



Minnesota Incident Priorities

Approved by MNICS MAC

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Preparedness Levels

Minnesota = 4	Eastern Area = 4 to 3 (7/28 0600)	National = 5
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Strategic Intent:

- Continue to support initial attack and emerging incidents.
- Maintain staffing on fires to meet incident objectives.
- Maximize resource allocation opportunities to meet the needs of multiple incidents.

Incident Priorities:

Priority	Incident Name	Unit	Team	Rationale: Protection of life, property and resources
1	Initial Attack & Emerging Incidents	-	-	Across fires, numerous evacuation reductions of category and scale over the last 24-48 hrs, many evacuation orders remain.
2	Camp	SUF	CIMT SA1	Complex terrain and logistics. Difficult access. Evacuations in effect. BWCA closures. Significant economic impacts. Limit spread toward Winton and Ely.
3	Sioux	SUF	CIMT SA1	Dispersed structures and communications infrastructure. Difficult access. Evacuations in effect. BWCA closures. Securing S. perimeter slopover. Keep fire N of Echo Tr.
4	Bear Trap	SUF	CIMT SA1	Some evacuations lifted. Currently about 965 residents evacuated. Complex terrain and logistics. Difficult access. Evacuations in effect. BWCA closures. Int'l coordination. Obj: Slow progression toward Echo Tr., protect structures in Big Lake and surrounding properties.
5	Long Lake	2NS	CIMT SA1	Min Fire Bx. Gains in containment continue.
6	Chub	SUF	CIMT SA1	All restrictions for Branch V lifted except SL52 and SL53 on eastern edge of Branch V. Min Bx. No growth on all fires. Long Lake Fire reported in Chub totals. Chub 95% contained. Long Lake still uncontained. All others are 100%. Continue mop-up and patrol. Chub, 344.6 ac, + others combined total 424 ac.
7	Little Knife	SUF	NIMO Team 1	Min Fire Bx. Int'l coordination. Complex terrain and logistics. Evacuations no longer occurring (future evac. potential remains) , BWCA closures remain. Developing long-term strategy. Obj: protect dispersed historic structures and wilderness values. Line resources arriving. TOC from NIMO 3 to NIMO 1 7/27 1600.
8	Thumb	SUF	CIMT SA1	Repopulation in some areas, other evacuations in effect. Int'l coordination. Complex terrain and logistics. BWCA closures. Spread in Canada past 5-mi reciprocal response likely, closely monitored. Crew completing work on N. flank to secure Canada spread.

* Current July Lightning Incident evacuation information available on [InciWeb](#).