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Pasco County Fire Rescue and Florida Forest Service fight several brush fires

~Four brush fires have broken out in Pasco County this week~

PASCO COUNTY, FL ---- Pasco County Fire Rescue and Florida Forest Service (FFS) continue to fight several wildfires. Here is the latest information that was provided by FFS as of 3:00 p.m. on April 13, 2017.

South Bike Trail Fire/Starkey Wilderness Park

150 acres burned

65% contained

FFS has fire lines around the fire, fire is staying in the lines

Impact: Starkey Wilderness Park Closed

Hash tag #sbiketrail

Reported Date: Wednesday, April 12, 2017

Cause of the fire: manmade/incendiary

Silver Palm Fire/Suncoast Lakes Subdivision/West of Suncoast Parkway (589)

55 acres burned

70% contained

West fire line completed on Wednesday, FFS will be mowing by the bike trail and working on a line on the southeast corner of the fire on Thursday.

Hash Tag #silverpalm

Reported: Monday, April 10, 2017

Cause of the fire: lightning

South Wind Fire/Hudson/North of New York Avenue and west of Old Dixie Highway

18 acres burned

100% contained

Started by a lit cigarette

FFS dropped 30 buckets of water at 300 gallons per drop for a total of 9,000 gallons of water.

Damage: 3 sheds, tractor trailer and a boat

Hash Tag: #swind

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2-2-2 PASCO BRUSH FIRE UPDATE

Campground Fire/Starkey Wilderness Preserve/ Serenova Tract/South of SR 52 and east of Moon Lake Road

75 acres

100% contained

1,600 gallons of water were dumped on fire on Wednesday.

Mop up continues

Hash Tag #campground

Initial Cause: lightning

Reported: Monday, April 10, 2017

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