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Little Bear Fire

Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest
Powell Ranger District

Fire Information Line - 208-935-6134

July 30, 2023

Location: Powell Ranger District- less than one mile east from Bear Mountain Lookout, about one mile south of Highway 12, and less than one and a half miles southeast from Jerry Johnson Campground

Start Date: 7/3/2023 **Cause:** Lightning **** Size:** 771 acres *** Completion/Containment:** 15%
Total Personnel: 14 **Engines:** 1 engine **Helicopters:** **Hand Crews:**

CURRENT SITUATION

Minimal growth or fire activity is being reported. The Little Bear Fire was detected on July 3rd in steep and rugged terrain, with high density of snags from the Freezeout Fire that burned in 2012. As of July 30, the Little Bear fire is estimated to still be around 771 acres and burning downhill, cleaning up dead and down logs that have fallen since the 2012 fire. Fuel reduction measures have been taken at Bear Mountain Lookout, and crews have set up structure protection around the area. Structure protection is in place around the Warm Springs pack-bridge.

WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR

Hot, dry, and breezy conditions will elevate fire weather concerns today and Monday (July 31, 2023). Today's weather will be hot, with temperatures reaching the lower 100s, and breezy, winds reaching around 20 mph on the ridge tops. Fire growth could change depending on weather conditions. Fire progression is currently slow-moving towards the Warm Springs area. Fire behavior is moderate, with flame lengths around 1-3 feet.

CLOSURES AND SPECIAL MESSAGES

There is an official trail closure for National Forest Service Trail (NFST) #213 from McConnel Mountain Trail from its junction with Warm Springs Creek Trail #49 to the junction with the Bear Mountain Trail #21 or public safety due to the wildfire in the area. See attached map for official trail closure. An area closure, encompassing Jerry Johnson Hot Springs and associated pack bridges, is expected near this fire area to protect the safety and welfare of the public and provide for safe firefighting efforts and access. Specific closure information and maps will be posted as they are implemented.

* "Percent completion" of objectives more accurately captures and reports the specific amount of work accomplished on the ground to manage fire spread and reduce the negative impacts to communities, infrastructure, and other identified values. By using percent completion of objectives, fire managers can illustrate how they are progressing with the accomplishment of objectives that have been identified and prioritized. As a comparison, "containment" implies firelines around the entire perimeter, directly next to the fire's active edge.