



CARTY FIRE UPDATE Saturday, May 9, 2015, 10:00 AM

Status	<p>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. It is burning in downed and live timber located on public and private lands approximately two miles southwest of the community of Black, Missouri. Firefighters have made significant progress over the past few days, and the fire is estimated at over 50% contained. Up to 0.6" rain has fallen on parts of the fire since yesterday morning, and it has allowed firefighters to make excellent progress. Light rain is currently falling on the fire. Demobilization of some resources will begin at noon today.</p> <p>The downed timber is a result of a May 8, 2009 Derecho wind event that occurred six years ago. The Derecho's strong winds toppled or damaged more than 113,000 acres of public and private timber lands across southeastern Missouri. The wind event created large areas of forest with heavy concentrations of downed woody material. These heavy fuel concentrations have caused fire control challenges over the last six years for the forest, including higher fire intensities, more difficult access, and slower line building capability..</p>
Acreage	Estimated at 1,331 acres as of 9:00 PM, Thursday, May 7, 2015. Acreage has not increased since yesterday.
Containment	Firefighters made significant progress again yesterday; containment is estimated at 50%.
Values at Risk	32 private homes and other structures, as well as a high tension power line, water, timber and other resources on private and public lands. The threat to these values has been significantly reduced as a result of rain.
Structures Lost	No structures have been lost.
Resources Assigned	Approximately 110 personnel were assigned to the incident yesterday. However, given the rain and progress, the incident will begin releasing some resources starting at noon today.
Cooperators	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 Valley Springs Youth Ranch.
Current Status	Up to 0.6" rain has fallen on parts of the fire since yesterday morning, and has helped significantly in fire suppression efforts. Firefighters made excellent progress yesterday into the evening hours, improving containment lines, conducting mop-up, and addressing hazard trees adjacent to roads. Firefighters are monitoring and patrolling the perimeter. Rehabilitation of dozer lines has begun.
Fire Weather	Today, the weather is expected to be mostly cloudy with a 60% chance of scattered thunderstorms. An estimated 0.31" is predicted for the fire area. Temperatures will be near 80 degrees, with humidity between 60-65%. Winds will be out of the south at 6-10 mph this afternoon..
Fire Behavior	The fire is smoldering in downed timber from the 2009 Derecho event. Rain and higher humidity have made the fire being less active. The fire is burning actively in downed timber from the 2009 Derecho event. Higher humidity tonight should result in the fire being less active during the overnight hours.
Road Closures	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.
Fire and Other Information	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 website http://gacc.nifc.gov/eacc/dispatch_centers/MOCC/information/fire_information.htm .