plan Operational Period

Friday

**September 30, 2011  
0800-2000**

**Incident Commander  
Steve Gray  
Bryce Thomas (T)**

Accounting Codes

FWS - 9141-F25M-2J  
NPS - 5023 F25M E11  
BLM - F25M  
USFS - PRF25M\_1502

Initial Attack - F4PM

**Okefenokee**  
National Wildlife Refuge





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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/ Steve Gray

Incident Commander  
Type 3 Incident Management Team

<b>INCIDENT OBJECTIVES</b>	<b>1. INCIDENT NAME</b> Honey Prairie Complex	<b>2. DATE PREPARED</b> 9/29/11	<b>3. TIME PREPARED</b> 1700												
<b>4. OPERATIONAL PERIOD (DATE/TIME)</b> Friday, September 30, 2011 0800 – 2000															
<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> See attached forecast for area specific weather information.															
<b>7. GENERAL SAFETY MESSAGE</b> 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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<b>9. PREPARED BY (PLANNING SECTION CHIEF)</b> Greg Strenkowski		<b>10. APPROVED BY (INCIDENT COMMANDER)</b> Steve Gray													

ORGANIZATION ASSIGNMENT LIST		9. Operations Section	
<b>1. Incident Name</b> Honey Prairie Complex GA-OKR-000001		Chief	Bryce Thomas (T) 10/1
<b>2. Date</b> 9/29/2011		<b>3. Time</b> 1500 hrs	
<b>4. Operational Period</b> 9/30/2011 0800 - 2000		<b>a. Branch/Divisions/Groups</b>	
<b>5. Incident Commander and Staff</b>		West Branch	
Incident Commander	Steve Gray 10/9 Bryce Thomas (T) 10/1	Rehab Group	Mike Work 9/30 Brent McCarty 10/13
Safety Officer	Leonard Kempf 10/5 Tommy Hawkins 10/8	Refuge Group	Mike Work 9/30 Brent McCarty 10/13
Information Officer	Art Webster	Division Y/Z	Mike Work 9/30 John Molve 10/13
		Division Z (10A)	Mike Work 9/30 John Molve 10/13
<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		
<b>7. Planning Section</b>		<b>c. AIR OPERATIONS BRANCH - Honey Prairie</b>	
Chief	Greg Strenkowski 9/30	Waycross Helibase Mgr	Kevin Merrill 10/5
Resource Advisors	Ron Phernetton, Reggie Forcine		
Resources Unit			
IMET	Jon Jelsema 10/3		
Situation Unit			
FBAN		<b>d. AIR OPERATIONS BRANCH - Pogo</b>	
Demob Unit	Chuck Norvell 10/11		
Documentation			
GIS			
CTSP			
SCKN			
<b>8. Logistics Section</b>		<b>10. Finance Section</b>	
Chief	Shane Locke 10/2	Chief	Lila Johnson 10/2
Supply Unit	Teresa (Tracy) Stelman 10/6	Time Unit	Vickie Hulsizer 10/3
Ground Support	Steve Blackwell 10/9	Cost	
Ground Support	Dan Chappell (T) 10/13	PTRC	Teresa Kregl-Barber 10/2
COML	James (Ronnie) Sumler 10/5	EQTR	
EMTB	Andrew Gill 10/2	IBA	
RCDM	Jayson Brockmeyer 10/2		
Facilities	Daniel Crouch (T) 9/30		
SECM	Lindel Gregory 10/7 Chris Schrupp 9/30 James Willett 10/13	Purchasing Agent	Fredrick Cheeks 10/6
COMT			
RADO			
Mechanic			
Base Camp Mngr	Rusty Brown 10/13		
		Prepared by: Greg Strenkowski	PSC2





DIVISION ASSIGNMENT LIST				1. Branch <b>West</b>		2. Division <b>Y / Z</b>									
3. Incident Name <b>Honey Prairie Complex</b>				4. Operational Period Date: 9/30/2011 Time: 0800-2000											
5. Operations Personnel															
<b>Operations</b>		Bryce Thomas (T)10/1													
				<b>Division Supervisor</b>		Mike Work 9/30									
<b>Safety Officer</b>		Leonard Kempf 10/5 Tommy Hawkins 10/12		<b>Division Supervisor</b>		Brent McCarty 10/13 John Molve 10/13									
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>TFLD (O-1302) FL</b>		<b>David Carter</b>		<b>10/6</b>		<b>1</b>		<b>404-276-1998</b>							
GA ENG6 Habersham 86 (E-1394)		Leland Bass (E-1394.1)		9/30		2		Payton Turner (E-1394.2)							
GA ENG6 Monroe 86 (E-1392)		Greg Waters (E-1392.1)		10/1		2		Robert Hargrove (E-1392.2)							
GA ENG6 Polk 86 (E-1393)		Anthony Keene (E-1393.1)		10/2		2		Timothy Sosebee (E-1393.2)							
FL ENG6 B-114 (E-1396)		Jason Longfellow (E-1396.2)		10/6		2		Mark Reddich (E-1396.1)							
FL ENG6 G-106 (E-1395)		Charles Shewey (E-1395.2)		10/6		2		Johnathan Lambert (E-1395.1)							
FL ENG6 C-92 (E-1431)		Shane McGowen		10/14		2		Walter Bowers							
<b>TFLD (T) (O-1333)</b>		<b>Wes Merkison</b>		<b>10/9</b>		<b>1</b>		<b>912-552-3821</b>							
GA TPL3 Lanier 70 (E-1418)		Stewart McIntosh		10/9		1									
GA TPL3 ATCO 71 (E-1420)		Derek Harper		10/9		1									
GA TPL3 Appling 72 (E-1417)		Josh Yawn		10/9		1									
GA TPL3 Brantley 72 (E-1419)		David Smith		10/9		1									
<b>EMTB</b>		<b>Andrew Gill (O-1261)</b>		<b>10/2</b>		<b>1</b>									
7. Control Operations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Respond to Initial Attack as requested</li> <li>Mop up and monitor fire's edge, and mop up 200-feet in,( upland areas only)</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><b>Goto Argyle turn down Antioch Church Rd. Turn down Rd. 28, then Turn on Rd 26, to Perimeter Rd. Stage at DP41 until DIVS Authorizes movement.</b></li> <li><b>Avoid Confrontations with bear hunters.</b></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 N Okee Repeater		RX 164.5750/206.5 TX 163.150/206.5		KING NIFC		5		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.) Chuck Norvell				Approved by (Planning Sect. Ch.) Greg Strenkowski				Date September 29, 2011				Time 1800			





