



Evergreen Forest Fire Update

Monday, October 28, 2024

InciWeb: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/mnmns-evergreen-forest>

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Fire Quick Facts

Size: 167 acres **Containment:** 95%

Location: Pine City, MN

Cause: Under investigation

Start Date: 10/17/2024



QR code for InciWeb Information

Current Status: Over the weekend, firefighters continued focusing on mopping up along the fire's perimeter, adding an additional 50 feet into the interior of the fire. The work accomplished over the weekend will help further reinforce and secure the containment line.

Closures: The Emergency Closure Order remains in effect for all recreation activities to ensure public safety and support firefighting operations. The closure will be removed when weather and fire conditions indicate reduced risk. The closure area includes the Chengwatana State Forest Road. Closure information is available on the [InciWeb](https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/mnmns-evergreen-forest) and MNICS website: <https://mnics.org/wpress/dnr-temporarily-closing-a-portion-of-chengwatana-state-forest-due-to-wildfire/>.

Planned Actions: Firefighters have progressed to patrolling and monitoring the containment work along the perimeter and interior of the fire. While they patrol, firefighters look for any lingering signs of heat. Ensuring the fire holds within the established containment line is tedious but crucial. Any heat discovered during the patrolling stage will be quickly addressed and put out cold with water and bare mineral soil. The patrolling efforts will continue over the next several days. Firefighters will also begin rehabbing the dozer line to reduce the potential for erosion.

Background: The Evergreen Forest Fire was reported on October 17, 2024, on the Chengwatana State Forest, 10 miles east of Pine City, MN. The fire is burning actively in hardwood timber with leaf litter, on Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) managed land.

Fire Weather Forecast & Air Quality Info: Today, clouds will increase, with a high near 70 and breezy south winds 10 – 15 mph, gusting up to 25 mph. Tonight, cloudy with a low around 55 and south winds 5 to 10 mph, gusting up to 20 mph. Tomorrow, there is a 20% chance of showers, mostly cloudy, with a high near 75 and east winds 5 mph. Air quality is forecasted for "good" for Monday and Tuesday. <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/air-water-land-climate/air-quality-forecast>

The Next Daily Update is anticipated on Friday, November 1, 2024.