



County Rd 11 Fire – Final Fire Update

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

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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: 1 dozer,

2 excavators, 6 tracked vehicles & 1 crew

Total Personnel: 42

This is the last County Road 11 Fire Update.

Operations: Most assigned resources will conduct a final patrol and mop up the fire. One senior firefighter and two tracked vehicles will remain assigned to the fire to continue monitoring and patrolling for a few days as needed.

Fire managers and county foresters developed a rehabilitation plan that some resources will start executing. Resources are also checking the fire perimeter for any dangerous tree snags that could potentially fall over. There has been minimal fire activity the last few days. The fire is currently smoldering in some locations: No fire spread is expected. The fire will be turned back over to the local unit tomorrow morning in patrol and monitor status.

Yesterday, crews and heavy equipment continued mopping up any smoke or heat that the infrared flight detected. Resources started preparing for last shift by gathering equipment in the fire area. Rain and cool weather have aided in mopping up the fire.

National Weather Service Forecast: Widespread fog, mainly before 8am. Patchy frost before 7am. Otherwise, sunny, with a high near 63. Calm wind becoming east around 5 mph in the afternoon.

Evacuations and Road Closures: All evacuation orders and road closures are lifted. Electronic signs will be removed from County Road 11.

Air Operations: Aircraft are available. 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

MNICS Team B would like to extend a thank you to all the local and assigned fire resources, emergency management staff, and other community support that contributed to successfully suppressing the County Road 11 Fire.