

WHERE THERE'S SMOKE — THERE'S FIRE!

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On Friday and Saturday, May 17th and 18th 1985, the worst fires in Florida's history started in 27 of the State's 67 counties. Before the fires were under control, two people had died, 200 homes were destroyed and over 100,000 acres of brush land had burned.

The 22,000 mile high GOES recorded many of the smoke plumes on the daytime visual images.

A weak cool front was passing through the state during the time, and strong winds fanned the fires. Unfortunately, no rain accompanied the front.