# Fire Weather Forecast



**FORECAST NO:** 146  
**PREDICTION FOR:** Day Shift  
**SHIFT DATE:** Friday 9/30/11

**NAME OF FIRE:** Honey Prairie Complex  
**UNIT:** Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge

**FORECAST ISSUED:** 9/29/11 at 1600

**SIGNED:** Jon Jelsema, IMET

**WEATHER DISCUSSION:** A strong cold front will sweep through the region today, with high pressure building back into the area on Saturday. Much cooler weather is expected on Saturday, along with critical Relative Humidity values and near Critical Winds.

**TODAY:** Partly cloudy.

**MAXIMUM TEMPERATURES:** 90°  
**MINIMUM HUMIDITY:** 30 to 35%  
**20 FT WINDS:** West-Northwest 6 to 10 mph, increasing to 8 to 14 with gusts to 18 mph.  
**STABILITY/INVERSION:** 7000 feet  
**TRANSPORT WINDS:** West-northwest 20 mph  
**DISPERSION INDEX:** 70, Very good  
**CHANCE OF PRECIPITATION:** 10%  
**LIGHTNING ACTIVITY LEVEL:** 1

**TONIGHT:** Mostly clear. Northwest winds 5 to 8 mph, becoming North-Northwest 3 to 6 mph after midnight. Low temperature 55°.

**SATURDAY:** Mostly sunny.

**MAXIMUM TEMPERATURES:** 76°  
**MINIMUM HUMIDITY:** 25 to 30%  
**20 FT WINDS:** North-Northwest 10 to 16 mph with gusts to 20 mph.  
**STABILITY/INVERSION:** 6500 feet  
**TRANSPORT WINDS:** North-Northwest 22 mph.  
**DISPERSION INDEX:** 70, Very good  
**CHANCE OF PRECIPITATION:** 0%  
**LIGHTNING ACTIVITY LEVEL:** 1

**EXTENDED FORECAST:** High pressure will remain the dominant weather feature through the middle of next week. Critical or near Critical Relative Humidity values are expected, with Temperatures slowly modify back toward seasonal levels.

	<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>
<b>SKY/WEATHER</b>	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny
<b>THUNDER/PRECIP</b>	0%	0%	0%
<b>20 FT. WINDS</b>	North 8 to 12 mph	Northeast 6 to 10 mph	Northeast 8 to 12 mph
<b>MIN/MAX</b>	47/76	46/79	50/81
<b>Relative Humidity</b>	25 to 30%	27 to 32%	30 to 35%

## FIRE BEHAVIOR FORECAST

Fire: Honey Prairie Complex	Unit: GA-OKR-000001	Prediction for Day Shift
Forecast #146 Issued: 09/29/2011 1600 hrs	Signed: G Strenkowski	Shift Date: <b>Thursday 09/30/2011</b>

### GENERAL FIRE BEHAVIOR

Fuels around the Okefenokee Wildlife Refuge are predominately Fuel Model 7 (Southern Rough). Large to moderate acreage tracts of commercial timberland are mixed in throughout the entire perimeter surrounding the refuge. Fast moving wildfires with extremely high flame lengths and rapid rates of spread occur within and around the swamp.

#### Indicators/Threshold for Increased Fire Activity

- **Relative humidity below 45%**
  - **Winds above 10 mph**
  - **Heavy fuel loadings**
- **Fine dead fuel moisture 8% or less**
  - Dispersion above 70

\* Items in BOLD ITALICS are predicted to occur today\*

### SPECIFIC FIRE BEHAVIOR

- Interior smoldering will continue with flare ups and re-burn possible.
- Expect fire to continue to slowly creep through organic leaf mats, muck soils, and un-burnt shrubs in the Refuge Wilderness swamp area.

