



High Eagle Fire Update

Caldwell County

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District 2
Lenoir

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Current Status

Additional progress was made today toward containing the High Eagle Fire in northern Caldwell County. Crews successfully burned out critical control lines on the south and west perimeter of the fire. All burning on control lines has now been completed. The goal of the burning was to stop the spread of the fire and keep it within established containment lines.

Crews will remain on the fire throughout the night patrolling lines and extinguishing hotspots near firelines

The fire is currently **150 acres** in size and **75% contained**. The fire is burning on privately owned land in a large, unbroken area of rugged forest land off U.S. Hwy. 321 between Blowing Rock and Lenoir. The fire which was reported Monday at about 11:30 AM spread rapidly aided by dry conditions and extremely steep terrain.

The High Eagle Fire continues to be a dangerous fire that could escape containment lines. Firefighters expect to be working to contain the fire for several more days. Local residents may be affected by the smoke.

Resources on the Fire

68 personnel, 1 dozer, 4 engines, 1 helicopter, scout plane.

Plans for Friday

Crews will return to the fire tomorrow and continue burnout operations in pockets of unburned fuels within control lines. Crews will continue to patrol lines and extinguish hot spots near firelines.