



POINT 2 WILDFIRE UPDATE

*USDA Forest Service
George Washington & Jefferson
National Forests
Lee Ranger District*

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Fire Information: 540-984-4101

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Current Status	The Point 2 Fire is located entirely on the George Washington & Jefferson National Forests' lands on Massanutten Mountain between Sherman Gap and Veach Gap. The fire poses a potential threat to homes and private land on the east and west sides. The public is always advised to prepare for a worse-case scenario. Va. Dept. of Forestry and Warren County Fire and Rescue have contacted adjacent landowners and have a structure protection plan in place. Fire crews will be on the fire Monday night. This fire is different from the National Park Service Neighbor Fire, which is a 1,115 acre fire on Shenandoah National Park, located 10 miles east of the 982-acre Forest Service Point 2 Fire.
Counties	Shenandoah and Warren Counties, VA
Estimated Acreage	Approximately 982 Acres
Containment	45% Containment at this time.
Cause and Date Started	Fire cause is lightning and was first detected Monday, June 25, 2012 at approx. 1330 hrs.
Cooperators	Virginia Department of Forestry, Warren County Fire and Rescue, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and Shenandoah County Fire and Rescue
Resources on the Fire	Firefighters: Lonesome Pine Type II Crew (21 people), South Carolina Type II Crew (22 people); Arkansas Fire Dancers Type II Crew (20 people); Maryland Type II IA Crew (20 people); Connecticut Type II IA Crew (20 people); 2 Squads (20 people); Helicopter Crew (3 people); Overhead & Support staff: 67 Other Resources: (4) Type 3 helicopter (1) VDOF Dozer; (2) FS Dozers; (2) FS Engine Total Personnel: 219
Restrictions and Closures	There are no road closures in effect. The Massanutten National Recreation Trail (#408) is closed from Shawl Gap to Veach Gap, Tuscarora Trail (#405.1) is closed from Shawl Gap To Panhandle Road (SR 613); and Sherman Gap Trail (#403) and Veach Gap Trail (#484) are closed. This includes the Little Crease Trail Shelter.
Plans for Today and Tomorrow	Firefighters plan to build, hold and improve control lines with bulldozers and hand tools. Firefighters will assess opportunities to conduct burning operations (to burn out the remaining pockets of forest fuel between the active fire and the control lines). Helicopters will drop water to slow down the fire spread, and bring supplies to firefighters. Firefighters will also begin mop-up operations in areas that have completed their burn-out operations. The public can expect to see more smoke today and tomorrow as the fire continues to spread toward control lines and burnout operations are used to burn remaining fuels on the west side.
Fire weather	Temp: High 90, Low 72 ; Min RH: 42%; Tonight's RH 78% ; West winds light and variable. The fuel moisture will remain low due to little rainfall over the past few days.
Other Fire Information	#1 priority is public and firefighter safety. Please use caution with all campfires. Be advised that fireworks are prohibited on national forest lands. Residents should be prepared for smoky or hazy conditions in towns and on roadways. Homeowners are encouraged to visit www.firewise.org for information on how to make their homes more defensible from wildfires; and www.inciweb.org for fire updates.