## LIGHTNING ACTIVITY LEVEL 1

Fuel Type	Rates of Spread	Flame Length	Spotting Distance	Firebrand Ignition
<b>Winds at 8,14 mph</b>	Winds will increase throughout the day.			
Small PL Pines (4)	<b>26-53 ch/hr</b>	<b>12-17 ft</b>	UP to 3/10 MILE	70%
Southern Rough (7)	<b>11-22 ch/hr</b>	<b>4-6 ft</b>	UP to 3/10 MILE	70%
Reburn (9)	<b>4-8 ch/hr</b>	<b>2-3 ft</b>	UP to 3/10 MILE	70%
Shrub Fuels (sh8)	<b>7-14 ch/hr</b>	<b>6-8 ft</b>	UP to 3/10 MILE	70%

**One hour fine dead fuel moisture is at 5% for Thursday:** Smoldering in the duff and larger fuels will continue. 1,000 hour fuels remain drier than normal for this time of year. Re-burn potential is increasing due to lower humidity's in the areas that have received minimal rainfall. The uncontrolled fire edge in the Wilderness swamp will continue to burn through organic soils, leaf litter and downed woody material. If contiguous fuels are ignited, spread will increase due to lower humidity and higher winds

**NOTE- OTHER THAN THE RE-BURN, FIRE BEHAVIOR CALCULATIONS ARE FOR FIRES IN UNBURNED FUELS INCLUDING NEW IA STARTS.**

### All Divisions:

*The fire continues a slow spread through the thick bays and muck soils. Roots and fallen trees are protecting heat sources allowing the fire to burn organic soils from the bottom up. Keep a heads-up for falling trees. Re-burn potential is on the rise.*

**Air Operations:** Expect an increase in smoke from the fire over the next few days.

#### **SAFETY:**

**WINDS** – Stay abreast of changing wx conditions throughout the entire shift. Winds will be picking up and

**Live Trees/SNAGS** – are falling in all Divisions and will be influenced by Increased winds.

**FUELS:** Watch for pockets of cured shrubs or blankets of needle cast. Re-burn is possible in some area. 1,000 and 10,000 hour fuels as well as deep duff pockets are providing a heat source. 100 and 1000 hour fuels are still below average in moisture content. Stay focused, and put LCES in place before starting operations.

**Energy Release Component (ERC) is running *WELL ABOVE AVERAGE* for this time of year.**

# Safety Message

**INCIDENT: Honey Prairie Fire**

**DATE: 09/30/2011**

**TIME: 0800**

**Major Hazards and Risks: Fire Weather/Behavior  
Logging Operations  
Increase Traffic in fire area**

**Fire Weather/Behavior** – The next couple of days the weather will be getting dryer and the wind will increase, at least 4 of the 5 thresholds for increase fire behavior will be met. Refer to your Fire Behavior Forecast for updates.

**Logging Operations** – Fresh Needle cast from Logging Operations and stirring up hot spots can cause fires to become active. Watch for Reburn Potential.

**Increase Traffic in Fire Area** - Logging equipment and trucks could be around every corner. Keep a close watch out – they may not see you. Always give the trucks plenty of room on the interior roads – especially in curves and watch out for the “sweep” of the tail. Hunter will be in the area as well for the weekend coming up, they may be concentrating on looking for tracks or intercepting dogs or game and not watching the road. Continue to use good judgment and scan the road ahead at all times. Sound decisions behind the wheel keep everyone safe. Remember Lights on, wear your seatbelts and be courteous to other drivers. Driving defensively is always the safest way.



17. TERRAIN AND FUELS MAKE ESCAPE TO SAFETY ZONES DIFFICULT

WIND SCALE		WIND SPEED MILES PER HOUR
	SMOKE RISES UP	0
	SMOKE DRIFTS	1-3
	LEAVES RUSTLE FLAGS STIR	4-7
	LEAVES AND TWIGS MOVE	8-12
	BRANCHES MOVE FLAGS FLAP	13-18
	SMALL TREES SWAY FLAGS RIPPLE	19-24
	LARGE BRANCHES MOVE, FLAGS BEAT	25-31
	WHOLE TREES MOVE FLAGS EXTEND	32-38
	TWIGS BREAK WALKING IS DIFFICULT	39-46
	SIGNS, ANTENNAS BLOWN DOWN	47-54
	TREES UPROOTED CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE TO BUILDINGS	55-73
	COUNTRYSIDE DEVASTATED	74 OR ABOVE

