

News Release

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Firefighters Continue to Work Brush Fire Along Route 311

Route 311 Opened to One Lane of Traffic

(March 21, 2025, 10:00 PM) Roanoke County Fire & Rescue crews and the U.S. Forest Service are still actively working to contain the brush fire off Route 311 throughout the night. At 10:00 PM, Fire & Rescue officials estimate that the fire is approximately 50% contained.

Efforts to fight the fire this evening included two bulldozer crews, several hand line crews, and helicopter air support to drop water on the fire. Air support concluded around 7:00 PM, but may resume tomorrow if needed.

As of the time of this release, no structures are involved in the fire, but citizens can expect to see flames and smoke in the area overnight and into tomorrow.

Route 311 (Catawba Valley Drive) between Hanging Rock and Bradshaw Road reopened to one lane of traffic around 7:30 PM, with traffic being controlled by VDOT flaggers. Drivers are urged to drive slowly and use caution in the area and be alert for firefighters and VDOT personnel along the roadway.

The brush fire at this time is estimated to involve more than 200 acres.

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