ALLEN ROAD FIRE FACTS

Fire started approximately 1:15 p.m. Saturday, April 6, 1985.
Fire declared contained by Friday, April 12, 1985.
Project Fire Team was released Friday, April 26, 1985.
Fire perimeter mop-up activities concluded Monday, May 6, 1985.

U.S. Marines from Camp Lejeune, North Carolina was used to extinguish ground
fire from April 10 to April 23. Approximately 200 marines worked from April 10
to April 16 and about 140 marines worked from April 17 to April 23.

Manpower Involved:
N. C. Forest Service personnel from across the State, U.S. Fish and Wildlife
personnel from Pungo Refuge and Mattamuskeet Refuge, U.S. Marines from Camp
Lejeune, North Carolina Carolina National Guard, Wayne Community College
students, Forest Industry Cooperators, volunteer fire departments from Washington,
Tyrrell and Hyde Counties, private equipment contractors and community volunteers.

Equipment Involved:
5 helicopters with buckets (600 gal. capacity per bucket), 1 air tanker (2000 gal.
capacity), 1 scout plane, approximately 30 heavy bulldozers, over 120 pumps ranging
in size from 1 1/2 inch to 24 inch, 7 miles of irrigation systems, and other support
vehicles such as trucks, pickups, cars, motor graders, dump trucks, etc.

Costs and Losses:
Estimated Suppression Cost - $1,300,000 N. C. Forest Service
$1,000,000 U.S. Fish & Wildlife, First Colony Farms,
Kilkenny Farms, and other private holdings.

Estimated Manhours - 12,000 hours recorded at fire camp: NCFSP, Nat'l Guard, Wayne
Community College students, local volunteers
unknown hours spent by U.S. Fish & Wildlife, U.S. Marines, and
all private farms and holdings.

Area Burned - 94,650 acres which included timberland, cropland, pasture, brush, swamp
and marsh.

Estimated Property Damage - 24 homes (mostly mobile homes)
1 business

Estimated Timber Losses - $25-$30 million

Estimated Wildlife Losses - 35% of total deer population
losses of small game animals and reptiles has not been
determined
Saturday, April 6, 1985

Approximately 2:30 p.m., on Harvester Road (Hyde Co.) looking south
3:00 p.m., on Harvester Road looking south as fire crosses Evans Road.
Saturday, April 6, 1985

3:30 p.m., at Huber's Heliport (Hyde Co.) looking northeast
Saturday, April 6, 1985

5:30 p.m., head of fire approaching Icabod Road (Hyde Co.)
Saturday, April 6, 1985

11:30 p.m., head of fire crosses N.C. 94, 3 mi. north of Kilkenny (Tyrrell Co.) 22 miles in 10 hours
Sunday, April 7, 1985

Approximately 1:00 a.m. fire east of N.C. 94 moving toward Alligator River (Tyrrell Co.)
Sunday, April 7, 1985

8:30 a.m., on New Lake Rd. (Hyde Co.) looking east, fire approaching rd.
Sunday, April 7, 1985

8:30 a.m.
looking north
Sunday, April 7, 1985

8:45 a.m.

deer escaping from fire
Sunday, April 7, 1985

9:30 a.m., from Scranton fire tower (Hyde Co.) looking north
Sunday, April 7, 1985

10:00 a.m., at Hubers Heliport as helicopters return from mission
Sunday, April 7, 1985

11:00 a.m., on Allen Rd (Hyde Co.) at origin of fire
Sunday, April 7, 1985

12:00 noon, on Hyde Park Rd, on Pungo Refuge looking east
Sunday, April 7, 1985

12:30 p.m.
Hyde Park Rd

Refuge personnel attempt to backfire
Sunday, April 7, 1985

2:00 p.m., helos enroute to Pungo Refuge
Sunday, April 7, 1985

2:30 p.m., near Coulbourn Rd (Hyde Co.) Dark from smoke
Sunday, April 7, 1985

3:00 p.m., near Kilkenny Farms (Tyrrell Co.)
Sunday, April 7, 1985

4:00 p.m. near Kilkenny Farms (Tyrrell Co.)
Monday, April 8, 1985

Approximately 2:30 p.m. at Ponzer (Hyde Co.) looking north
Tuesday, April 9, 1985

On Northern Rd., Tyrrell Co., looking south
Tuesday, April 9, 1985

On Keep Rd., Washington Co., showing property damage
Tuesday, April 9, 1985

On Keep Rd., Washington Co.

badly burned deer
Tuesday, April 9, 1985

Approximately 7:00 p.m., on Middle Rd. (Tyrrell Co) a backfire moves south
Wednesday, April 10, 1985

Fire Camp at Scranton Fire Tower (Hyde Co.)
Inside Plans Trailer, keeping up with maps
Wednesday, April 10, 1985

Inside Plans Trailer

the portable computer
Wednesday, April 10, 1985

Inside Finance Trailer, recording manhours and expenses
Wednesday, April 10, 1985

Service Trailer
Wednesday, April 10, 1985

stockpiling pumps
On Middle Rd. (Tyrrell Co.), bulldozers used to widen firebreaks
Wednesday, April 10, 1985

On Middle Rd. (Tyrrell Co.)

backfiring using road flares
Wednesday, April 10, 1985

On Middle Rd. (Tyrrell Co.)

backfire
Along Keep Rd. (Washington Co), extensive ground fire
Wednesday, April 10, 1985

Along Keep Rd. (Washington Co)

water canon used to extinguish ground fire
Wednesday, April 10, 1985

Marines arrive at fire camp to assist with ground fire problem
Wednesday, April 10, 1985

24-inch volume lift pump supplied by N.C. Wildlife
Wednesday, April 10, 1985

Weyerhaeuser tractor-plow unit on standby at fire camp
One of three canals dug from Lake Phelps to Keep Rd. (Washington Co.)
Monday, April 22, 1985

Flooded area south of Keep Rd.
Monday, April 22, 1985

Volume lift pump working on Pungo Refuge (Hyde Co.)
Monday, April 22, 1985

Equipment operator working on ground fire south of New Lake (Hyde Co.)
One of the portable pumps used by the marines to extinguish ground fire
Monday, April 22, 1985

A marine at work
Monday, April 22, 1985

The devastation along Western Rd. (Tyrrell Co.)
Map of Fire Area.

ALLEN ROAD FIRE
DATE: 4/18/85
TIME: 0600
ACRES: 95,000 ACRES
PERIMETER: 86 MILES