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Two Large Fires Impact Amherst County

As of 4:00 pm, Friday, April 21, 2023, Public safety is fighting two large fires in the county.

One fire is near Route 60 West in the National Forest. This fire has jumped the parkway. Amherst Public Safety, volunteers, and other agencies are assisting. Multiple helicopters are in the air and are aiding with the effort.

The second fire is near Joshua Falls Road. Public Safety is on sight managing the fire.

According to the National Weather Service, Amherst County is currently experiencing enhanced fire danger. Please be advised that Virginia is under its annual 4:00 pm burn ban until the end of the month. Please remember to burn responsibly.



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