



Rainbow Rocks

FIRE UPDATE

Fire Information: (540) 525 - 1539

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George Washington & Jefferson
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James River Ranger District

**Monday, August 29, 2011
Noon Update**

Location	The Rainbow Rocks Fire is located between Clifftondale Park and Iron Gate in the Rainbow Gap area of Alleghany County. The fire is on National Forest Lands on Wilson Mountain, east of the Jackson River.
Estimated Acreage	Approximately ten acres.
Containment	There is no estimate of containment at this time. Because the fire is burning in steep inaccessible terrain, significant rainfall may be needed to fully extinguish the fire. Firefighters will continue to monitor the fire.
Fire Cause	The fire was called in at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, August 17, 2011. Lightening is the likely cause of the fire.
Resources on the Fire	Approximately 10 firefighters and support staff are currently assigned to the fire.
Closures	There are no official road closures at this time. However, the public should be aware of potential traffic congestion on Highway 220.
Plans	Firefighters will work the fire until full containment is reached. A USFS helicopter may be called upon to assist with fire operations in the steep and rugged terrain.
Fire weather	<p>Today: Partly cloudy with an isolated thunderstorm this afternoon; high near 81 degrees. Winds north by northeast at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation 30%.</p> <p>Tonight: Scattered thunderstorms during the evening. Mainly clear skies after midnight. Low near 55 degrees. Winds out of the north at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation 40%.</p> <p>Tuesday: Mainly sunny with a few afternoon clouds. Highs near 84 degrees. Winds light and variable.</p>
Cooperating Partners	Virginia Department of Forestry
Additional Fire Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The commitment to safety is the Forest Service’s top priority and will not be compromised. No resource or structure is worth jeopardizing the safety of one individual. • No structures have been damaged or are threatened. • Smoke from the fire may be visible for several days. • Homeowners can take action to protect their property from wildfires. Information is available from the Virginia Department of Forestry at: http://www.dof.virginia.gov/fire/firewise-index.htm

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