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VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY WORKING TO CONTAIN MADISON COUNTY WILDFIRE

No homes or structures currently in danger

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA – The Virginia Department of Forestry (DOF) continues to respond to a wildfire that began Tuesday in Madison County near Syria. The 125-acre fire is located on private land that is steep and difficult to access, which has made containment efforts difficult. No homes or structures have been damaged by the fire and there are no evacuation orders in place at this time.

DOF remains on scene today working with local fire departments, the National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service and the Virginia Department of Emergency Management. The fire, near Rapidan Wildlife Management Area and the Shenandoah National Park, is producing smoke visible from several counties.

The fire is approximately 10% contained. DOF will continue to provide regular updates on this dynamic situation. The fiRESPONSE website is also available to track real-time information on the fire: <https://virginiapublic.firesponse.com/>.

“While we are sure to see larger events this fall fire season, every fire is a priority,” said DOF Chief of Fire and Emergency Response John Miller. “The terrain of this fire is making our response efforts more challenging and it’s likely containment will take several days.”

The cause of the fire is under investigation. Additional updates will be posted on DOF’s [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

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About the Virginia Department of Forestry

The Virginia Department of Forestry (DOF) protects and develops healthy, sustainable forest resources for Virginians. With nearly 16 million acres of forestland and more than 108,000 Virginians employed in forestry, forest products and related industries, Virginia forests provide an overall economic output of more than \$21 billion annually. Headquartered in Charlottesville, the agency has forestry staff members assigned to every county to provide citizen service and public safety protection across the Commonwealth, which it’s been doing now for more than 100 years. DOF is an equal opportunity provider.