

**North Carolina
Interagency Incident
Management
Team**



Evans Road Fire UPDATE July 30, 2008 5 p.m.

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Current Status

- Firefighters continue to flood hot spots and heat sources that have been pinpointed by infrared imagery. Some of these hot spots are in remote areas far from roads and difficult to reach with water. Firefighters are also patrolling on a routine basis looking for hotspots that could threaten firelines. An estimated 2 billion gallons of water have been pumped on the Evans Road Fire.
- Firefighters have now begun the task of repairing damage done by the fire suppression effort. This includes work such as grading roads damaged by heavy equipment to return them to pre-fire conditions.
- Roads within Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge remain closed from Boerma Rd. east to Highway 94. More information on road closures can be found at: <http://www.fws.gov/pocosinlakes/>
- Continued improvement in containment of the fire has allowed managers to begin releasing some personnel and equipment that are no longer needed. As conditions improve, additional personnel and equipment will be released.
- Although continued progress is being made toward containment, fire managers warn that it may be weeks before they can totally close down the operation. Without adequate rainfall, hotspots will continue to smolder deep underground in remote areas and in sections where complete flooding could not be accomplished. Fire managers plan to continue monitoring the fire and be prepared to call in additional resources if the fire begins to actively burn again.
- The Evans Road Fire is 80% contained at 40,704 acres. To date, sixty (60%) percent of the fire has burned on US Fish and Wildlife Lands. Forty (40%) percent of the fire has burned on state and private lands.
- **The next Evans Road Fire update will be Friday, August 1. Daily information will continue to be available at InciWeb.**

Resources on the Fire

247 personnel, 5 tractor/plow units, 4 water tenders; 30 engines, 2 camp crews & 1 helicopter.

Cooperators

Florida Division of Forestry, Georgia Forestry Commission, Kentucky Division of Forestry, Mississippi Forestry Commission, South Carolina Forestry Commission, Tennessee Division of Forestry, Virginia Department of Forestry, US Fish & Wildlife Service; Hyde, Tyrrell & Washington County Emergency Management; NC Division of Emergency Management; National Weather Service; Department of Transportation; Department of Defense; Hyde County; Hyde County Sheriff's Office; National Park Service; NC Division of Parks and Recreation; NC Division of Water Quality; NCWRC, Division of Wildlife Management; NC Division of Air Quality, NC Highway Patrol; NC Office of State Fire Marshal; USDA-Forest Service; Bureau of Land Management; local volunteer fire departments.

Plans for Tomorrow

Continue to identify and release excess personnel and equipment. Continue patrolling and pumping water to hotspots on the east side of the fire. Continue suppression damage repair.