**Safety Officers: Tommy Hawkins, Lenny Kempf**

1. Establish & maintain LCES. Report LCES checks twice daily to DIVS.
2. Look UP,DOWN and AROUND - Flag and Communicate.
3. Follow downhill fireline checklist.
4. Take plenty rest breaks and encourage to drink water NOW through briefings.
5. Watch out for complacency. Supervisors need to keep constant surveillance for early signs and address.
6. Observe 30/30 Rule: Reference Incident Response Pocket Guide. Look for new starts.
7. Post experienced Lookouts. Make sure LCES is in place and make known.
8. Utilize Fire Departments for structure protection. Tailgate briefings on urban interface hazards.
9. Defensive driving will be addressed in all briefings.
10. Utilize public "Community Meetings" to warn public of fire hazards/traffic.
11. All personnel must meet the 2:1 work/rest ratio. Safety Team will monitor closely.
12. Maintain LCES at all times.
13. Use Air Attack as Lookout.
14. Post lookout for Snags, Rolling Material, and Spot Fires below line.
15. Ensure Fireline is Anchored.
16. All Firefighters know current weather, predicted weather & fire behavior forecast.
17. Line Supervisors will provide clear, concise briefings.
18. Flag hazard trees & snags, post lookouts when working in vicinity of snags.
19. FBA/Meteorologist to develop weather watch system.
20. Keep Firefighters informed of any changes in predicted weather.
21. Recognize & Avoid Hazmat situations.
22. Utilize Hazmat Response Teams.
23. Use Spike Camps to limit travel times.
24. Ensure Traffic Planning is safe and enforced.
25. Use Helicopter transport when driving conditions warrant.
26. Review Structural "Watch Out" situations.
27. Abandon Structures before Safety is compromised.
28. Air Attack and/or lead plane will always be in the air to coordinate aircraft.
29. Pilots will be briefed on strategy and tactics.
30. Personnel on ground will stay out of drop zones.
31. Observe all traffic signals and speed limits.
32. Use spotter when backing vehicle(s).
33. Refer to Fireline Handbook on Power Line Hazards.
34. Burn aerial fuels & avoid as a safety zone.
35. Construct direct line with immediate burn out of fuels.

INCIDENT ACTION PLAN SAFETY ANALYSIS											1. Incident Name Honey Prairie Fire		2. Date 9/30/2011		3. Time Day Shift	
LCES* Analysis of Tactical Applications Lookouts Communications Escape routes Safety zones											Other Risk Analysis					
Divisions	Indirect Fireline	Power lines / Snags	Road Conditions	Frontal Assault	Extreme Conditions	Railroad	Logging Operations	Wildlife, Insects	LCES Mitigations	Smoke	Traffic/Driving	Communications	Fatigue/Hydration	School Buses / Children	Other Risk Mitigations	
All Divisions	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 14	2, 6, 11, 15, 17	12, 20, 26	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 14	7, 10	1	2, 3, 5, 6	2, 23, 28	1. Establish & maintain LCES. Report LCES checks twice daily to DIVS on line & staging. 2. Look UP, DOWN and AROUND 3. Post experienced Lookouts. Make sure LCES is in place and make known. 4. Use Aerial Resources as Lookout if available.	24	12, 17, 19, 20, 22, 26, 27	1, 3, 10, 14, 19, 24, 25	16, 18, 21	26	16. Take adequate rest breaks and encourage to drink water NOW through briefings. 17. Defensive driving will be addressed in all briefings. 18. All personnel must meet the 2:1 work/rest ratio. Line supervisors and Safety will monitor closely. 19. Notify Operation and Safety of Railroad track issues to ensure safety of firefighters.	
									5. Flag escape routes on right side of escape route facing outward. Create new escape routes as you progress and identify Safety Zones on the ground and maps. 6. Identify, mark & mitigate. 7. FBAN/Meteorologist to monitor weather updates and advisories. 8. Ensure Fireline is Anchored to black or manmade/natural barrier.						20. Ensure Traffic Planning is safe and enforced. Heed Defensive Driving techniques noted in Safety Messages. 21. Relocate staging area when driving conditions warrant. 22. Use spotter when backing vehicle(s). 23. For insects, use protective spray with deet on skin (Not on Nomex), permethrin can be used on nomex clothing	
									10. Keep Firefighters informed of any changes in predicted weather, consider at least a two day weather pattern when planning Strategic Firing operations. 11. Refer to IRPG, pg. 12 on Power Line Hazards. 12. Observe all traffic signals and speed limits. Drive with lights on. 14. Ensure GOOD tailgate briefings with resources unable to attend Operational Briefing (Include Ops, Logs, Fin & Plans info.).						24. Establish smoke/fog signs on roadways. Coordinate with Department of Transportation. 25. Follow establish communication plan, flight follow through dispatch 26. Watch-out for school buses and for children along the edge of roadway and crossing the road.	
									15. Scout ahead of tractor operations to avoid making contact with power poles and guide wires when tying into roads. Power companies are working in some DIVS, avoid all down lines as they may become charged.						27. Treat all intersections as 4-way stops 28. Bears, Gators, and some snakes are dangerous. Do not approach or feed wildlife at any time.	
Prepared by (Name and Position)							ICS 215A	Tommy Hawkins/ Lenny Kempf; SOF								

# AIR OPERATIONS SUMMARY

Prepared By: Kevin Merrill, HMGB Prepared Date: 9.28.2011

Prepared Time: 1800

<b>1. INCIDENT NAME:</b> Honey Prairie	<b>2. OPS PERIOD DATE:</b> September 30, 2011	<b>START TIME:</b> 0830	<b>END TIME:</b> 1900	<b>SUNRISE:</b> 0722	<b>SUNSET:</b> 1918
<b>3. REMARKS (Safety Notes, Hazards, Air Operations Special Equipment, etc ALL FLIGHT REQUESTS GO DIRECTLY TO HELIBASE Afternoon thunderstorms</b> <i>NOTE: Latitude/Longitude format is "Degrees-Minutes-Decimal Minutes" (example: N30 41.42 W082 33.97) helibase convert if necessary</i>				<b>5. TFR #:</b> Canceled 7/27/11 SEE and AVOID!!!	

