



Georgia Wildfires of 2007 Summary of Facts and Costs for Recovery

Overview of The Fires of 2007

The Georgia Forestry Commission led the battle to control Georgia's largest wildfire in recorded history. The Georgia Bay Complex burned 441,705 acres in Georgia and destroyed 9 homes.

An additional 21,000 acres burned in the 21-County Governor Declared Emergency area.

More than 3,300 people from 44 states worked to control the wildfires.

Over \$8 million is needed to reforest non-industrial private land; \$2.2 million in cost-share assistance has been procured to date.

Funds are needed to rehabilitate over 352 miles of firebreaks surrounding the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge.

During fiscal year 2007, over 9,500 fires burned more than 504,000 acres. The largest ever recorded annual GFC expenditures for fire control efforts totaled over \$62,000,000.



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Now that The Fires have been controlled, we all have the opportunity to leave a lasting legacy by the way we manage Georgia's recovery.

The GFC is working to refine assessments of damage and recovery beyond preliminary figures presented in this document.

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The Bottom Line: Damage, Destruction & Cost of The South Georgia Fires of 2007

Fire Location	Ownership of Burned Land	Acres of Land Burned	Number of Landowners	Value of Lost Timber	Acres to Reforest	Estimated Cost To Reforest
Georgia Bay Complex*	<i>Georgia only</i>	441,705				
	Corporate Lands	70,529	11	\$34,971,981	45,844	\$18,337,540
	Non-Industrial Private Farms	19,129	123	\$ 9,485,162	12,434	\$ 4,973,540
	DOI Easements	6,344		\$ 3,145,688	4,124	\$ 1,649,440
	State Forests	19,187		\$ 6,605,600	4,539	\$ 1,268,000
		115,189	134	\$54,208,431	66,941	\$26,228,520
21 County Emergency Declaration Area	Corporate Lands	9,256	23	\$ 4,589,611	6,016	\$ 2,406,560
	Non-Industrial Private Farms	11,792	164	\$ 5,847,093	7,665	\$ 3,065,920
		21,048	187	\$ 10,436,704	13,681	\$ 5,472,480
Totals of All Non-Industrial Private Farms		30,921	287	\$15,332,255	20,099	\$ 8,039,460
Totals of All Private Lands		117,050	321	\$58,039,535	76,083	\$30,433,000

*Georgia Bay Complex – Total acres burned in both Georgia and Florida: 564,450