

# Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

2012-04 Wildfires

SITUATION REPORT 8

1500 18 April 2012

New information in *bold italic type*

**Summary:** *Steady rain for a six to 12 hour period today will continue to assist firefighters on the Easter Complex fire. Upwards of one half inch of rain is expected throughout the day, which will significantly contribute to suppression efforts. All fires on the Easter Complex are in a mop up and hold status as firefighters continue to improve containment lines around all fires. Virginia Department of Forestry (VDOP) reports 5 fires burned approximately 11 acres on private land on Tuesday, 17 April.* Large wildfires on private property and National Forest land:

- Easter Complex (6 fires managed by U.S. Forest Service Regional Incident Management Team)
  - Page County, Shipwreck Fire: acreage burned – 4,000; 100% contained
  - Alleghany/Craig Counties, Barbours Creek Fire: **acreage burned – 7,352; 80% contained**
  - Shenandoah County, Wolf Gap Fire: acreage burned – 755; 95% contained
  - Alleghany/Rockbridge Counties, Rich Hole Fire: **acreage burned – 15,454; 75% contained**
  - Alleghany County, Alleghany Tunnel Fire: acreage burned – 11,381; 90% contained
  - Bath County, Porter Mills Fire: acreage burned – 879; 100% contained

**VEOC Status:** Routine Operations

## **Local Status/Actions:**

**Declarations:** 4

- Bath County, 10 April
- Page County, 10 April
- Highland County, 12 April
- Rockbridge County, 10 April

## **VERT:**

### **ESF 1-Transportation:**

- Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
  - **All roads reopened**

### **ESF 4-Firefighting:**

- Virginia Department of Forestry (VDOP)
  - Coordinating with USFS Regional Incident Management Team

### **ESF 5-Emergency Management (VDEM):**

**Planning** Maintain situational awareness; **next State Situation Report to be issued at approximately 1500 20 April**

## **U.S. Forest Service (USFS)**

- ***Regional Incident Management Team will transition control of Easter Complex fires back to local districts in George Washington and Jefferson National Forests Thursday morning, 19 April***
  - ***Demobilization of resources and crews from 29 states began Tuesday, 17 April, and will continue through Thursday, 19 April.***
  - ***Despite today's rain, smoke from interior portions of fires within the Easter Complex may be present for some days. This smoke is from any remaining unburned fuels within the containment lines. Crews will continue to monitor and patrol these areas until each fire is completely suppressed.***
- **USFS Resources (Regional Incident Management Team 18 April)**
  - ***694 personnel***
  - ***15 hand crews***
  - ***36 engines***
  - ***5 helicopters***
  - ***4 dozer***

### **Weather:**

#### **Thursday 19 April 2012 Forecast**

- ***Partly-mostly sunny; high temperatures upper 60s to mid 70s; low temperatures upper 40s to low 50s; winds 5-10 mph; relative humidity 40-50%***

#### **Friday 20 April 2012 Forecast**

- ***Partly-mostly sunny; high temperatures low 70s to low 80s; low temperatures low to upper 50s; winds 5 to 10 mph; relative humidity 40-50%***

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