



Forest Service News Release

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Matts Creek Fire Update Monday, November 13, 2023

Current Status: The Matts Creek Fire is 5 miles southeast of Glasgow, Virginia and 5 miles northwest of Big Island, Virginia. The fire is located south of US-501 and the James River within the James River Face Wilderness on the Jefferson National Forest. The entire fire is on National Forest lands.

Estimated Acreage: 15 acres

County: Bedford County

Containment: 0% contained

Date and Cause Reported: The fire was reported on Sunday, November 12, 2023. The cause of this fire is undetermined.

Resources on the Fire: Approximately 40 firefighters and support staff, 1 type-6 engine and 2 Type 1 helicopters.

Restrictions and Closures: The following areas are temporarily closed to allow for public and fire fighter safety:

- Appalachian Trail (FT #1) from James River Foot Bridge to Petite's Gap Road (FR #35)
- James River Foot Bridge Parking Lot
- Matts Creek Trail (FT #4/Old A.T.)

Use caution and obey all road signs for your safety. Motorists should be alert for firefighter vehicles and smoke.

General Fire Information:

- Safety of the public and firefighters is always the number one priority when dealing with wildfires.
- Homeowners can learn how to make their homes less susceptible to wildfires by visiting: www.firewise.org

For fire updates: www.inciweb.wildfire.gov/vavaf-matts-creek-fire

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