

Nearly 300 firefighters continue to battle Linville blazes

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As of yesterday evening, almost 300 federal and state firefighters were continuing the fight on a blaze that started Friday from lightning strikes.

As of 6 p.m., the fires had already burned over 1,200 acres. The estimated containment is only 15 percent. Air tankers and helicopters dropped water and retardants on the Dobson Knob fire yesterday, which at one point threatened to jump fire lines put in earlier in the week. The Dobson fire has burned approximately 500 acres while the Shortoff Mountain fire is still at approximately 700 acres.