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RAKES MOSS MOORLAND FIRE UPDATE: DAY 7

Firefighters who have been tackling a fire at Rakes Moss since Thursday 23 April 2020, withdrew from the moorland early this afternoon due to the weather and poor conditions.

Station Manager Colin Winterbottom said: “At 13:00 hours today we made the decision to withdraw crews from the moorland for safety reasons.

“The weather can quickly change on the moors and as it closed in, visibility and conditions underfoot became dangerous.

“Crews will return at 10:00 hours tomorrow to assess the situation and establish if any further firefighting is required and if it is safe to be undertaken.”

Crews from across Derbyshire have been responding to the incident at Rakes Moss supported by colleagues from Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service, Peak Park Rangers, United Utilities and the RSPB.

Everyone working to resolve the fire at Rakes Moss has also been supported by the Salvation Army.

A fire investigation into the cause of the fire is ongoing.

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