



- 1 BEFORE.** Various treatments before the Greenwood Fire helped to control the fire in this area.
Meet at Pitcha Lake Rd and Hwy 1
- 2 DURING.** Firewise principles and quick evacuation contributed to positive outcomes for this seasonal residential community.
Meet at Sand Lake Rd and County Rd 2
- 3 AFTER.** Efforts to re-establish trees and rebuild healthy forest ecosystems after the fire.
Meet at County Rd 2 just south of Hwy 1

PAGAMI CREEK FIRE: LESSONS LEARNED

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Exploring the impacts of Minnesota's
largest wildfire in over a century



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Thursday, April 13 - Symposium

- 9:00 AM** CHECK-IN OPENS
- 10:00 AM** **Welcome, agenda review, and land acknowledgment**
Eli Sagor, University of Minnesota
- 10:10 AM** **About the Pagami Creek Fire**
Nick Petrack, Superior National Forest
- 10:30 AM** **Tribal perspective on the Pagami Creek Fire**
Damon Panek, Fond du Lac Wildfire Operations Specialist
- 10:50 AM** BREAK
- 11:00 AM** **How fire shaped forests of the BWCA**
Lee Frelich, University of Minnesota
- 12:00 PM** **Fire behavior and burn severity**
Timo Rova, Superior National Forest (retired)
- 12:15 PM** LUNCH
- 1:00 PM** **Pagami Creek Fire: A lens to view our cognitive dissonance about humans living in nature**
Gus Smith, Chequamegon Nicolet NF District Ranger
- 1:45 PM** **Wildlife outcomes of fires like Pagami Creek and comparisons to other recent fires**
Mike Schrage, Fond du Lac Natural Resources
- 2:20 PM** **Pagami Creek Fire effects on soils, aspen, and bird communities**
Brian Sturtevant, USFS Northern Research Station

- 2:50 PM** BREAK
- 3:05 PM** **Comparing and contrasting the Pagami Creek and Greenwood Fires**
Nick Petrack, Superior National Forest
- 3:40 PM** **Firewise best practices: One tool in the fire adapted communities toolbox**
Gloria Erickson, Dovetail Partners
- 4:05 PM** **Reflections, Q&A, conversation about what we've heard**
Open discussion led by Eli Sagor, University of Minnesota
- 4:45 PM** END DAY 1

Friday, April 14 - Field Tour

- 8:15 AM** **Looking to the future: What to expect**
Eli Sagor and Jamie Mosel, University of Minnesota
- 9:00 AM** **Greenwood Fire tour**
With stops at several roadside sites. Parking is quite limited and carpooling necessary. Box lunches and snacks will be provided. See map on reverse for stops and descriptions.
- 2:00 PM** END DAY 2

Post, "thumbs up," and reply to questions at z.umn.edu/PCFqa

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