



Elephant FIRE UPDATE

Fire Information: (540) 525-1539

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George Washington & Jefferson
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**Wednesday, April 17, 2013
9:00 a.m.**

Location	The Elephant Fire is located on Elephant Mountain, just east of Buena Vista, Virginia.
Estimated Acreage	Approximately 256 acres
Containment	70% contained
Operational Plan	For Wednesday, April 17, 2013, firefighters will look to finalize containment efforts of the Elephant Fire, and will continue mop-up of interior hotspots. Full containment of the Elephant Fire is expected today. Demobilization of fire resources is currently underway.
Fire Cause	The Elephant Fire was initially reported at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 14, 2013. The cause of the fire is under investigation
Resources on the Fire	Approximately 55 firefighters and support staff, including one Type 1 Hotshot Crew, and two engines are assisting with the Elephant Fire.
Closures	No closures at this time
Cooperators	Virginia Department of Forestry, National Park Service, Buena Vista Fire Department
Fire Weather	<p>Wednesday Weather: Variable clouds with thunderstorms, especially during the afternoon hours. Warm. High around 80 degrees. Winds N at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 40%. Minimum humidity, 52%.</p> <p>Wednesday Evening Weather: Widely scattered showers and thunderstorms this evening. Clouds lingering later. Low 59 degrees. Winds ESE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 87%.</p> <p>Thursday Weather: Cloudy skies early, followed by partial clearing. Warm. High 81 degrees. Winds SSE at 10 to 20 mph.</p>
General Fire Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety of the public and firefighters is always the number one priority when dealing with wildfires. • Over one mile of dozer line was completed on the west end of the fire to protect approximately 30 homes. Rehabilitation of this line will begin on Tuesday. No structures have been lost or damaged. • Homeowners can learn how to make their homes less susceptible to wildfires by visiting: www.firewise.org or www.firewisevirginia.org.

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