



## County Rd 11 Fire

Friday, September 8, 2023

Daily Fire Update

**Fire Information:** 218-244-1911, 8 am – 5 pm

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### County Rd 11 Fire Quick Facts

**Size:** 82 acres

**Containment:** 85%

**Start Date:** 9/4/2023

**Location:** Barnum, MN

**Cause:** Under Investigation

**Resources:** 7 - engines, 3 - Dozers,

2 - Water Tenders, 2 - excavators

**Total Personnel:** 30

**Operations:** Firefighting officials have mapped the perimeter of the County Rd 11 fire. Based on the more precise mapping, the fire is 82 acres, and no growth has been reported since Tuesday.

Yesterday, firefighting crews assessed the fire's east side, primarily in the lowland swamp, to determine the best access and method to establish the control line. Organic peat soil was notable along the east side of the fire. The organic composition of peat soil provides a long-term fuel source for a wildfire to spread underground. It will require additional effort using heavy equipment, including excavators, to turn and mix the peat soil with bare mineral soil to eliminate the heat the peat soil holds.

A Type 3 incident management team has been requested to help with managing and coordinating equipment, personnel and resources needed to complete the control line along the east side and continue the mop-up process to secure the perimeter of the fire.

Today, the Minnesota Incident Command System's MNICS Team B will begin to transition with the local Minnesota DNR to take over the management of the County Rd 11 Fire. Firefighters will continue mopping up the established control line, clearing any flammable vegetation and debris up to 25 feet into the fire's interior. They will also start containment work on the fire's east side using tracked vehicles and heavy equipment.

**Weather:** National Weather Service forecast – Areas of fog before 9am. Otherwise, mostly cloudy through mid- morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 72. Southeast wind around 5 mph.

**Evacuations:** All evacuation orders have been lifted.

**Road Closures:** Carlton County Road 8 and 11 have reopened, travelers are advised to use caution and be aware of firefighter traffic in the area.

**Air Operations:** Aircraft are available and may be brought in to help support mop-up efforts. A reminder - flying drones over the fire is prohibited. **If drones are detected near the County Rd 11, any air operations supporting the fire will stop.**

**Cooperating Agencies:** Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and mutual aid from Barnum, Moose Lake, Black Hoof, and Carlton Fire Departments, Carlton County Emergency Management and Carlton County Sheriff's Office