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# Little Bear Fire

Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest  
Powell Ranger District

Fire Information Line - 208-935-6134

**August 7, 2023**

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**Location:** 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

<b>Start Date:</b> 07/03/2023	<b>Cause:</b> Lightning	<b>**Size:</b> 1,646 acres	<b>Completion of Objectives:</b> 20%
<b>Total Personnel:</b> 14	<b>Engines:</b>	<b>Helicopters:</b>	<b>Hand Crews:</b> 1 Wildland Fire Use Module

## **CURRENT SITUATION**

**Minimal change since last report.** Weather conditions continue to prevent any IR flights from getting better estimated acreages. The influx of moisture continues to decrease fire behavior. Current estimates remain at approximately 1,646 acres. The fire is still cleaning up dead, down logs that have fallen since the Freezeout Fire that burned in 2012. The Little Bear Fire was detected on July 3rd in steep and rugged terrain, with high density of snags from the 2012 fire. Structure protection is in place with a remote start pressure pump for sprinkler protection on Warm Springs Pack Bridge and fuel mitigation around Bear Mountain Lookout. Fire managers and personnel continue to assess the area for further protection measures.

## **WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR**

Cooler temperatures in the upper-80s remain until Thursday, August 10, 2023, and then begin creeping into the lower 90s starting Friday. Shower activity remains today, with a 15% increase in probability of excessive rainfall. Please be advised of any flood watches in the area, especially in burn scars and flood-prone areas. Isolated thunderstorms are again possible Tuesday producing brief heavy rain. A cold front on Wednesday will bring more chances for rain along with increasing westerly winds. Fire behavior has decreased, with flame lengths around 1-3 feet.

## **CLOSURES AND SPECIAL MESSAGES**

**There are now official area and trail closures for the Warm Springs area.** The closure includes the area generally following the land south of the Lochsa River within a quarter mile of the eastern shore of Warm Springs Creek, below the confluence with Cooperation Creek in Section 20. There are additional trail closures for the National Forest Service Trails (NFST) #49, Warm Springs Trail from its junction with Highway 12 to the junction with Trail #213; NFST #44, Cooperation Trail from its junction with the Warm Springs Trail #49 to the Top of the ridge approximately 6 miles East Southeast; and NFST #49-A, stock trail from its junction with the Cooperation Trail #44 to the junction with the Warm Springs Trail #49. Please visit InciWeb for current closure maps for the Little Bear Fire: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident-information/idncf-little-bear-fire>.

Please be aware that inversion-related smoke may impact Highway 12.