

Greenville County, South Carolina Emergency Management

Incident Command Post

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Situation Report #	Incident Name	Date Prepared
10	Persimmon Ridge Wildland Fire March 2025	04/02/2025
Operational Period Covered	Prepared By	Approved By

Weather Forecast for Next Operations Period:

Today – A chance of showers, with the thunderstorms also possible after 5pm. Cloudy, with a high near 65. East northeast wind around 7 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50%. New rainfall amounts of less than a tenth of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms.

Tonight – A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Patchy fog between 11pm and 3am. Otherwise, cloudy, with a low around 62. East northeast wind around 6 mph becoming south after midnight. Chance of precipitation is 50%. New precipitation amounts of less than a tenth of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms.

Tomorrow – A slight chance of showers, with thunderstorms also possible after 2pm. Cloudy, with a high near 80. South Southwest wind 8 to 11 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

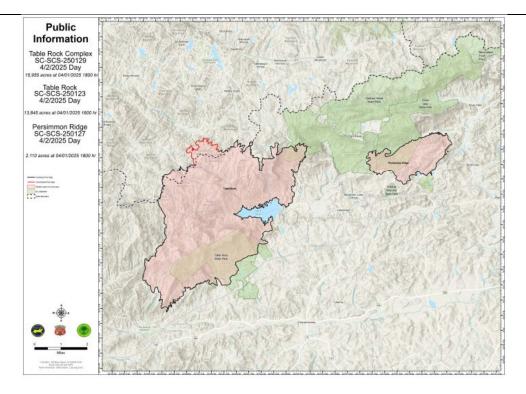
Summary Significant Events, Situation, and Actions

SITUATION OVERVIEW:

The Greenville County Emergency Operations Center moved to OPCON 3 on April 2, 2025, at 1200.

- As of April 2, 2025, at 1200, all evacuation orders have been lifted, and all shelters have been released.
- IR flights detected small pockets of heat, likely from stumps and downed trees, that may produce minimal smoke. Leaf litter and other fuels in these areas are already consumed. High confidence these heat sources will not spread.
- The Southern Area Blue Team objectives include continuing ground truth observing hot spots noted by IR, finishing
 firefighting operations and focusing on soil stabilization to control erosion. Organized demobilization of the team is
 expected to be completed by Saturday, unless an unexpected change occurs.
 - Table Rock Fire Size: 13,564 acres
 - o Containment: 68%
 - o Persimmon Ridge Fire Size: 2,078 acres
 - o Containment: 74%
- Greenville County:
 - Persimmon Ridge: 2,078 acres
 - o Table Rock: 7,162 acres
 - County Total: 9,240 acres
- \$60k weekly economic impact from the closures of Table Rock and Caesars Head State Parks is estimated. Jones Gap has reportedly reopened.
- Greenville County Table Rock Complex Information Line will close at 1900 today, 4/2 and will remain closed.
- The State Forester's Burning Ban has been lifted for all SC counties.

OPERATIONS:



• Air Operations (ongoing): 707 Air drop missions; 845,733 gallons of water dropped; 107 flight hours.

DEMOBILIZATION:

Demobilization is underway of Greenville County Assets and will continue over the coming days.

- 4/1/2025
 - 1900 Greenville County Sheriff's Office and Greenville County EMS
- 4/2/2025
 - o 0900 Pleasant Ridge First Responder Shelter
 - 1100 Communications Trailer and 5 UTVs
 - o 1900 Call Center

LOGISTICS:

- After coordinating almost 1,000 Firefighters and over 400 apparatus since 3/22/25, All SC Firefighter Mobilization resources have demobilized.
- SC State Fire will continue to have a SC-HART crew on standby as a means to provide rapid extraction of an injured wildland crew member, if needed.
- The Palmetto IST will remain at the incident for as long as SC-HART and the Mobile Command Center is needed.

SAFETY & ROAD/STATE PARK CLOSURES:

ROADS:

- LOCAL TRAFFIC ONLY: Geer Highway (US-276) remains open to local traffic only. Residents should exercise caution, as emergency fire response vehicles are still operating in the area.
- IMPACTED: Persimmon Ridge Rd. is being rutted out due to heavy vehicle traffic. Greenville County Public Works made temporary road repairs on Monday; temporary road repairs are eligible for reimbursement under FMAG.

SAFETY:

Southern Area Blue Team reported a near-miss yesterday, involving a presumed local-traffic vehicle almost striking a
firefighting apparatus. Public Information will increase messaging across media platforms reminding the public to
exercise extreme caution while traveling in the area, especially Highway 276.

Smoke Conditions/Weather Safety:

• Air quality is expected to be Good to Moderate (Unusually sensitive individuals should consider limiting prolonged or heavy exertion) today and tomorrow, and Good overall starting Friday.