Pinnacle Mountain fire fully contained

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PICKENS — Nearly one month after a human-caused wildfire broke out at Pinnacle Mountain at Table Rock State Park, the blaze is now fully contained.

In a news release Monday evening, the South Carolina Forestry Commission declared 100 percent containment of the blaze after four days of significant rainfall in the area, with even more in the forecast for today.

With the fire now ful-

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ly contained after burning through 10,623 acres, crews are shifting into a new phase that will focus on stabilizing firebreaks that were made as the fire was spreading. Officials said the fire may continue to smolder in some places, but the risk of re-ignition is negligible due to the saturated ground. The fire will be considered controlled once it has been determined firefighting resources are no longer needed at the site.

Local forestry commission employees — along with employees from the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, Greenville Watershed and Table Rock State Park — met Monday to go over practices to help reduce erosion that may have occurred during fire suppression activities.

Methods used to reduce such impact will primarily include constructing water turnouts, planting grass seed and cleaning out stream crossings to restore the natural flow of water. The practices will be implemented primarily on the interior roads and the more than 31 miles of fire lines that encompass the fire.

The estimated cost of the fire as of Monday stood at $4.8 million, and no injuries or structure losses have been reported since the blaze began on Nov. 9.