



## Avian Complex Update

Type 3 Incident Management 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>

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## Avian Complex

82,461 acres, 65% contained, 134 personnel, 3 helicopters and 5 engines

**Buzzard Fire:** 62,404 acres, 45% contained

**Flamingo Fire:** 11,689 acres, 65% contained

**Curlew Fire:** 8,366 acres, 90% contained

**Vulture Fire:** 1 acre, 100% contained

**Caracara Fire:** 1 acre, 100% contained

**Previous operational period:** The size of the complex remained at 82,641 acres while the containment increased to 65 percent Monday. A few areas continued to smolder. Crews monitored the fires, checked their equipment, and cleaned fire camps. The number of personnel and equipment was reduced to match the needs of the incident.

**Planned action:** A helicopter flight is planned to get an overview of the entire complex. The complex will be monitored for any new fire activity. Little activity is expected after several days of precipitation. Operational resources will support the local district for initial attack if requested. Further fire information updates will be provided when significant changes occur.

**Fire weather:** Showers remain in the forecast with temperatures in the upper-70s to low 80s and 60 percent humidity.

### 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](mailto:BICYFireInfo@gmail.com). Follow us on InciWeb at <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5750>, Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/BigCypressNPS> and Twitter at <https://twitter.com/BigCypressNPS>.