PERSONNEL	NAME	PHONE #	FREQUENCIES	AM	FM	
HEB2 Waycross HB	Kevin Merrill Desk Cell	912-287-4479 505-504-4613	AIR/ AIR FW	None assigned		<b>AIRTANKERS / LEAD PLANES - None Available</b>  <b>OTHER:</b> <b>Waycross Airport Helibase: 912-287-4479</b> <b>Waycross Airport Helibase Fax: 912-287-4458</b> <b>ICP Helispot is Waycross Airport Helibase</b> <b>Okefenokee Dispatch: 912-496-7366 X230</b>  <b>Waycross Airport: N 31 16.16 10 W82 33.38</b>  <b>BERGANZA HELISPOT N 31 07.22 W082 15.22 * don't use unless cleared with AOB.</b> <b>POGO HELISPOT: N30 44.03 W082 07.41</b>
ABRO	Darold Williams Desk Cell	912-287-4479 386-383-6288	AIR/ AIR RW-FF	122.375		
			Georgia AIR/GRND (Smokey - Dozers)		159.285 W	
			AIR/GROUND PRIMARY		166.9375	
			AIR/GROUND ALTERNATE		166.9000	
			AIR GUARD		168.625 T110.9	

## 9. HELICOPTERS (Use Additional Sheets as Necessary)

FAA N#	TY	MAKE/ MODEL	BASE	AVAIL	MANAGER	FAA N#	T Y	MAKE/ MODEL	BASE	AVAIL	MANAGER
1CH	3	AS350-B3	Waycross	0830	Robert Dodgen 970-799-1176						
9RH	1	K-max	Waycross	0830	Al Driesbach (805) 479-1837						

## 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
Bucket Ops/	699RH	As Requested	Waycross	
Recon	<b>All FLIGHT REQUESTS GO THROUGH HELIBASE, 1CH</b>	As Requested/scheduled	Waycross/Pogo	
Medevac	351CH	As Requested	Waycross	

INCIDENT RADIO COMMUNICATIONS PLAN ICS-205			Incident Name <b>Honey Prairie</b>			<b>GROUP 22</b>		Date/Time Prepared 09/26/2011-18:00		Operational Period Date/Time 9/30/2011 0800-2000	
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) Ronnie Sumler COML 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>	Incident Name <b>Honey Prairie Complex</b>	Date Prepared <b>09/02/2011</b>	Time Prepared <b>1000</b>	Operational Period <b>09/30/2011</b>
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**5. Incident Medical Aid Station**

<u>Medical Aid Stations</u>	<u>Location</u>	Paramedics Yes	No
<b>MEDICAL UNIT (ICP EMT)</b>	<b>Honey Prairie Complex ICP- No MEDL</b>		
<b>WEST SIDE (Line EMT)</b>	<b>****Andrew Gill 404-772-5402 (BLS Kit)****</b>		
<b>EAST SIDE (Line EMT)</b>	<b>****Andrew Gill 404-772-5402 (BLS Kit)****</b>		

**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)	912-496-2281	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		Burn Center	
				Yes	No	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 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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) -265-0300	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!**

**HELISPOTS**

NAME	LAT-LON	LOCATION
<b>Pocket Helispot</b>	N 30' 47.500 W 82' 22.659	(West side), mile marker 4, HWY 177 Steven C. Foster State Park
<b>Fargo Helispot</b>	N 30' 40.945 W 82' 33.640	(West side), HWY 441- Steven C. Foster Visitor Center
<b>POGO Helibase</b>	N 30' 44.219 W 82' 07.689	(East side) Adjacent to Okee Refuge Shop
<b><u>Evac Yankee</u></b>		
<b>Helispot 6</b>	N 30' 53.280 W 82' 33.880	Road 32 and 32A
<b>Helispot 7</b>	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.**

