



Landfill FIRE UPDATE

Fire Information: (540) 525-1539



<http://www.inciweb.org/incident/3749/>

*USDA Forest Service
George Washington & Jefferson
National Forests*

*Mount Rogers
National Recreation Area*

**Thursday November 14, 2013
10:00 a.m.**

Location	The Landfill Fire is located on the north slope of Horse Heaven Mountain, approximately one mile south of the town of Speedwell in Wythe County. It is east of Highway 21 and south of the Speedwell Landfill.
Estimated Acreage	Approximately 200 acres
Containment	0% contained
Overview	The Landfill Fire is burning in steep rugged terrain, on Horse Heaven Mountain. Access to the fire remains difficult due to the remote location of the fire. Dry conditions combined with low relative humidity and an increase in winds will allow this fire to burn through the weekend. Fire crews will begin setting backfires on Thursday to help with containment efforts. No structures are currently threatened at this time.
Fire Cause	The fire was reported late Tuesday night, November 12, 2013. The cause of the fire is under investigation
Resources on the Fire	Approximately 50 firefighters and support staff, including one hotshot crew, two dozers, two engines, and a helicopter are assisting with the Landfill Fire.
Closures	The Henley Hollow Trail and a section of the Virginia Highland Horse Trail located along the top of Horse Heaven Mountain are closed.
Cooperators	USDA Forest Service Virginia Department of Forestry Speedwell Volunteer Fire Department Wythe County Emergency Management
Fire Weather	Thursday Weather: Sunny, with a high near 53. Calm wind becoming west 5 to 6 mph. Minimum humidity, 22%. Thursday Night Weather: Mostly clear, with a low around 26. Southwest wind around 5 mph becoming calm in the evening. Maximum humidity, 64%. Friday Weather: Mostly sunny, becoming cloudy late in the day. High near 53. Light and variable winds, becoming south 6 mph late in the day. Minimum humidity, 38%.
General Fire Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety of the public and firefighters is always the number one priority when dealing with wildfires. • Smoke from the Landfill Fire may be visible near Speedwell and surrounding areas for several days. • Homeowners can learn how to make their homes less susceptible to wildfires by visiting: www.firewise.org.

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