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FDOT 511 Phone System Provides Travel Information During Wildfires *Statewide system provides Florida interstate traffic conditions, road closures*

Tallahassee - Florida residents and visitors who need information about the effects of wildfires on travel conditions statewide can call the Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) free 511 travel information service. The 511 service is available from cell phones and landlines statewide and provides real-time traffic conditions and road closures on all interstate highways in Florida and Florida's Turnpike.

Operators of the Florida 511 Web site, www.FL511.com, are experiencing some challenges due to issues with the software that updates the information to the site. Despite these challenges, current lane closure notices are still being provided as are links to the regional web sites which provide detailed information around the state.

"This software issue has no effect on the information available through the Statewide 511 phone service," said Rick Morrow, a state Department of Transportation spokesman.

An unrelated issue with cell phone towers in Columbia County this morning prevented cell phone users in that area from calling 511, according to Morrow. Landline users in Columbia County can still call 511. FDOT and cell phone company officials are investigating the problem.

Callers to 511 can also access the state's five regional services in Northeast Florida, Central Florida, Tampa Bay, Southwest Florida and Southeast Florida to get more detailed information on many local roads. Regional information is also available at www.jax511.com, www.511tampabay.com, www.southwestflorida511.com and www.southflorida511.com.

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