



FACT SHEET

Superior National Forest Fires

Date: Sunday, August 8, 2021

CLOSURE UPDATE: The current Closure Order will continue until at least August 13. Permit holders have been notified. The Forest Service understands how this impacts our visitors and businesses. Closure areas continue to be considered daily based on weather conditions and fire activity.

East Zone Fire Information: 218-386-2750 or the Superior NF website: www.fs.usda.gov/superior

West Zone Fire Information: 218-365-7600 or online at: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/> or the Superior NF website: www.fs.usda.gov/superior

Description: Drought conditions persist throughout Minnesota and Canada. Higher humidity and chances of precipitation will keep fire behavior moderated over the next week. However, the moisture deficit will continue to worsen as significant rainfall is not predicted in Northern Minnesota.

Bungee Fire: The Bungee Fire was first detected on July 30th and is located within the current closure area. The 3.5-acre fire has saw line and hose lay around it and very minimal fire activity has been observed the last few days. The fire is currently unstaffed and will be continually patrolled and monitored.

Fourtown Lake Fire: The Fourtown Lake Fire was first detected on July 25th and is located within the BWCAW approximately 12 miles north of Ely. The current size is 265 acres and continues to hold within containment lines. There are currently six firefighters staffing the fire.

Sundial South Fire: This Sundial South Fire was detected on July 21, and remains at .25 acre. It is located within the existing closure area and is particularly inaccessible to fire crews due to the remote location and hazardous fuels. Fire activity remains minimal, but will be continuously monitored by air.

Slowfoot Fire: The Slowfoot Fire was detected on July 26th and is .08 acre in size. It is located approximately one mile southeast of the Delta Lake Fire. It has been declared contained and will be placed in monitored and patrolled status today. This will be the last report on the Slowfoot Fire.

Moose Camp Fire: The Moose Camp Fire was detected on August 4th and is located approximately 16 miles NNE of Ely. It is about 80% contained and is currently staffed with several firefighters.

Nira Creek Fire: The Nira Creek Fire was detected on August 4th and is located approximately 12 miles SE of Ely. It's size remains at 2.7 acres and was contained on August 4th. Firefighters continue to patrol and monitor this fire.

East Zone Fires: There are currently no active fires on the East Zone of the Superior National Forest. Aircraft will continue to monitor previous fires and look for any new starts.

Canada Fires: The Quetico Provincial Park continues to manage several fires burning north of the international border from the BWCAW. Three of these fires have potential to spread across the border into areas near Crooked and Iron Lakes. In the last few days, these fires have not grown significantly, but fire activity remains moderately active. Resources in Canada are stretched thin due to the many fires throughout the country. As a result, there are limited suppression resources. The Superior National Forest continues to monitor and assess these fires daily. For more information on the fires in Ontario and for an interactive fire map visit: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/forest-fires>

Air Quality: There are current air quality alerts in place for today. For information on current air quality conditions in your area and to sign up for daily air quality forecasts and alert notifications by email, text message, phone, or the Minnesota Air mobile app, visit MPCA's [Air Quality Index webpage](#). You can find additional information about health and indoor and outdoor air quality at the agency's [Air Quality and Health webpage](#).

Closures: Closures remain in place on the Kawishiwi and LaCroix Ranger Districts adjacent to the Canadian border in BWCAW. For details, visit the Superior National Forest webpage at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/superior/alerts-notice>. With continued fires, the closure allows firefighters to take immediate action on existing fires or any new starts.

Due to continued long-term drought conditions and limited fire-fighting resources, the Superior National Forest is not allowing campfires within the Forest boundary, including the BWCAW. Propane devices with an on/off switch are permitted, including lanterns, stoves, and firepits. **Campfires are NOT allowed at any BWCAW campsites, backcountry campsites, or rustic campgrounds, even in designated fire rings or grates.** Please see [Fire Restrictions Order](#) and our [Campfire Restrictions FAQ](#) for more information.