Allegheny National Forest

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Sugar Bay Wildfire Burning in Allegheny National Forest

Warren, PA, November 7, 2023—The USDA Forest Service announced that a wildfire was reported in Allegheny National Forest on the afternoon of November 6, 2023. As of 3:00 p.m. on November 7, the wildfire was estimated at 62 acres and was 40 percent contained. The Sugar Bay Wildfire is located in the Bradford Ranger District of Allegheny National Forest and is burning on Forest Service land on the eastern side of Allegheny Reservoir just north of Sugar Bay and west of Polly's Run.

Allegheny National Forest staff are actively engaged in establishing firelines and mitigating safety hazards. The Glade Volunteer Fire Department and the US Army Corps of Engineers are providing boat operators and boats to ferry wildland firefighters to the fire. Suppression efforts on November 7 included the initial size up of the fire and establishing firelines. Wildland firefighters will monitor the fire and continue to work toward 100 percent containment in the coming days.

The safety of the public and firefighters is the highest priority. For their safety, members of the public are asked to stay out of the fire area, use vehicle headlights and extreme caution when driving on smoke-covered roadways, and yield the right-of-way to responding fire equipment. As of 3:30 p.m., no evacuations had been ordered and no structures were directly threatened by the wildfire. The cause of the fire is under investigation. The Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources - Bureau of Forestry is leading the investigation.

For additional information on the Sugar Bay Wildfire visit <u>Sugar Bay Wildfire Information</u> <u>InciWeb</u> or call Allegheny National Forest Public Affairs at 814-728-6281.