



# Superior National Forest Fire Update

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**Update August 30, 2013**

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Significant rainfall was received across the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW) last night. Campfire restrictions for the Gunflint and portions of the Tofte Districts allowing fires only between 7 p.m. and midnight have been rescinded. The closure of the South Arm of Knife Lake will be lifted as of 7p.m. tonight.

## **Current Fire Activity:**

**Knife Lake Fire:** 188 acres. Fire is north of the South Arm of Knife and south of Amoerber Lake: Township 65, Range 6 West, Section 18. Fire managers have successfully suppressed a fire that was in an unsafe and inaccessible location by bringing it out to natural barriers. The fire received 1.8 inches of rainfall within the last 24 hours. Containment is at 80% and rising steadily. The South Arm of Knife closures of campsites, waterways, and portages will be lifted at 7 p.m. tonight. Ten fire fighters from the Conservation Corps of Minnesota and Iowa (CCM) were flown out by FS Beavers this morning. Ranging in age from 21 to 28, the young people were essential in protecting control lines with hose lays and hand tools. Remaining local Forest Service crews will continue to mop up deeper along control lines.

## **Fires now out:**

- **Disappointment Lake Fire:** quarter acre, discovered Saturday evening, August 24, 2013. Declared out on 8/27/13.
- **Sedative Lake Fire,** north of Ima: Township 64, Range 7 West, Section 17. Reported at three tenths of an acre in size. Called out this morning.

For a location map of the three fires, daily fire updates, and pictures please see our website: [www.fs.usda.gov/superior](http://www.fs.usda.gov/superior).