



News Release

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CAUTION URGED IN VICINITY OF GORDON COUNTY WILDFIRE

The Georgia Forestry Commission (GFC) is working with partner agencies to contain a fire that is burning in Gordon County near Talking Rock and the Carters Lake area. The fire was reported on July 7 as a possible lightning strike and has grown to approximately 150 acres along the Gordon/Gilmer County line, close to Oakman, Ga.

Georgia Forestry Commission personnel on the scene say smoke from the fire may impact area residents and Georgia State Highways 136 and 411. The fire is burning in dry, tornado-damaged forests that have steep, rocky terrain. More than 20 GFC firefighters are responding to the blaze, along with personnel from the Gordon County Fire Department, US Forest Service, and the Georgia State Patrol, whose helicopters are assisting with water drops. The Corps of Engineers, Georgia Emergency Management Homeland Security Agency, Gordon County EMA and Talking Rock Resort are assisting in the suppression effort.

Residents and drivers in the area are urged to use caution on highways near the fire and to stay aware of further developments and notifications from local authorities.

For more information about services of the Georgia Forestry Commission, visit GaTrees.org.

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