



# PRESS RELEASE

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## St. Lucie County FIRE DISTRICT

### A NEW STRATEGY WILL BE EMPLOYED TO MITIGATE THE FIRE Glades Road Mulch Fire Update

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Port St. Lucie  
Florida  
34983

**ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FL** Today, officials from the Fire District, the city of Port St Lucie Utilities Department and the developer of the Glades Road property where the mulch fire has been burning, met to evaluate the effectiveness of the current extinguishment strategy.

In consultation with the Florida Forest Service, it was determined that the current mitigation efforts have not met expectations and a new strategy will be employed. A 36 inch reclaimed water line has been located one mile north of the burning area.

Although not potable, reclaimed water is utilized in landscape and golf course irrigation.

The developer is going to construct an aqueduct system, build a dyke around the burning area, and flood the site. In total, it will take 48 to 72 hours for construction to be completed, at which time the city utilities department will be delivering in 5 and 6 million gallons of water to flood the affected area. We collectively believe, other than letting this burn out, this is the best tactic to advance this effort.

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The fire district will provide updates as this effort progresses. Please follow the same safety instructions that were posted on previous press releases until conditions improve.

- Try to stay indoors as much as possible
- Run your air conditioner with fresh-air intake closed
- Use a portable air cleaner or air purifier to eliminate smoke
- Keep windows closed and turn on recirculate mode inside a vehicle
- When driving through smoke, slow down and turn on low-beam headlights
- Avoid outdoor activities
- If you are experiencing respiratory issues, please consult your physician or call 911.

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