**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): \_\_\_\_\_

Prepared by: Tommy Hawkins SOF

10. Reviewed by: Tommy Hawkins, SOF

<b>HONEY PRAIRIE</b>			<b>PHONE LIST</b>			<b>09/30/11</b>		
<b>Incident</b>		<b>Communication</b>		<b>(Hours: 0800-2000)</b>		<b>912-286-1660</b>		
<b>AGENCY OFFICIALS</b>			<b>OPERATIONS</b>					
Curt McCasland	602-359-0013	USFWS AA		Bryce Thomas (T)	850-625-6634			
Mindy Gautreaux	912-282-7500	USFWS Deputy AA						
Frank Sorrells	912-381-7503	GFC AA		<b>DIVISIONS</b>				
James Karels	850-228-7763	FL DOF AA		Mike Work	904-705-3926	West Group		
Diane Adams	912-266-5421	GEMA		Brent McCarty	229-938-8118	West Group		
Mike Housh	404-772-5380	USFWS AREP		John Molve	404-772-5553	West Group		
<b>COMMAND - IC</b>			<b>AIR OPERATIONS</b>					
Steve Gray	770-655-8002	Incident Commander		Kevin Merrill	505-504-4613	HEB1		
Bryce Thomas	850-625-6634	ICT3 (T)		912-287-4479 WAYCROSS AIRPORT				
<b>RESOURCE ADVISORS</b>			<b>LANDOWNERS</b>					
Ron Phernetton	912-276-2349	Resource Advisor		Jim Barrett	229-356-1993	Langdale/GOAL Chairman		
Rocky Chesser	912-276-3232	Resource Advisor		Wesley Langdale	229-220-2602	Langdale		
Reggie Forcine	912-614-4041	Resource Advisor		Hal Rowe	229-412-3133	Langdale		
<b>INFORMATION 912-496-2566</b>			Langdale Office 229-242-7450 Langdale Office					
Art Webster		Fire Information		Mike Conlon	386-365-3882	Rayonier Unit Supervisor		
<b>SAFETY OFFICERS</b>			Ray Carter 386-288-6626 Rayonier					
Lenny Kempf	West Branch	715-661-0728		Ed Carter	386-288-6626	Rayonier		
Tommy Hawkins	West Branch	404-558-4476		Doug Nuss	912-390-1037	Rayonier		
<b>DISPATCH</b>			Randall McCrady 912-283-4077 Rayonier					
Okefenokee Dsp	912-496-7366	Okefenokee		Colin Myerson	229-506-1565	Superior Pine Products Co		
Suwannee Dispatch	386-758-5700	Fla wildfires, other		Robbie Lee	229-356-0526	Superior Pine Products Co		
Honey Prairie Dspth	404-772-5384	Honey Prairie ICP		Superior Pine Office	912-637-5261	Superior Pine Products Co		
Waycross Dispatch	912-287-4915	Ga wildfires, other		Al Alexander	850-843-0104	The Forestry Co		
GA DNR	1-800-241-4113	Hunting Issues		Savell Schmidt	850-843-1181	The Forestry Co		
<b>LOGISTICS 256-497-8490 fax 912-287-6542</b>			John Bogue 850-843-1192 The Forestry Co					
Shane Locke	404-772-5400	LSC		Joe Hopkins	912-276-0911	Toledo Timber		
Lindel Gregory	404-772-5401	Security		Chris Gowan	912-276-0965	Toledo Timber		
Daniel Crouch	256-497-8490	FACL (T)		Martin Bell	912-283-0583	Swamp Park		
James (Ronnie) Sumler	850-361-9163	COML		Crystal Peebles	352-316-0632	FIA		
James Chappell	404-772-5318	GSUL (T)		Steve Davis	912-614-1828	Davis Community		
Steve Blackwell	423-605-3793	GSUL		Trevor Fortner	912-599-9271	Little Suwannee		
Jayson Brockmeyer	907-347-5511	RCDM		Tim Jarrell	912-223-7120	Hancock Forest Mgmt.		
Harold Smith	404-772-5405	Mechanic		<b>RAILROADS</b>				
Andrew Gill	404-772-5402	EMTB		Norfolk Southern	800-453-2530			
Tracy Stelman	209-325-0548	SPUL						
<b>PLANNING 912-287-6565 FAX 912-287-6541</b>			Sid Moody 904-318-7983 Norfolk Southern Railroad					
Greg Strenkowski	478-951-2421	PSC2 /SITL		Chad Edwards	404-582-4909	Norfolk Southern Railroad		
Jon Jelsema	240-499-6637	IMET		Eric Sams	904-576-9907			
Chuck Norvell	912-287-6565	RESL/DMOB		Emergency Dispatch	404-529-1597	Norfolk Southern Railroad		
<b>FINANCE 912-287-6544 FAX 912-287-6564</b>			CSX Randy Dixon 912-270-0699					
Lila Johnson	770-658-6641	Finance Section Chief		CSX Dispatch	800-232-0144			
Fredrick Cheeks	256-497-8334	Purchasing Agent						
	912-287-6557	Buying Team Fax		<b>COUNTY</b>				
<b>All Contractors</b>	<b>912-287-6568</b>	<b>All Contractors</b>			912-496-7229	Charlton County EMA		
<b>FEDERAL Federal</b>			John F. Meyer - 912-496-2549 Charlton County Commissioners					
Okefenokee Fire Shop	912-496-4181			Dobie Conner	912-496-7321	Charlton County Sheriff		
Okefenokee NWR HQ	912-496-7366			Jesse Booth	912-520-0061	Clinch County EMA		
Okefenokee NWR	912-637-5322			Jonathan Daniel	912-281-5158	Ware County EMA		
Okefenokee Visitor	912-496-7836			Jessie Jordan	912-816-6063	Ware County Fire Dept		
<b>STATE State</b>			Joe Morris 912-281-6020 Ware County Sheriff					
GFC Fargo Office	912-637-5270			Robbie Sutton	912-599-9027	Tri County 911		
GFC Satilla District	912-287-4915			Georgia State Patrol	912-287-6500			
Jason Gillis	912-314-9233	GFC Satilla Mgr.		Travis Griffin	912-281-5790	Laura Walker State Park		

