



County Rd 11 Fire - Daily Fire Update

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

MNICS Team B - Incident Commander Aaron Mielke

Fire Information: 218-432-0953, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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County Rd 11 Fire Quick Facts

Size: 82 acres

Containment: 100%

Start Date: 9/4/2023

Location: Barnum, MN

Cause: Under investigation

Resources: 6 engines, 1 dozer,
1 water tenders, 2 excavators,
and 6 tracked vehicles

Total Personnel: 34

Note: Tomorrow will be the last County Road 11 Fire update. At end of shift tomorrow-Wednesday September 13th, command of the fire will return back to the local unit.

Operations: This morning, the team will conduct a final infrared flight to identify remaining hot areas on the fire. Following that, resources will focus on those areas and then grid, check, and mop up previous areas with heat. Gridding means to search for small fire or smokes by traveling over the fire area on parallel courses or gridlines. Fire activity is minimal with some smoldering in spots. No fire spread is expected. Efforts and tactics continue to go well.

Yesterday, crews and heavy equipment finished containing the fire to 100 percent. Resources continued to mop up the fire with good progress. The fire received around 0.4 inches of rain overnight. More rain is expected this week.

National Weather Service Forecast: A chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 p.m., then a slight chance of showers between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Patchy fog before 10 a.m. Otherwise, cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly sunny, with a high near 56. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph, with gusts as high as 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50 percent.

Evacuations and Road Closures: All evacuation orders and road closures have been lifted. Electronic signs have been placed on County Road 11 for safety. Please use caution and be aware of firefighter traffic.

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, U.S. Forest Service, and mutual aid from Barnum, Moose Lake, Black Hoof, and Carlton Fire Departments, Carlton County Emergency Management and Carlton County Sherriff's Office