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File Code: 6270-1

Date: September 20, 2013

(b)(6)

RE: Your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request, FOIA Request 2013-FS-R8-04595-F

Dear Mr. (b)(6)

Enclosed is our final response to your FOIA request dated July 12, 2013 that was initially sent to the National Park Service (NPS). Our office received the request forwarded by the NPS on July 16, 2013. Your request was for information related to the following statement "Witnesses saw flaming space junk or satellite crash land in these mountains [Massanutten Range, Virginia] which may have caused the forest fire of last year: June 24, 2012, at around 1150PM Sunday."

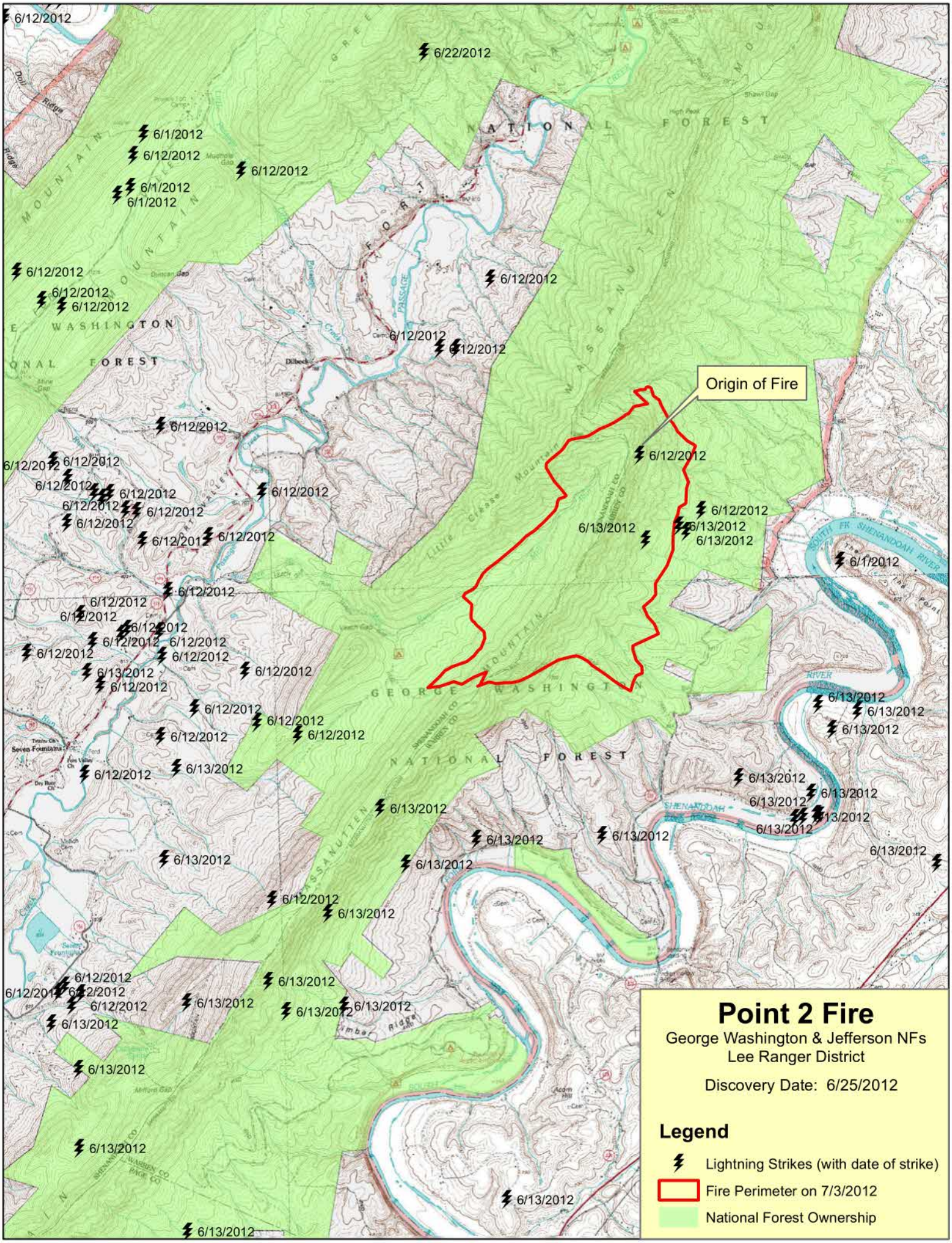
Based on the time and location you have given, we have determined that the fire in question is the Point 2 Fire. This fire was initially reported on June 25, 2012 on Massanutten Mountain within National Forest System lands administered by the Lee Ranger District. We have thoroughly reviewed all files associated with this fire and have found the enclosed records responsive to your request. The handwritten notes are those of the Lee District Ranger, Katie Donahue. The cause of the fire was determined to be from lightning, due to the remoteness of the area and the lightning strike data that is collected by the Bureau of Land Management.

Your FOIA request has been processed in accordance with the rules and regulations of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. 552(b) and the Privacy Act (PA), 5 U.S.C. 552a. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Overcash at 540-265-5175.

Sincerely,

/s/ Cynthia Holland, for
H. Thomas Speaks, Jr.
Forest Supervisor

Enclosures


Origin of Fire
6/12/2012
6/22/2012
6/1/2012
6/13/2012
Point 2 Fire
George Washington & Jefferson NFs
Lee Ranger District
Discovery Date: 6/25/2012
Legend
Lightning Strikes (with date of strike)
Fire Perimeter on 7/3/2012
National Forest Ownership

POINT 2- AM BRIEFING 6/20

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C) — has been informed; likely to be human caused, but he did not come at due to remoteness

(b)(6) across creek (spoke to last night)

Prev. issues w/ folks in white house w/dogs

* Watersource : Seven Fountains ?
Strasburg Reservoir
- One squad coming off central zone
1890s, Kleck, a few others

* Need to add cell phone list to IAP
- Dozer is down on the Clinch
- Can get the Sweco in about 2/3 of way (to first switchback)

- Planning mtg 1500
- Tactical mtg 1430
- Likely to move briefing up to 0700 after tomorrow

- Call Mike Madden to check on heritage resources

* Be prepared for this to go thru the wknd.
- Probably looking @ 50 acres
- Could use Sherman Gap if you have to - not ideal from getting in standpoint

6/27 cont.

- Locals saw lightening - could have struck a few weeks back.

BACK ON PLANNING MTG 7/1/2012

- 5# to clean place
- Items broken?
- Powerline
- Bathrms
- Once over for electrics / blinking lights
- 209

Div A - no prop by Sherm Gap
Div 2 - fire ops by trail; monitor by shelter
Div B - minimize exposure on nightshift (still figuring it out)
Roll over the night shift tomorrow + bring back on 7/4

Air ops: 4 lights
Move 1 back to SNP
2 left @ least to support recon
pick up type 2 from Park + use it for firing
Safety supports the plan