

Two Fires Reported In Wilkes Sunday Afternoon; One Possibly Fog

Firefighters responded to reports of two blazes in Wilkes County late Sunday afternoon, but apparently only one of the two actually was a fire.

The Wilkes Communications Center dispatched the N.C. Forest Service and the North Wilkesboro Fire Department to a brush fire between the end of Pine Street on the west and Kramer Lane on the east a little before 5 p.m. Sunday. The fire appeared to be in an area where timber was harvested recently, north of N.C. 268 East. The Knotville Fire Department was dispatched to assist.

About 4:20 p.m. Sunday, the forest service and the Millers Creek and Wilbar fire departments were dispatched to a possible woods fire somewhere southeast of the Lump overlook on the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Traveling on roads in the Parsonsville, White Oak, Summit, Big Ivy and Wilbar areas, including the Parkway, firefighters searched and didn't find a fire.

When the search was ended about 5 p.m. Sunday, there was speculation that whoever reported smoke had actually seen fog rising from the mountains.

Assistant County Ranger Michael Crouse responded for the forest service.