## DMOB Report Sept

RequestNun	ResourceName	KindCode	UnitID	TravelMethod	Jetport	DemobDate
E-1395	FL ENG6 G-106	ENG6	FLFLS			09/30/2011
E-1364	PLE-1 ENG6	ENG6	NCPOR	AOV		09/30/2011
E-1369	UNION 86	ENG6	GAGAS			09/30/2011
E-1395.1	LAMBERT, JOHNATHAN	ENOP	FLFNF	AOV		09/30/2011
E-1364.1	POWELL, KENNY	ENGB	NCPOR	AOV		09/30/2011
E-1396.2	LONGFELLOW, JASON	ENGB	FLFNF	AOV		09/30/2011
E-1305	TIMBERLINE SKIDDER W/	SK	GAOKR	POV		09/30/2011
E-1369.2	GREGORY, BRAD	ENGB	GAGAS	AOV		09/30/2011
E-13952	SHEWEY, CHARLES	ENGB	FLFNF	AOV		09/30/2011
E-1364.2	BOREL, LISA	ENOP	NCPOR	AOV		09/30/2011
E-1397	FLFLS CARTER PU	PU	FLFLS	AOV		09/30/2011
E-1396.1	REDDISH, MARK	ENOP	FLFNF	AOV		09/30/2011
E-1369.1	MELTON, BLAKE	ENOP	GAGAS	AOV		09/30/2011
E-1396	B-114 FL ENG6	ENG6	FLFLS			09/30/2011
O-1302	CARTER, DAVID	STEN	FLFLS	AOV		09/30/2011
E-1394	HABERSHAM 86	ENG6	GAGAS			10/01/2011
O-1251	SCHRUPP, CHRISTOPHER	SEC1	WISCP	AOV		10/01/2011
O-1325	CROUCH, DANIEL	FACL	FLFNF	AOV		10/01/2011
O-1323	LESLEY, ELIZABETH	FFT2	FLLXR	AOV		10/01/2011
O-1297	PAFFORD, DAVID	TPOP	NCPER	AOV		10/01/2011
E-1328	WORK PU	PU	FLFLS	AOV		10/01/2011
E-1405	FL-LXR- ENG6 E27	ENG6	FLLXR	AOV		10/01/2011
E-1394.2	TURNER, PAYTON	FFT2	GAGAS			10/01/2011
E-1394.1	BASS, LELAND	ENGB	GAGAS			10/01/2011
O-1258	WORK, MIKE	DIVS	FLFIC	AOV		10/01/2011
O-8	CREWS, THOMAS	FFT2	GAOKR	AOV		10/01/2011
O-1294	STRENKOWSKI, GREGORY	RESL	GAGAS	AOV		10/01/2011
O-1301	GREGORY, LINDEL	SECM	MOOZP	AOV		10/01/2011
O-1313	BLACK, JORDAN	ENGB	NCMCR	AOV	PHF	10/01/2011
E-1323	CROUCH PU	PU	FLFLS	AOV		10/01/2011
E-1389	FLFLS THOMAS PU	PU	FLFLS	AOV		10/02/2011
O-1312	DORMINEY, ROBERT	TPOP	FLFNF	AOV		10/02/2011
E-1392	GFC ENGINE	ENG6	GAGAS			10/02/2011
E-1392.1	HARGROVE, ROBERT	FFT2	GAGAS			10/02/2011
E-1392.2	WATERS, GREGG	ENGB	GAGAS			10/02/2011
E-1401	STERLING TANSPORT	TRTL	FLFLS	AOV		10/02/2011
E-1400	FL DOZZ G-84	TPL2	FLFLS	AOV		10/02/2011
A-83.9	MUHONEN, ZANE	HECM	COSJF	AIR	CEZ	10/02/2011
O-1310	BROCKMEYER, JAYSON	RCDM	AKAKD	AIR	FAI	10/03/2011
E-1410	FLFLS LOCKE ASC12427	PU	FLFLS	AOV		10/03/2011
E-1411	POV KREGL_BARBER	AUTO	GAGAS	POV		10/03/2011
O-1308	LOCKE, SHANE	LSC2	FLFNF	AOV		10/03/2011
E-1393.2	SOSEBEE, TIMOTHY	FFT2	GAGAS	AOV		10/03/2011
E-1393	GA ENG6 POLK 86	ENG6	GAGAS	AOV		10/03/2011
E-1393.1	KEENE, ANTHONY (TONY)	ENGB	GAGAS	AOV		10/03/2011
O-1261	GILL, ANDREW	EMTB	FLEVP	A/R	MIA	10/03/2011
O-1293	KREGL-BARBER, TERESA	PTRC	GAGAS	POV		10/03/2011
O-1316	JELSEMA, JONATHON	IMET	SCCHSW	REN		10/04/2011
E-1318.2	GUZMAN, JAIME	FFT2	WIMEA	AOV		10/05/2011
E-1318	MENOMINEE ENGINE	ENG6	WIMEA	AOV		10/05/2011
O-1320	DRIESBACH, AL	HMGB	CALPF	A/R	SBP	10/05/2011
E-1318.3	WAYKA, CURTIS	FFT2	WIMEA	AOV		10/05/2011
E-1318.1	WAUKAU, ADAM	ENGB	WIMEA	AOV		10/05/2011
O-1318	FRANCO, RAYMOND	TFLD	IDSCC	AIR		10/05/2011

