



# 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*

**Saturday November 16, 2013  
10:00 a.m.**

<b>Location</b>	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.
<b>Estimated Acreage</b>	Approximately 1088 acres
<b>Containment</b>	60% contained
<b>Overview</b>	A line was established around the entire Landfill Fire on Friday, and burnout operations were conducted to eliminate unburned fuel between established lines and the fire perimeter. Significant progress was made in eliminating this unburned fuel; however, the fire will continue to burn through the weekend. Fire crews will continue containment efforts on Saturday by improving existing lines and burning out if the weather allows.
<b>Fire Cause</b>	The fire was reported late Tuesday night, November 12, 2013. The cause of the fire is under investigation.
<b>Resources on the Fire</b>	Approximately 70 firefighters and support staff, including one twenty-person initial attack crew, one dozer, one engine, and a helicopter are assisting with the Fire.
<b>Closures</b>	An area closure is in effect beginning with the national forest boundary east of highway 21; National forest boundary north and west of Forest Service Road 14 (CC Camp Road); National forest boundary south of speedwell. Forest Road 14 is closed to the public.
<b>Cooperators</b>	USDA Forest Service Virginia Department of Forestry Speedwell Volunteer Fire Department Wythe County Emergency Management
<b>Fire Weather</b>	<b>Saturday Weather:</b> Partly sunny, with a high near 60 degrees. Light and variable winds with a chance of wetting rain at 10 %. Minimum humidity, 61%. <b>Saturday Night Weather:</b> Mostly cloudy, with a low near 51 degrees. Light and variable winds with a chance of wetting rain at 40%. Max humidity, 79%.
<b>General Fire Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safety of the public and firefighters is always the number one priority when dealing with wildfires.</li> <li>• A rehabilitation plan is currently in place to repair constructed dozer and handlines around the fire perimeter.</li> <li>• Smoke from a wildfire in North Carolina has mixed with smoke from the Landfill Fire, creating an increased inversion layer throughout southwest Virginia. This combined smoke may be visible near Speedwell and surrounding areas for several days.</li> <li>• Homeowners can learn how to make their homes less susceptible to wildfires by visiting: <a href="http://www.firewise.org">www.firewise.org</a></li> <li>• Places to get Fire Information:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Inciweb: <a href="http://www.inciweb.org/incident/3749/">http://www.inciweb.org/incident/3749/</a></li> <li>○ Twitter: <a href="http://www.twitter.com/wythecounty">www.twitter.com/wythecounty</a></li> <li>○ Facebook: <a href="http://www.Facebook.com/wytheco">www.Facebook.com/wytheco</a></li> <li>○ <a href="http://www.wythethenews.com">www.wythethenews.com</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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