Allegheny National Forest

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Sugar Bay Wildfire Contained

Update on Wildfire in Allegheny National Forest

Warren, PA, November 9, 2023— The USDA Forest Service announced that the Sugar Bay Wildfire in Allegheny National Forest reached 100 percent containment. The Sugar Bay Wildfire is located in the Bradford Ranger District on the eastern side of Allegheny Reservoir, just north of Sugar Bay and west of Polly's Run.

Suppression efforts by Allegheny National Forest staff on November 8 were highly effective. The Glade Volunteer Fire Department and the US Army Corps of Engineers provided transportation to the fire by boat, greatly enhancing the efficiency of the operation. Given the weather forecast, fire activity is projected to remain minimal. Wildland firefighters will continue to monitor the area over the next few days.

The safety of the public and firefighters is the highest priority. Fire-weakened trees are a potential safety hazard in the burned area. For their safety, the public should avoid the burned area.

The cause of the fire remains 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.

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