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Mud Lake Complex Update

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Mud Lake Complex
Southern Area Gold Team
Saturday, May 30, 2015 11:00 AM
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Fire Information Office
Hours of Operation: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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Current Status

The Mud Lake Complex is comprised of multiple fires caused by lightning strikes in the Big Cypress National Preserve located in Southwest Florida, near Naples. The acreage burned has not increased since yesterday. In total, 35,321 acres of various Preserve habitats have burned, which include: dense, coarse grass; pine timber; and cypress domes. Containment is still 51%. Yesterday was the sixth consecutive day without precipitation within the complex. The northwestern portion of the Square Fire remained active, where firefighters continued to improve containment lines to stop the spread of the fire. Southern parts of the Ellison Fire re-burned. Portions of the Hobo Fire remained active. Crews continued mop-up of hot spots on the Square, Ellison and Nobles Fires. Air support continued to monitor all other fires.

Planned Events

Wildland firefighter crews will monitor and mop-up hot spots along the Square Fire perimeter and improve the northwest corner containment lines. Crews will monitor the Ellison Fire's northern perimeter and an unburned area near the fire's southern edge. Aerial support will continue to monitor all other fires and assist in suppression as necessary. Additionally, crews will continue use low impact fire suppression tactics to protect wilderness values and lessen impacts on endangered species, such as the Florida panther, Florida bonneted bat and red-cockaded woodpecker.

Fire Est. acreage as of 5.30.15 Start Date Smaller fire(s) absorbed

Ellison	23,709	May 8	Mist
Ellipse	215	May 10	--
Square	11,375	May 10	Circle, Triangle, Dot 1, Dot 2
Pekel	1.5	May 17	--
68	2.5	May 18	--
Blue Bird	0.5	May 21	--
Sanctuary	1.5	May 22	--
Hobo	5	May 24	--
Buggy	5	May 24	--
Nobles	6	May 24	--
Personnel	297		

Equipment 6 helicopters (1 large, 3 medium, 2 small), 6 wildland fire engines, 2 fixed-wing aircraft

Cooperators National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge, Florida Forest Service, Seminole Tribe of Florida, Florida Highway Patrol, Collier County (Florida) Office of Emergency Management.

Restrictions and Closures A temporary flight restriction (TFR) is in effect (http://tfr.faa.gov/save_pages/detail_5_6469.html). Access to lands managed by Big Cypress National Preserve south of Interstate 75, from mile marker 59 to mile marker 75 (Turner River Road), south to Upper Wagon Wheel Road is temporarily restricted as well. The closure also extends to lands administered by Big Cypress National Preserve north of Interstate 75, from mile marker 59 to mile marker 70, north to the Big Cypress Preserve Boundary. These areas will be closed to provide public and firefighter safety in areas of high fire activity. The closure restricts access to all recreational use including Off-Road Vehicles (ORV), hiking, and camping and includes portions of the Florida National Scenic Trail from mile 12, traveling north to the northern boundary of Big Cypress National Preserve.

Fire Weather Today will be mostly cloudy in the afternoon. Temperature will reach 90-92 degrees with heat index of 92-95. Relative humidity will be 45 percent. Winds are forecast to reach 12 MPH with higher afternoon gusts. Chance of rain is 40 percent.

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