



## POINT 2 WILDFIRE UPDATE

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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. Fire crews will be on the fire Tuesday 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 1288 Acres
Containment	60% 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	<b>Firefighters:</b> 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; and Overhead & Support staff. <b>Other Resources:</b> (1) Type 2 helicopter; (1) Type 3 helicopter; (1) FS Dozers; (1) FS Engine <b>Total Personnel: 179</b> 1 Dozer and 3 Engines were re-assigned to a more centrally located area of the national forest (near Staunton) for quick response as initial attack on any potential wildfires.
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 had a successful day conducting burning operations (to burn out the remaining pockets of forest fuel between the active fire and the control lines). Five fire crews and two squads will work on mopping up near the fire line on Wednesday (extinguishing all smoldering materials 20-feet in from the fire line). Firefighters also hope to complete the burnout operations, and will patrol the 7.5-mile fire perimeter continuously throughout the night. Helicopters are still being used to assist in burnout operations, to potentially drop water to slow the spread of fire, and to bring supplies to firefighters. The public may see more smoke tonight as it settles in low areas; and tomorrow as burnout operations are used to burn remaining fuels on the northwest corner.
Fire weather	Temp: High 89, Low 73; Min RH: 43%; Tonight's RH 79%; West winds 5-15 mph, gusty and variable. 50% chance of thunderstorms tomorrow afternoon. The fuel moisture will remain low due to little rainfall over the past few days.
Other Fire Information	Be advised that fireworks are prohibited on all national forest lands. Please use caution with all campfires. Our #1 priority is public and firefighter safety. Visit <a href="http://www.firewise.org">www.firewise.org</a> for information on how to make your home safer, and <a href="http://www.inciweb.org">www.inciweb.org</a> for fire updates.