Avian Complex Update  
Southern Area Incident Management Gold Team  
Fire Information 305-204-6659  
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Hours of Operation: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
http://www.tinyurl.com/aviancomplex

May 19, 2018

Avian Complex

82,461 acres, 35% contained, 219 personnel, 3 helicopters and 5 engines

**Buzzard Fire:** 62,404 acres, 8% contained  
**Flamingo Fire:** 11,689 acres, 5% contained  
**Curlew Fire:** 8,366 acres, 15% contained  
**Vulture Fire:** 1 acre, 100% contained  
**Caracara Fire:** 1 acre, 100% contained

**Previous operational period:** Containment on the complex increased from 25 to 35 percent. There was minimal activity reported as stumps continued to smolder. Strong thunderstorms moved over the region Friday with heavy rain and lightning. Crews removed unneeded equipment and monitored the fires.

**Planned action:** Crews remain available to respond to any new fire activity. They will continue to monitor fire activity, clean up camps and repair fire suppression areas. Limited growth is expected after almost a week of precipitation.

**Fire weather:** The forecast shows mostly cloudy with widespread showers and afternoon thunderstorms. Temperatures will be in the upper 80s with humidity around 65 percent.

**Restrictions and closures:**

The following closures remain unchanged:

- Dona Drive is closed to all public access.
- Stairsteps: All lands in Zone 3. Zone 4 is closed to all public access by airboat
- Paces Dike Off-Road Vehicles (ORVs)
- Roberts Lake Trail south from Loop Road
- Lands east of Turner River Rd., west of BICY’s eastern boundary and north of Hwy. 41
- The Florida National Scenic Trail is closed from the Oasis Visitor Center to I-75 mile marker 63.
- All BICY lands north of I-75 between Hwy. 29 and Bundschu Grade

These areas are closed to all recreational use, including ORVs, hiking, camping and commercial activities due to safety concerns related to wildfires in the area.

Private lands in the designated closure area shall remain open. Residents should use caution and notify the Fire Duty Officer of entry by calling (239) 719-0241. Residents who want information about the fires and their property should call Fire Information at (305) 204-6659.

**Additional information:** For more information, please call (305) 229-6659 or email BICYFireInfo@gmail.com. Follow us on InciWeb at [https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5750](https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5750), Facebook at [https://www.facebook.com/BigCypressNPS](https://www.facebook.com/BigCypressNPS) and Twitter at [https://twitter.com/BigCypressNPS](https://twitter.com/BigCypressNPS).