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RAKES MOSS MOORLAND FIRE – UPDATE

Derbyshire Firefighters are continuing to work alongside colleagues from Greater Manchester Fire & Rescue Service and landowners, United Utilities, to extinguish a moorland fire at Rakes Moss, off the A628 Crowden to Glossop.

Firefighters were first called to the fire at 10.06 hours on Thursday 23 April 2020 and have continued to work throughout today.

A tactical plan for dealing with the fire has been established and firefighting will continue late into the evening until darkness. Firefighters will then withdraw from the moor, with their return planned for 6am on Saturday 25 April.

Two helicopters will continue to support firefighting operations.

Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service wildfire tactical advisor, Group Manager Steve Wells said: “Crews will continue to work on the moorland until the fire has been extinguished. Over the last 24 hours we have used a combination of beaters, specialist Argo cat vehicles which have a high pressure hose and two helicopters to fight the fire and contain its spread.

“Whilst the smoke from the fire has reduced considerably, residents in Stalybridge are still advised to keep their windows and doors closed as a precaution.

“With the weekend looming, I would also like to remind people to avoid the area and adhere to current government Covid-19 advice to stay at home, except for essential journeys.”

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