



## **CARTY FIRE UPDATE Wednesday, May 7, 2015, 11:00 AM**

<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, across the State of Missouri and several other states. 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 continues to hamper suppression efforts. Firefighters expect to be battling this wildfire until the next significant rain event; possibility of precipitation improves as we approach the weekend.
<b>Acreage</b>	Estimated at 1,141 acres as of 9:00 PM, Wednesday, May 6, 2015.
<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 Assigned</b>	Approximately 85 personnel are currently assigned to the incident. Other firefighting resources include 7 bulldozers, 13 engines, and 2 helicopters; a Type 1 heavy helicopter, capable of carrying over 2,000 gallons of water, arrived this morning. Two 20-person Type 1 Hotshot fire crews are expected later today. Also, local volunteer fire departments and an ambulance are available as needed.
<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>	Night patrols reported parts of the fire were active during the night. However, containment lines are holding. Yesterday, firefighters were able to make significant progress on all flanks. Firefighters will continue burnout operations on the southwest and northeast flanks as fire behavior and weather conditions allow. The structure protection group will be burning fuels out adjacent to structures at the Valley Springs Youth Ranch to reduce the fire threat. Local volunteer fire departments are assisting. The air tanker will be dropping again today on the northeast flank to further secure a critical area on the fire perimeter. Both helicopters will be available to make water drops to cool hot spots and support burnout operations. The majority of the east flank will be in a patrol and mop-up status.
<b>Fire Weather</b>	Tonight's forecast is partly cloudy, with temperatures in the low 80s. Wind will be south at 6 to 10 mph. Humidity should rise to around 50%. There is a 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon.
<b>Fire Behavior</b>	The fire is burning actively in downed timber from the 2009 Derecho event. Fire behavior is expected to be high to extreme today, 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 can be reached 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 on the <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> .