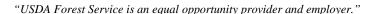


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Small Wildland Fire burning in Mount St. Helens National Volcanic **Monument in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest**

VANCOUVER, WA – Smoke from a 2-acre wildland fire in the Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument of the Gifford Pinchot National Forest can be seen by forest visitors driving Forest Road 25 north of Swift Reservoir. The fire is not expected to grow much larger.

Hand crews, a wildland fire engine, and a water tender are involved in initial attack suppression of the Cedar Flats Fire.

No Forest Road, trail or other recreation closures are associated with this fire.

The fire is located about 5-miles northeast of Swift Reservoir, on the south side of Mount St. Helens near the Muddy River.

A lightning strike from a thunderstorm earlier this month is thought to be the cause of the fire.

Another wildland fire in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, the 30-acre Cold Springs Fire is burning on the south side of Mount Adams.