

100 Acres Burning in Linville Gorge

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The cold and wind are hampering firefighters working on a huge woods fire in the Linville Gorge. A crew of about 40 U.S. Forest Service firefighters and volunteers set out early today, working to contain the wildfire in the Linville Gorge Wilderness area of the Grandfather Ranger District, Pisgah National Forest. The wildfire grew from 40 acres to 100 acres Tuesday night. The Table Rock Fire is about one-quarter mile southwest of Table Rock Mountain in the east-central part of the Gorge. Firefighters are clearing firelines from previous fires to try to contain the wildfire, but none of the fire was contained mid day today. The fire burned actively through the night and is expected to grow in size over the next couple days. One target of the firefighting effort is protection of the Outward Bound base camp area, currently vacant. No other homes or structures are currently threatened.

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