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Little Bear Fire

Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest
Powell Ranger District

Fire Information Line - 208-935-6134

August 2, 2023

Location: Powell Ranger District- half mile northeast 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:** 1,246-1,346 acres *** Completion of Objectives:** 20%
Total Personnel: 16 **Engines:** **Helicopters:** **Hand Crews:** 1 Wildland Fire Use Module

CURRENT SITUATION

Today's updated acreage is estimated to have increased around 200-300 acres, burning downhill and cleaning up dead, down logs that have fallen since the 2012 fire. 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. Structure protection measures and fuel reductions have been taken around Bear Mountain Lookout, the upper Warm Springs pack-bridge, and the lower Warm Springs pack-bridge. Firefighters successfully completed additional protection measures around the upper Warm Springs pack-bridge with a small-scale burning operation. Fire managers and personnel continue to assess the area for further protection measures.

WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR

Hot, dry, and unstable conditions will persist today, bringing another elevated fire weather day. Relative humidities will approximately low-teens to low-20s. There is small potential for isolated storms tomorrow (August 3, 2023). This weekend will see a slightly increased chance for thunderstorms and rain. Fire behavior is moderate, with flame lengths around 1-3 feet. Fire behavior could change depending on weather conditions.

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.