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ALLIGATOR ALLEY CLOSED DUE TO SMOKE FROM AREA WILDFIRE

TALLAHASSEE – State fire, law enforcement, transportation and emergency management officials are urging Floridians to exercise caution along areas of I-75 in South Florida as a wildfire forces road closures and reduced visibility for motorists.

Alligator Alley (I-75) remains closed between State Road 29 and U.S. 27 due to heavy smoke. Some areas along State Road 29 have visibilities of less than one mile. The Florida Highway Patrol is continuing to monitor the situation and drivers are urged to avoid the area where possible. State Road 80 and U.S. 41 are alternate routes.

Florida’s “dry” season typically lasts through May but wildfires remain a threat in the Sunshine State all year round. Motorists should heed all warnings and detours.

What you should do if you face smoke on Florida’s highways:

- Slow down and allow plenty of following distance.
- Turn on low-beam headlights.
- If smoke or fog becomes too thick to drive, pull off the pavement and turn on your emergency flashers.
- When parking, the space between your vehicle and the roadway should be far enough so you can safely exit the vehicle without obstructing traffic.
- Report the road hazard to the Florida Highway Patrol.

For real-time information on traffic conditions call 511 or visit www.FL511.com before getting on the road.

For additional information please visit www.FloridaDisaster.org.

All students, teachers and parents can find educational information and free downloadable materials at: www.KidsGetAPlan.com.

And for the latest daily situation and flash reports go to: www.YouTube.com/FloridaSERT.

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