



Evans Road Fire UPDATE

*North Carolina
Incident Management Team*

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10:00 a.m.**

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

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Current Status

As of Sunday morning the Evans Road Fire is holding at 41,060 acres burned and 40 percent contained. The incident is being supported by 578 personnel. The suppression cost to date is \$2,693,975.

With moderated weather and fire conditions, firefighters continue with the long-term work of improving containment lines and pumping water to irrigate ground fire burning peat soils. Possible thunderstorms have firefighters watching the sky for hazards including lightning and gusty winds.

One area of focus today is the pumping operation in the New Lake area to protect agricultural interests to southwest side of New Lake.

Evacuation orders remain in force for the Waterway Landing Community. An advisory is still in effect for the area west of Evans Road along Shoreline Drive. These orders will remain in effect until they are withdrawn by Hyde County Officials.

Two public meetings will be held on Monday, June 16, 2008 in Manteo, NC. A meeting designed for business owners and government officials is planned for 3:00 pm and will be held at the Outer Banks Visitor Bureau Conference Room, One Visitor's Circle, Manteo, NC. A second meeting will be held for residents and visitors of the Outer Banks at 7:00 pm at the large auditorium at Roanoke Island Festival Park. Both meetings will discuss the smoke issues and impacts related to the Evans Road Fire.

Additional information on the fire, including announcements, photos and maps can be found by visiting the Inciweb (<http://inciweb.org/state/34>) web site. The website is experiencing numerous problems and users are advised to retry accessing after a few minutes wait.

Resources on the Fire

35 tractor/plow units; 4 flex tracks; 4 water tenders; 46 engines. Air resources available include: 2 lead planes; 2 national contract large air tankers and 2 NC Forest Service Single Engine Air Tankers; 2 air tactical group planes; 8 helicopters, including 4 NC Army National Guard Blackhawk Helicopters with buckets and water dropping capability.

Cooperators

Hyde County Emergency Management, NC Division of Emergency Management, National Weather Service, NC DOT, US Fish & Wildlife Service; Hyde County VFD; Hyde County Sheriff's Office; Ponzer VFD; Belhaven VFD; Washington County Emergency Management Washington County Sheriff's Office; Tyrrell County Emergency Management; Tyrrell County Sheriff's Office; Swanquarter FD; Beaufort County Emergency Services; NC Department of Corrections; NC State Parks, and numerous other fire departments from across the State.

Plans for Tomorrow

Hold and improve containment lines and continue water-pumping operations to irrigate ground fire smoldering in peat soils; provide structure and field protection as needed.