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532 personnel are actively engaged in the response, working to protect wildlife and their habitats, including 36 national wildlife refuges. They are also assessing the damage from the oil spill in preparation for the work that will be needed to restore the Gulf of Mexico.

392 loggerhead hatchlings were released in Florida from sites in northern Gulf of Mexico.

Service biologists are working with wildlife teams on plans to clean sensitive bird areas between the post-fledging of colonial waterbirds, seabirds and the arrival of wintering migrants, and plans to clean beaches in critical plover habitat.

Migratory birds are increasing. Thousands of ducks, marsh and shore birds were observed at Dennis Pass and Bastian Bay in Louisiana.

Also in Louisiana, numerous dead fish were observed at Long Bay and Upper Grand Bayou. Terns and gulls were observed feeding on dead fish at Iron Banks Island.

Air missions observed coiled and floating boom in many areas of Barataria Bay and oil sheen was observed throughout Airplane Bay, east of Mud Lake.