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Kentucky Sending Aid to Georgia *Bulldozer crews heading south to fight fires*

Frankfort, Ky. (May 12, 2017) – Kentucky Division of Forestry (KDF) fire personnel and equipment are being sent to Georgia to help with wildfire suppression efforts under a United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service Cooperative Wildland Fire Management and Stafford Act Response Agreement.

The Kentucky Division of Forestry (KDF) is preparing to dispatch two dozer bosses, two dozer support personnel and two John Deere 650 dozers with plows to the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge in southern Georgia. A bolt of lightning sparked the blaze April 6. Strong winds and dry conditions has caused the fire to burn 133,000 acres.

“The Division of Forestry is glad we are able to provide help to Georgia,” said James Wright, Division Director. “We have great employees who are eager to assist where ever the need. We all wish them a safe and successful trip.”

The US Forest Service called Kentucky asking for bulldozers to fortify fire breaks along the refuge perimeter to keep flames from spreading to private land.

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