



# Oxcart Fire Final Update

Thursday, April 2, 2021, 9:00 am

MNICS Team A, Incident Commander Ernest Schmitt

## This is the final update for the Oxcart Fire.

**Fire Information:** Glacial Ridge National Wildlife Refuge will take over coordination of information. Oxcart fire inquiries can be directed to 218-686-4329.

**Websites:** The final update will be published to [mnics.org](https://mnics.org)

**Facebook:** Final post will be published to MNICS

**Location:** Within the Glacial Ridge National Wildlife Refuge, west of Mentor, Minnesota, south of U.S. Highway 2 and east of State Highway 32.

**Evacuations:** No evacuations.

**Yesterday's Accomplishments:** Firefighters continued patrolling and mopping up hot spots on the east edge of the fire along U.S. Highway 2, and patrolling the fire's perimeter. No fire growth was reported yesterday despite the Red Flag conditions.

**Today's Planned Actions:** The MNICS Type 3 Team A turned the control of the fire back to the local USFWS and DNR units at 6:00 am today. A smaller local fire suppression team will remain with the fire to continue monitoring and patrolling the fire's perimeter.

**Weather and Fire Behavior:** Another warm and breezy day will result in near critical fire weather conditions in the area today. South winds 20-25 mph gusting up to 35 mph this afternoon and low relative humidity are expected throughout the day, and fire danger remains high.

**Air Operations:** No aircraft assigned to the fire.

**Closures:** All roads open to travel.

**Firewise:** Learn about creating defensible space to protect your home or property by visiting Minnesota DNR's Firewise page ([dnr.state.mn.us/firewise/livingwithfire/](https://dnr.state.mn.us/firewise/livingwithfire/)) or by stopping at the fire information table in the Hoyt Lakes Arena.

**Cooperating Agencies:** U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Local Fire Departments: Mentor, Fertile, Crookston, Red Lake Falls, McIntosh, Erskine, Winger, Oklee, Gary, Thief River Falls, Beltrami, Fosston, Polk County, Polk County Sheriff's Department

Incident Statistics	
Size:	12,907 acres
Containment:	95 percent
Structures damaged:	2
Structures destroyed:	1
Injuries:	1
Date detected:	3/29/2021
Cause:	Human
Estimated cost:	\$443,000
Resources	
Personnel:	6
Engines:	2
Aircraft:	0
Dozers:	0
Track Vehicle:	1

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