Ham Lake Fire
Talking Points as of Sunday, May 13, 2007 10:00 AM
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Status Today

- The burn out near Crab Lake was completed late Saturday.
- The fire is now 15% contained.
- The Sheriff's office reminds residents to be alert and prepared for changes in evacuation orders. As fire conditions change, evacuation orders can change.
- Gunflint Trail and all roadways off of and to the north and west of Voyageur Point (County Road 85) to the end of the trail are still under mandatory/imminent evacuation status. (The line is between the west end of 85 and the east end of 92. (92 is NOT open.)
- There will be a **Community Fire Meeting** at the Arrowhead Center for the Arts (A.C.A.) in Grand Marais at 10:00 a.m. An evening Community Fire Meeting is tentatively scheduled for 5:00 p.m. at Poplar Lake fire hall, but this meeting may be cancelled if fire conditions become active this afternoon. A **Community Fire Meeting** is planned for 7:00 pm at the A.C.A. in Grand Marais.
- Priority for suppression today will be to further secure and hold containment lines, as well as continued structure protection in the areas of Gunflint, Loon and Poplar Lake and the west end of Gunflint Trail.
- Aviation resources continue to be utilized in fire suppression efforts.
- Five more crews will be arriving today.

Weather

- **Weather Today** – Red Flag conditions. High around 67 with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Winds are predicted to be from the Southeast at 5-15 mph with gusts to 25.
- **Weather Tomorrow** – Monday forecast calls for clouds and shifting west winds 15-20 with possible gusts to 30 out of the SE. Slight chance of showers.

Fire in Canada

- Actively suppressing fire in Canada. Close coordination between the Ham Lake Fire management team and Thunder Bay 37 (as the fire is known in Canada) to insure aviation safety as aircraft are flying in close proximity and so that fire operations complement each other.
- Canada fire website is http://affm.mnr.gov.on.ca

General Messages

- Structure burned to date: 133, including 44 at Wilderness Canoe Base on Fish Hook, 61 residences, 6 garages, 22 outbuildings. Including 6 residences and 2 outbuildings in Canada
- Prescribed burning from the past several years ago have been extremely effective especially in slowing down the fire.
- **Total personnel: 681. Estimated size: 53,042 acres (30,440 in US; 22,602 in Canada)**
- Stress the great work the Volunteer Fire Departments are doing!!!!!!
- There is a ban on **all fires**-- campfires, charcoal fires and any open fires on **all lands in Cook, Lake and North part of St. Louis County** –including the Superior National Forest and Voyageurs National Park.