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Crews gaining ground in Pinnacle Mountain fire fight

Easley company donates meal for firefighters

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PICKENS — Wednesday night rainfall did little to affect the progression of putting out the Pinnacle Mountain wildfire, but officials reported Thursday the fire at Table Rock State Park is now 40 percent contained — a new high in the battle against the blaze.

As of late Wednesday, the fire covered 7,282 acres, and costs to battle the fire were estimated at $2.8 million. Despite those large figures, officials reported there are no current evacuations, and no injuries or structure losses have been reported.

Burnout operations continued Thursday, when fire behavior was expected to continue to creep and burn through heavy leaf litter, understory and dry dead and down timber.

In a news release from the South Carolina Forestry Commission, it was announced the North Carolina Forest Service has now tied in with incident command and will be helping in efforts to secure the Carolinas' state line.

At the end of the shift Thursday, firefighters enjoyed a Thanksgiving meal donated by Yokohama of Easley that was served by legislative members.