



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. This fire is different from the National Park Service Neighbor Fire, which is a 1,767-acre fire on Shenandoah National Park, located several miles east of the 982-acre Forest Service Point 2 Fire.
Counties	Shenandoah and Warren Counties, VA
Estimated Acreage	Approximately 1162 Acres (no change since yesterday)
Containment	80% 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); Connecticut Type II IA Crew (20 people); 2 Squads (20 people); Helicopter Crew; and Overhead & Support staff. Other Resources: (1) Type 2 helicopter; (1) Type 3 helicopter; (1) FS Dozers; (1) FS Engine Total Personnel: 226
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	Five fire crews and two squads worked to mop up near the fire line today (extinguishing all smoldering materials 30-feet in from the fire line). Firefighters also hope to complete the burnout operations tomorrow as weather conditions allow (to burn out the remaining pockets of forest fuel between the active fire and the control lines). They will also continue with mop-up operations and patrol around the 7.5-mile fire perimeter. 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 will see less smoke today and tonight. You may see some smoke tonight as it settle in low areas overnight; and tomorrow as burnout operations are used to burn remaining fuels on the northwest corner.
Fire weather	Temp: High 90, Low 73; Min RH: 40%; Tonight's RH 80%; Morning winds - W, 5-6 mph. Afternoon NW, 5 mph with possible 20 mph gusts on ridge tops. 60% chance of thunderstorms tonight between 4 and 8 pm. The fuel moisture will remain low due to little rainfall over the past few days. The fire only received 1/10 inch of rain today.
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 www.firewise.org for information on how to make your home safer, and www.inciweb.org for fire updates.