



## Squirrel to blame for fire that burned 40 acres; caused \$11,000 in damage



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PELION, S.C. (WRDW/WAGT) -- A squirrel is to blame for a fire that destroyed over 40 acres and caused \$11,000 worth of damage in Pelion, S.C. on Wednesday.

According to Doug Wood with the South Carolina Forestry Commission, the fire started when a squirrel was running along power lines and touched a grounded pole. The squirrel was electrocuted, which caused sparks which set the ground on fire. Fire officials soon discovered the blown transformer and the squirrel.

The fire along Jewell Boone Road in Pelion destroyed vehicles on a nearby property and multiple bales of hay. Neighbors nearby also lost power.