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30th Ave. Fire Update

Location: Golden Gate Estates in Naples, Florida
Acreage: 7,035
Reported: 4/20/17 at 1 p.m.
Cause: Under Investigation
Containment: 50%

Overview

Firefighters worked to strengthen containment lines overnight on the 30th Ave. Fire and saw great success as recent rains and weather helped turn the tide in the favor of suppression efforts. Tractor-plow units and brush trucks bolstered the western half of the fire perimeter yesterday and will turn their attention to mopping up hot spots and improving line along the fire's eastern front as winds are expected to change direction and increase today.

The Florida Forest Service and Greater Naples Fire Rescue command is confident in the progress made over the past 36 to 48 hours but know a lot of work remains.

"Today's winds will be a challenge," said Kingman Schuldt, Greater Naples Fire Rescue Chief. "While the weekend rains gave fire crews an opportunity to establish and improve containment lines, today's test might be the shift and increase in winds."

The focus of today's efforts will be along the southeast and northeast edges of the fire where winds could fan the remaining hot spots. With that in mind, some resources are being shifted from the Collier Boulevard side of the fire toward Everglades Boulevard to the east.

The fire is 7,035 acres and remains 50% contained.

Evacuations:

All evacuations orders have been lifted.

No Drone Zone:

There is a 5-mile temporary flight restriction, including drones, surrounding the 30th Ave. Fire. It is a third degree felony to fly a drone in any area that has firefighting air support on scene.

Smoke on the Roads:

Where there is fire, there is ultimately smoke, and smoke does not mix well with safe driving. Unforeseen changes in weather might create conditions where visibility on roadways is seriously impaired. Under these conditions drivers need to be cautious. The best decision is not to drive in fog or smoke. If you must drive under these conditions, there are actions that every driver should take to protect themselves and their passengers: (1) Slow down. (2) Use windshield wipers in heavy fog (3) Turn on your low-beam headlights. For more tips: www.FreshFromFlorida.com search "Smoke Brochure."

Resources on Scene

The Florida Forest Service Interagency Incident Management Green Team arrived late Friday and has transitioned command from local resources to a unified command with Greater Naples Fire Rescue District. This will allow local responders the ability to focus suppression efforts on new wildfires.

More information and updates are available on the Collier County website, www.colliergov.net.

The Florida Forest Service, a division of the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, manages more than 1 million acres of state forests, provides management assistance on more than 17 million acres of private and community forests, while protecting homes, forestland and natural resources from the devastating effects of wildfire on more than 26 million acres. Learn more at FloridaForestService.com.

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