



## CARTY FIRE UPDATE Wednesday, May 6, 2015, 8:00 PM

<b>Current Status</b>	The Carty Fire, discovered on Sunday, May 3, 2015, is being managed by Mark Twain National Forest, with assistance of several Federal, state and local cooperators. Additional assistance is coming from Illinois, Minnesota, and across the State of Missouri. It is burning actively in downed and live timber located on public and private lands approximately one mile southwest of the community of Black, Missouri. The downed timber is a result of a 2009 Derecho wind event, whose strong winds toppled or damaged 1,000s of acres of public and private timber lands across southeastern Missouri. Heavy fuels and steep terrain are hampering suppression efforts. Firefighters expect to be battling this wildfire until some rain falls. The possibility of precipitation improves later this week or over the weekend
<b>Acreage</b>	Estimated at 927 acres as of 8:00 PM, Tuesday, May 5, 2015. Updated acreage will available at 10:00 AM tomorrow morning after the fire perimeter has been flown and re-measured.
<b>Containment</b>	Estimated at 15%.
<b>Values at Risk</b>	An estimated 30 private homes and other structures, as well as a high tension power line, water, timber and other resources on private and public lands.
<b>Structures Lost</b>	No structures have been lost.
<b>Resources</b>	Approximately 85 personnel are currently assigned to the incident. Other firefighting resources include 7 bulldozers, 13 engines, and 1 helicopter. Also, local volunteer fire departments and an ambulance are available if needed. A 20-person Type 1 Hotshot fire crew has been ordered and is expected on Thursday. A Type 1 Helicopter ordered was delayed today, but is expected to arrive tomorrow morning
<b>Cooperators</b>	Mark Twain National Forest, Missouri Department of Conservation, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, National Park Service, Reynolds County government, City of Ellington, local volunteer fire departments and Spring Valley Youth Ranch.
<b>Current Status</b>	The fire was more active today. However, firefighters were able to make significant progress on all flanks. An air tanker drop on the northeast flank helped in securing one of the critical areas on the fire, and a helicopter was used to make water drops to cool hot spots throughout the day. Burnout operations were successful on parts of the north, northwest and northeast flanks. Firefighters will continue burnout operations on other areas tomorrow as fire behavior and weather conditions allow. The east flank will be in a patrol and mop-up status early tomorrow. The structure protection group has structure protection measures in place
<b>Fire Weather</b>	Tonight's forecast is partly cloudy, with a low around 60. Wind will be out of the south at 5 to 7 mph. Humidity should rise into the high 70s-low 80s. There is a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 1pm. It will be partly cloudy, with highs in the low 80s. Winds during the day will be generally south at 5-10 mph, with gusts up to 16 mph. Probability of rain is near 50% in the afternoon
<b>Fire Behavior</b>	The fire is burning actively in the downed timber from the 2009 Derecho event. Fire behavior is expected to be high to extreme tomorrow, and short range spotting across control lines is an ongoing concern.
<b>Road Closures</b>	Reynolds County 824 on the north flank, and Reynolds County 822 on the west flank, are closed all but emergency traffic. Individual roads will be re-opened as soon as possible for public use once there is longer a tactical need for firefighting operations.
<b>Fire and Other Information</b>	Carty Fire Information at 573-269-4291, Extension 242. Information will be available generally during the hours of 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Information will also be posted on the web under Updated Fire Information at <a href="http://gacc.nifc.gov/eacc/dispatch_centers/MOCC/information/fire_information.htm">website</a> <a href="http://gacc.nifc.gov/eacc/dispatch_centers/MOCC/information/fire_information.htm">http://gacc.nifc.gov/eacc/dispatch_centers/MOCC/information/fire_information.htm</a> .