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PROGRESS MADE IN CONTAINING MADISON COUNTY WILDFIRE

Firefighters work to cut fire off from fuel source

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA – Firefighters from the Virginia Department of Forestry (DOF) and partner departments continue containment efforts on the now 390-acre Quaker Run Fire that began Tuesday in Madison County near Syria. The fire is currently 20% contained. No homes or structures have been damaged by the fire and there are no evacuation orders in place at this time. Smoke produced by the fire is visible from several counties and may negatively affect the air quality in nearby areas.

Progress has been difficult due to the steep terrain, but crews strive to complete a 650-acre “containment line” surrounding the fire. Once the fire reaches the confines of the containment line, its access to fuel will be cut off, limiting further progression. The fire, and the developing containment line, are still on private land.

“This fire will quickly run out of fuel when it reaches the firelines crews are creating that will prevent its progress past the 650-acre containment area,” said DOF Chief of Fire and Emergency Response John Miller. “As long as weather conditions don’t shift, we anticipate this fire will be fully contained within the next few days.”

DOF will continue to provide regular updates on the fiRESPONSE website (<https://viriniapublic.firesponse.com>) and on social media.

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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.