### Pagami Creek Fire

**Noon - August 27, 2011**

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

**CAUSE:** unknown, likely lightning

**CURRENT SIZE:** approximately 200 acres

**LOCATION:** Township 63 N, Range 9 W, Sections 30, 31, 32. In the Pagami Creek area between the South Kawishiwi River, Clearwater Lake, and Lake One.

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

**STATUS:** Fire continues to be active.

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

**RESOURCES:** Various types of aircraft will be in the area as well as fire crews using a variety of tools. Public safety crews are in place.

**TODAY’S MESSAGES:** Public and Firefighter safety is always the top priority. Other primary goals include keeping the fire south of the Kawishiwi River Corridor and within the Wilderness. The bulletin boards at Wilderness entry points and at several primary portages will be posted to notify visitors about this fire activity. There are no closures in place at this time. However visitors are to stay off Pagami Creek and to stay clear of the fire area.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** The high visibility of smoke from this fire is generating a lot of inquiries therefore an Open House is scheduled for Sunday, August 28 from 4:00 – 5:00 at the Kawishiwi Ranger District office located at 1393 Highway 169 (1/4 mile east of Ely across from the International Wolf Center.) Maps and other information will be on hand and staff will be available for questions.

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