

## Fire continues to char Linville Gorge area

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A wildfire that began last Wednesday near Linville Gorge is still hanging on, according to U.S. Forest Service Information officer Dyan Bone.

Over 240 firefighters, 2 bulldozers, and 2 helicopters have battled the blaze. An incident team from Arizona has taken over firefighting operations, but dry windy weather continues to delay containment. Over 550 acres have been charred, according to the latest GPS devices, and firefighters do not have a clear estimate of when Linville Gorge and its surrounding trails will be accessible