



# Red Mountain Fire Update

Fire Information: 256-463-2272

USFS - Shoal Creek Ranger District Office

Friday, November 15, 2013

8 A.M.

<b>Location</b>	The fire is in the southwestern portion of the Dugger Mountain Wilderness on the Talladega National Forest in Calhoun and Cleburne Counties Alabama. It is about 5 miles south of Piedmont, Alabama.
<b>Estimated Size</b>	Currently 429 acres, potential final size based on projected control lines is 566 acres.
<b>Containment</b>	All control lines are established but must be patrolled and maintained due to leaf fall. Mop-up (extinguishing heat sources) near the fireline is ongoing. Containment percentage is estimated as 30% and will go higher as the heat near the firelines is extinguished.
<b>Fire Cause</b>	Human caused. The exact cause is under investigation.
<b>Resources on the Fire</b>	Approximately 53 firefighters and support staff, including 1 helicopter, 3 fire engines, and 2 bulldozers.
<b>Closures</b>	<b>The Pinhoti Trail is closed within the wilderness boundary. Hikers can reroute onto Forest Service Road 500 and County Road 55.</b>
<b>Objectives</b>	The objectives are firefighter and public safety, keep the fire within the wilderness, and protect private land and structures adjacent to the wilderness. Within the wilderness, "light on the land" tactics are being used to protect wilderness values. Two primary "light on the land" tactics used on this fire are (1) selecting natural barriers such as creeks and trails for control lines, and (2) using leaf blowers to clear the firelines. Bulldozers are being used outside the wilderness only and mainly to build contingency lines where houses are near the fire area.
<b>Fire Weather</b>	Showers are predicted for today with humidity remaining high all day. This moist condition will aid in the mop-up effort.
<b>General Fire Information</b>	<p>The containment and control lines are being worked on to keep the fire north of Rabbittown Road( County Road 55), east of Jones Branch, west of Dry Branch</p> <p>Contingency lines are being built around private land near the fire in case the fire should escape planned control lines.</p> <p>People should be very careful with any fires since the fuels are very dry and as leaves fall additional fuel will accumulate.</p> <p>Smoke from large logs and stumps from within the fire containment lines may continue to be visible for several more days.</p> <p>People driving along Rabbittown Road/County Road 55 are urged to use caution due to firefighter traffic and potential smoke on the road especially at night.</p>