

**North Carolina
Interagency Incident
Management
Team**



Evans Road Fire Update

August 5, 2008 8 a.m.

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<http://www.inciweb.org/state/34>

For other information:

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National Wildlife Refuge
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<http://www.fws.gov/pocosinlakes>

Current Status

- **This will be the last scheduled Evans Road Fire Update.** Daily 209 information (Incident Status Summary) will continue to be posted to Inciweb. Additional information is available by calling Evans Road Fire Information at the phone number shown above.
- Water pumping operations on the fire have been completed. All remaining pumps have been shut down and are being released from the fire. Water from the pumping operation will be held on the land for 2-4 weeks to allow it to saturate more of the peat soil and, hopefully, extinguish any remaining hotspots. The fire will be in monitor status during that time. In 2-4 weeks, the water will be released by opening plugged drainage canals, and remaining rehabilitation work will be completed.
- Firefighters continue 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/>
- Fire managers continue to identify and release un-needed resources.
- Fire managers warn that it may still be weeks before they can totally close down the fire 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 90% 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.

Resources on the Fire

107 personnel, 1 tractor/plow units, 2 water tenders; 4 engines, 1 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 suppression damage repair. Monitor fire behavior.