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Seneca firefighters blame campfire for island fire on Lake Keowee

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SENECA — The Seneca fire chief said crews worked until early Wednesday morning to put out a fire on an island on Lake Keowee.

The fire was reported around 11:30 p.m. Tuesday. Investigators think the blaze started with a campfire that was not completely extinguished. Winds then fanned the embers like a blow torch. Flames burned about an acre on the island, which is across from South Cove County Park in Oconee County.

No one was reported hurt, officials said. Investigators said they want to find the campers who started the fire and left too early.

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