



# Landfill FIRE UPDATE

Fire Information: (540) 525-1539



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*USDA Forest Service  
George Washington & Jefferson  
National Forests*

*Mount Rogers  
National Recreation Area*

**Tuesday, November 19, 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>	68% contained
<b>Overview</b>	High winds kept firefighters from burning out the remaining portions of unburned fuels residing within the fire perimeter on Monday. Despite these erratic winds, fire activity was minimal across the entire fire. Firefighters will continue to improve and patrol existing containment lines. Weather conditions could be favorable today to allow for burnout operations to take place. Rehabilitation work is currently underway on portions of the fire.
<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 80 firefighters and support staff, including three initial attack crews, 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>Tuesday Weather:</b> Sunny, with a high near 43 degrees. North wind 9 to 13 mph. Minimum humidity, 37%. <b>Tuesday Night Tonight:</b> Partly cloudy, with a low around 29 degrees. North wind around 5 mph becoming calm. Maximum humidity, 69% <b>Wednesday Weather:</b> Mostly sunny, with a high near 48 degrees. Southeast wind 6 to 11 mph. Minimum humidity, 31%.
<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>• Rehabilitation to areas impacted by the Landfill Fire are underway. A plan is currently in place to repair constructed dozer and handlines around the fire perimeter.</li> <li>• Smoke from the Landfill Fire 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> </ul> </li> </ul>

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