

 **Pagami Creek Fire**

**UPDATE: September 11, 2011**

**TODAY’S MESSAGE:** Yesterday’s dry air and north winds pushed the Pagami Creek Fire farther south yesterday. In consideration of today’s high fire indices, fire managers began a proactive movement of campers from Lakes Two through Hudson, nearby routes, and the Isabella River within the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW). Specific closures are listed below. Most of the BWCAW remains safe and open to visitors eager to enjoy the fall season.

**ACTIVITIES TODAY:**

* Public Safety crews are sweeping the areas to be closed, assisting campers into other lakes.
* Aerial sweeps will also be conducted of the areas to be closed.
* Airplanes and helicopters may be used to drop water, keeping the fire within the wilderness and south and east of the Kawishiwi River.

**CLOSURES:** The vast majority of the BWCAW remains safe and open to visitors. To insure public safety the following waterways and portages are temporarily closed: Lakes One through Hudson, Fire, Bridge, Rifle, the Wilders, Horseshoe, Pagami, Clearwater, Turtle, Camdre, Pietro, Gull, Quadga, Rice, Isabella Lake and River. The southern campsites on Bald Eagle are closed. The Pow Wow Trail is closed. Sites, routes and portages will be re-opened as soon as it is safe to do so.

**OUTLOOK:** Dry weather trends are predicted into mid-September. The fire is expected to be active today.

**SAFETY:** Campfire restrictions are in place. Wilderness wide, campfires are allowed only between 6 p.m. and midnight. Be sure that campfires are doused thoroughly until cold to the touch.

**DATE OF DETECTION:** August 18, 2011

**CAUSE:** Lightning

**CURRENT SIZE:**  4500 acres burned. Acreage is expected to increase today due to weather conditions.

**LOCATION:** Township 63 N, Range 9 W, Sections 30, 31, 32: approximately 14 miles east of Ely (within the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness) in the Pagami Creek area between the South Kawishiwi River, Clearwater Lake, and Lake One.

**AGENCY:** Superior National Forest, Kawishiwi Ranger District

**STATUS:** Surface fire and occasional group tree torching.

**SMOKE CONDITIONS:** Depending on wind directions, visitors may see and smell smoke.

**RESOURCES:** The fire is now under the management of Type 2 Incident Management Team Hinds.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

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