

It's day two of the burnout operation at the Shortoff Wildfire, according to Incident Information Officer Gil Knight.

Firefighters anticipate burning 800 acres today and 100 acres tomorrow. That means lots of smoke. Expect to see smoke north of the fire area, Knight said. Yesterday, smokedrifts reached Watauga County. Burning operations are contingent on the weather. Firefighters burn portions of the fire area to get rid of potential kindling.

They are very careful to see how an area reacts to fire before undertaking burnout operations, he said.

As of last night, the Shortoff Mountain Fire's acreage was reported at 3,308. The Dobson Knob fire, on the other hand, is 100 percent contained, though crews are still watching hot spots.