

# **News Release**

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## **Work Continues to Contain Brush Fire Near Route 311**

### **Route 311 Estimated to Remain Closed for Two More Hours**

(March 21, 2025, 5:30 PM) Roanoke County Fire & Rescue crews and the U.S. Forest Service are still actively working to contain the brush fire off Route 311. At the time of this release, Fire & Rescue officials estimate that the fire is approximately 30% contained. Efforts to fight the fire include two bulldozer crews and several hand line crews. In addition, helicopter air support is expected this evening to drop water on the fire. Citizens may see low-flying helicopters in the area as part of this air support effort.

As of the time of this release, no structures are involved in the fire. Route 311 (Catawba Valley Drive) is expected to remain closed between Hanging Rock and Bradshaw Road for another two hours as crews work the fire.

The brush fire at this time is estimated to involve approximately 130 acres. An update to the fire will be provided after 10 PM this evening.

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