Record Count: 54

# Hunter Encounters and Confrontations

Bear, Archery, and Muzzle Loader season is now open. Crews are likely to encounter hunters either hunting or scouting in the area of the Swamp Edge Break. Bear Hunter will be running dogs and chasing the pack in vehicles on narrow dusty roads to intercept bears. 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 – Lindel Gregroy 404-772-5401

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

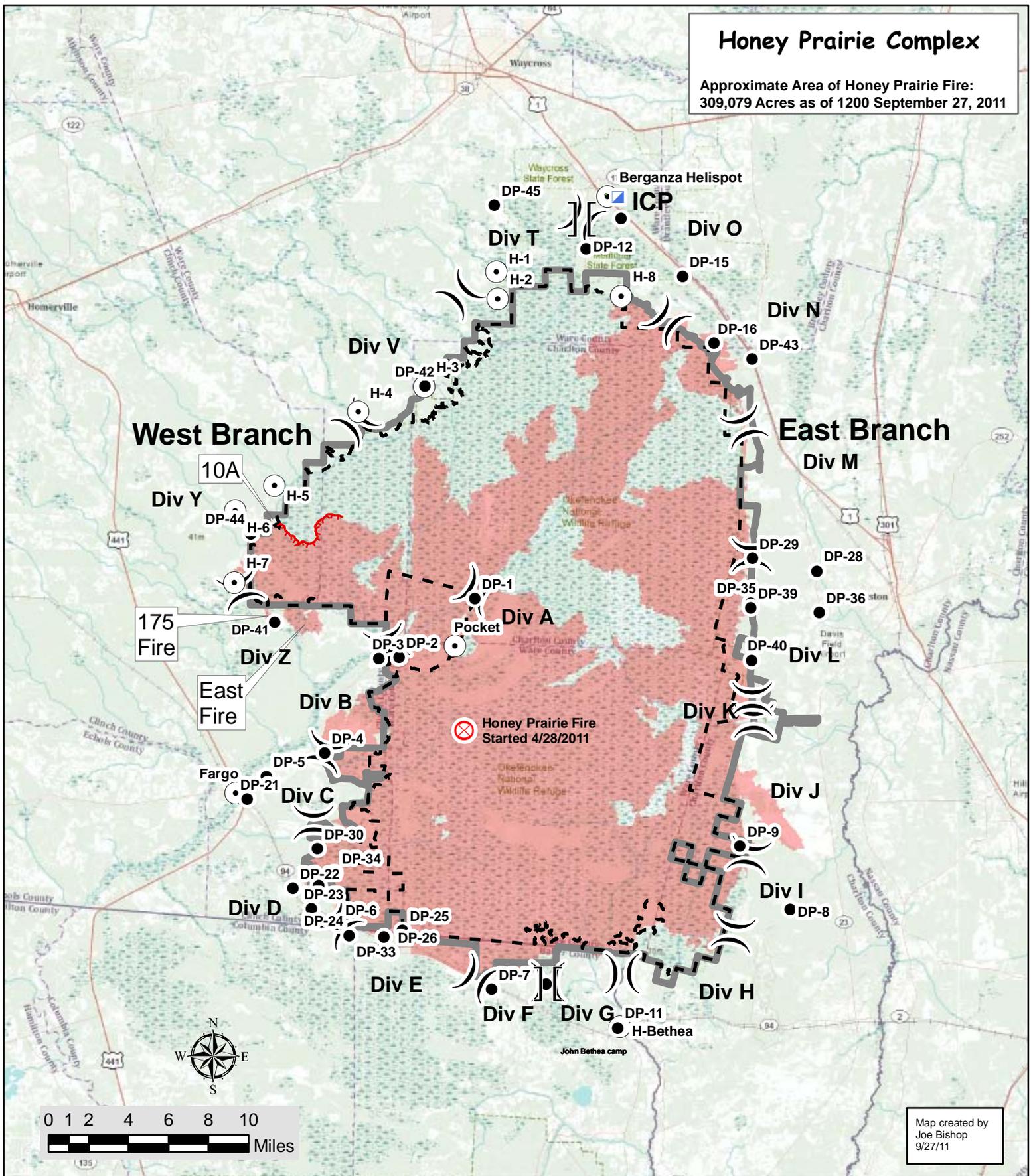
1. Public and firefighter safety remains the top priority for this incident.
2. Fire managers for the refuge have coordinated suppression efforts with the Georgia Forestry Commission and the Greater Okefenokee Association of Landowners (GOAL) representing federal and state agencies, industry and private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

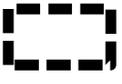
1. Why won't this fire go out? What will it take? Surface burning of available fuels is only part of the current problem. Peat beds (partially decayed vegetation normally floating in a vertical column of water) is what supports these surface fuels. Unfortunately, the current dry conditions have allowed 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:  
309,079 Acres as of 1200 September 27, 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



