



Landfill FIRE UPDATE

Fire Information: (540) 525-1539



<http://www.inciweb.org/incident/3749/>

*USDA Forest Service
George Washington & Jefferson
National Forests*

*Mount Rogers
National Recreation Area*

**Sunday, November 17, 2013
10:00 a.m.**

Location	The Landfill Fire is located on the north slope of Horse Heaven Mountain, approximately one mile south of the town of Speedwell in Wythe County. It is east of Highway 21 and south of the Speedwell Landfill.
Estimated Acreage	Approximately 1088 acres
Containment	60% contained
Overview	An increase in humidity from recent rain showers slowed burnout operations on Saturday. This allowed firefighters to spend time prepping for future burnout operations, and improving existing containment lines around the Landfill Fire. Rehabilitation of portions of the fireline is currently in progress. Once the weather conditions allow, burnout operations will remove the remaining pieces of unburned fuel residing inside the fire perimeter.
Fire Cause	The fire was reported late Tuesday night, November 12, 2013. The cause of the fire is under investigation.
Resources on the Fire	Approximately 140 firefighters and support staff, including three twenty-person initial attack crews, one dozer, one engine, and a helicopter are assisting with the Fire.
Closures	An area closure is in effect beginning with the national forest boundary east of highway 21; National forest boundary north and west of Forest Service Road 14 (CC Camp Road); National forest boundary south of speedwell. Forest Road 14 is closed to the public.
Cooperators	USDA Forest Service Virginia Department of Forestry Speedwell Volunteer Fire Department Wythe County Emergency Management
Fire Weather	Sunday Weather: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 61 degrees. South winds at 6 to 12 mph with gusts up to 23 mph. Chance of wetting rain at 50%. Minimum humidity, 73%. Sunday Night Weather: Mostly cloudy, with a low near 50 degrees. South winds at 11 mph with gusts up to 25 mph. Chance of wetting rain at 40%. Max humidity, 100%. Monday Weather: Partly cloudy, with a high near 59 degrees. West winds at 10 mph with gusts up to 27 mph. Minimum humidity, 38%.
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. • A rehabilitation plan is currently in place to repair constructed dozer and handlines around the fire perimeter. • Smoke from a North Carolina wildfire has mixed with smoke from the Landfill Fire, creating an increased inversion layer throughout southwest Virginia. This combined smoke may be visible near Speedwell and surrounding areas for several days. • Homeowners can learn how to make their homes less susceptible to wildfires by visiting: www.firewise.org • Places to get Fire Information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Inciweb: http://www.inciweb.org/incident/3749/ ○ Twitter: www.twitter.com/wythecounty ○ Facebook: www.Facebook.com/wytheco ○ www.wythethenews.com

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