Island fire continues to smoulder

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An island fire that started at about 11:30 p.m. Tuesday is still smoldering, and officials think it will continue into the weekend.

"The fire on Lake Keowee Island No. 1 continues to burn itself out," said Oconee County Fire Chief Charlie King. "With the help of three fire wardens from the S.C. Forestry Commission, we have lit small backfires to help speed the process. The backfires will assist in burning approximately 6 acres on the island."

King said there is no chance the fire will spread from the island, but there will be a large amount of smoke from the fire.

King said public should not be concerned, adding the fire is a controlled burn.

There have been a large number of calls to the 911 dispatch center concerning the fire, he said.