



Landfill FIRE

FINAL UPDATE

Fire Information: (540) 525-1539



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*USDA Forest Service
George Washington & Jefferson
National Forests*

*Mount Rogers
National Recreation Area*

**Friday, November 22, 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 1507 acres
Containment	85% contained
Overview	The Landfill Fire will be fully contained as of end of shift Friday, November 22. Firefighters will continue suppression efforts within the interior of the fire in the coming days. Rehabilitation of constructed hand and dozer line will continue until all necessary repairs have been made. The Area Closure has been reduced in size as of Friday; however, the Area Closure remains in effect. Please see Closure Information below. The public is reminded to be cautious while driving as fire personnel will remain in the area for the coming days.
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 75 firefighters and support staff, including three initial attack crews, one dozer, one engine, and one excavator are assisting with the Landfill Fire.
Closures	The Area Closure remains in effect, but has been reduced in size. The national forest remains closed from the forest boundary south of Speedwell; east of Henley Hollow; north of Highland Horse Trail; west of the eastern most fire containment line. The Highland Horse Trail adjoining FSR 14 and Henley Hollow Trail both remain closed to the public.
Cooperators	USDA Forest Service Virginia Department of Forestry Speedwell Volunteer Fire Department Wythe County Emergency Management
Fire Weather	Friday Weather: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 50 degrees. Southeast wind 5 to 7 mph. Minimum humidity, 69%. Friday Night Weather: A slight chance of light rain before 7 p.m., then a chance of drizzle. Patchy fog. Otherwise, cloudy, with a low around 41 degrees. Light and variable wind. Chance of precipitation is 20%. Maximum humidity, 86%. Saturday Weather: A slight chance of showers after 3 p.m. Cloudy, with a high near 63 degrees. West wind 5 to 9 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%. Minimum humidity, 51%.
General Fire Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is the final Landfill Fire update. • Safety of the public and firefighters is always the number one priority when dealing with wildfires. • Rehabilitation to areas impacted by the Landfill Fire is underway. • Smoke from the Landfill Fire 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/

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