



**\*\*UPDATE\*\* April 20, 2026 – 11:00AM**

**Florida Forest Service – Suwannee Forestry Center**

County: Baker and Columbia counties, FL, & Clinch County, GA

Sargent Fire - (FL/GA)

Acres: 2,523

Containment: 81%

Start Date: 04/02/2026

**CURRENT SITUATION:** Mop-up continues to be a slow process on the Sargent Fire due to the current weather conditions. Over the past 72 hours weather conditions have been unfavorable. The acreage on the Sargent Fire has increased to 2,523 acres due to spotfires. A spotfire occurs when flying sparks or embers carried by the wind from an existing wildfire ignite a new fire. Spotfires can ignite and grow quickly, especially in high wind, dry conditions. The spotfires that have occurred have been contained to the Sargent Fire due to the fast-acting response from resources on the incident. Initial attack and fast response are the best way to catch a spotfire immediately. Interior hot spots in the swamp remain an issue with reburn and will continue to be extinguished as needed and monitored daily. The current drought conditions are expected to last through early summer. Yesterday alone, approximately 17,000 gallons of water were applied to the Sargent Fire. Over the weekend 3 task forces with heavy equipment, 1 UAS team, and 2 Type 1 Helicopters were assigned to the Sargent Fire. Operations continue to run normally. The current weather will continue to increase risk of wildfire activity on the Sargent Fire today and moving forward into the week.

**WEATHER:**

Florida and South Georgia are in an Exceptional Drought. <https://www.drought.gov>

Visit the National Weather Service for current weather conditions. <https://www.weather.gov/>

**SAFETY:** Drought conditions continue. Residents are reminded to comply with any local burn bans in place. Travelers should also be aware and use caution on FL Highway 2 and GA Highway 94, while traveling through the Sargent Fire area; smoke and fog may be present.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

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