

# News Release

## Dobson 3 Fire

Fire Information (828) 497-5071, 7a.m. - 7p.m.

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**Date Started:** 11/2/2016

**Cause:** Under Investigation

**Size:** 755 acres (15 fires)

**Percent Contained:** 75%

**Resources:** 9 engines, 4 handcrews

1 helicopter, 1 water tender

**Total Personnel:** 132

**Injuries to Date:** 0

**Structures Threatened:** 5

**Structures Lost:** 0

**Estimated Date Containment:** Unknown

### Dobson 3 Fire Update

**Cherokee, NC** – Fire suppression crew continue to mop up and patrol the fires, while addressing the smokes inside the perimeters. Safety of the firefighters and the community is number one priority as the firefighters go about their daily responsibilities.

Continued high winds and warm daytime temperatures along with drought conditions continue to make it difficult to extinguish the fires. There is still very little chance for rain in the next 5 days.

Firefighter and Public Safety remain our primary concern. Local residents are reminded to stay indoors if they have respiratory problems. Air quality should improve as a result of fires being controlled, however, smoke will still continue to impact the air from other wildfires in close proximity to the Qualla Boundary.

All fires currently burning are under investigation by local law enforcement. Thirty five fires have burned within the Qualla Boundary since October. The Bureau of Indian Affairs is seeking information regarding arson fires on Indian Lands through the WeTip Program. Up to \$10,000 is being offered through this anonymous program. WeTip can be contacted through their website: [www.wetip.com](http://www.wetip.com) or by calling their hotline at 1-800-47-ARSON.

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