

Linville Gorge Fire 90% Contained as Crews Depart Table Rock

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Tuesday brought some much needed relief to crews battling the Linville Gorge Wildfire as conditions over the weekend helped contain the wildfire almost completely. The blaze is now 90% to 100% contained

after crews battled the fire for the last 15 days. On Tuesday, crews with the Southern Area Type 2 Team, who were called in to command control of the fire, had left the scene and returned control back over to the Grandfather Ranger District of the Pisgah National Forest.

Crews are continuing to monitor the fire lines for any new activity but winter weather this week should help extinguish the fire completely. District personnel will come in to assess the damage later on after severe weather passes to determine if the fire is completely controlled.

Since it began on Nov. 12, the fire has consumed almost 2,600 acres of the Pisgah National Forest. The U.S. Forest Service is still looking for a man whose photo was released last week and may have information about the cause of the fire. He was believed to have camped in the Table Rock picnic area during Veterans Day with a group of other campers and might have been associated with a white, 2007-09 Dodge Ram truck. Anyone with information about the man or other campers is asked to call Officer Jason Crisp at (828) 442-2470.

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