



Foss Lake Fire PM Update

Monday, May 23, 2016, 8:00 p.m.

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Fire Information

Web address: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4740/#>

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Phone: 218-365-2216 (new number) **Location:** US Forest Service, 1393 Hwy 169, Ely, open 8 a.m.–8 p.m.

Size: 1015 acres **Containment:** 45 percent **Fire Start Date:** May 19, 2016

Resources: 9 crews, 2 MN CCC camp crews, 2 helicopters, 4 engines, 1 water tender, 277 total personnel

Current Situation: Another day of strong winds and no significant precipitation tested the fireline again today, but there was no additional growth and the firelines are holding. The work the crews have done the last few days allowed fire managers to consider nearly half of the fire contained. The northwest side of the fire from Crab Lake to the south end of Clark Lake is the hottest part of the fire. Firefighters made good progress constructing saw line, laying down hose, and suppressing hot spots along the fire's perimeter on the northern half. Three hotshot crews were demobilized from the fire today. Three crews will continue to camp in the wilderness: two on Crab Lake and one on Clark Lake. One crew arrived on the incident today and they'll be hiking to the fire every day.

Members of the Lake Vermilion Fire Brigade, used their fire boat to shuttle outgoing crews, their gear, and canoes across Burntside Lake. Along with members of the Morse/Fall Lake Fire Department and their boat, they also continued to make contact with Burntside property owners, sharing information with them about FireWise and defensible space.

Weather and Fire Behavior: The fire area did not receive significant precipitation today. There's still a chance of rain this evening, measuring possibly a tenth of an inch. Tomorrow will bring light winds, a temperature near 80 degrees, and humidity around 30 percent. Fire behavior is expected to be moderate (for example, no crowning).

Closures: Crab Lake entry point #4 is the only officially closed BWCAW entry point. The following BWCAW portages and lakes/rivers, including campsites, are closed:

- portage Burntside Lake to Crab Lake (entry point #4)
- portage from Cummings Lake to Korb Lake; portage from Cummings Lake to Korb River
- lakes and associated portages: Crab, Boulder, Phantom, Battle, Sprite, Meat, Clark, Glimmer, Hassle, Saca, Little Crab, Korb, Maxine, Barefoot, Little Jig, Silaca, Coxey Pond, Lunetta, Schlamn, Soroll, Glenmore, Western, Blick, Chad, Dugout, and Pine.
- Pine Creek east of Trout Lake
- portage from Trout Lake to Pine Lake

Closure signs are posted at normal access points to delineate the closure area. The closure order and map are located at <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/closures/4740/>.

