



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*

**Monday, November 18, 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 1088 acres
Containment	60% contained
Overview	Firefighters will continue patrolling and improving existing containment lines on the Landfill Fire. Fire activity was minimal on Sunday due to rain and high humidity. Plans are in place to continue burnout operations to remove the remaining pieces of unburned fuel residing inside the fire perimeter once weather conditions allow. Rehabilitation work is currently in place on portions of the fire.
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 130 firefighters and support staff, including four twenty-person initial attack crews, one dozer, one engine, and a helicopter are assisting with the Fire.
Closures	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.
Cooperators	USDA Forest Service Virginia Department of Forestry Speedwell Volunteer Fire Department Wythe County Emergency Management
Fire Weather	Monday Weather: Sunny, with a high near 57 degrees. Breezy, with a west wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 32 mph. Minimum humidity, 36%. Monday Night Weather: Mostly clear, with a low around 31 degrees. Northwest wind 13 to 16 mph. Maximum humidity, 77%. Tuesday Weather: Sunny, with a high near 46 degrees. Northwest wind 7 to 11 mph. 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. • A rehabilitation plan is currently in place to repair constructed dozer and handlines around the fire perimeter. • Smoke from a North Carolina wildfire 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. • Homeowners can learn how to make their homes less susceptible to wildfires by visiting: www.firewise.org • Places to get Fire Information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Inciweb: http://www.inciweb.org/incident/3749/ ○ Twitter: www.twitter.com/wythecounty ○ Facebook: www.Facebook.com/wytheco ○ www.wythethenews.com

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