



## 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 2,138-acre fire on Shenandoah National Park, located several miles east of the 1,194-acre Forest Service Point 2 Fire.
Counties	Shenandoah and Warren Counties, VA
Estimated Acreage	Approximately 1,194 Acres
Containment	85% 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	Total Personnel: 226 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; (2) FS Engine
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 continued mop-up operations and patrol around the 7.5 mile fire perimeter - extinguishing all smoldering materials 40-feet in from the fire line. Firefighters also completed burnout operations, by burning out the remaining pockets of forest fuel between the active fire and the control lines. Two helicopters were used to assist in burnout operations, to drop water to slow the spread of fire, and to bring supplies to firefighters. The public may see some smoke today and tomorrow. You may see some smoke tonight as it settles in low areas overnight.
Fire weather for tomorrow	Temp: High 98, Low 73; Minimum Relative Humidity: 40%; Winds NNW 3-10 mph. The fuel moisture will remain low due to little rainfall over the past few days.
Other Fire Information	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.