



Minnesota Incident Priorities

Approved by MNICS MAC

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Preparedness Levels

Minnesota = 4	Eastern Area = 3	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 and repopulation in effect. BWCA closures. Significant economic impacts. Limit spread toward Winton and Ely.
3	Bear Trap	SUF	CIMT SA1	Most evacuations lifted. Currently about 430 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.
4	Sioux	SUF	CIMT SA1	Dispersed structures and communications infrastructure. Difficult access. Evacuations and repopulation in effect. BWCA closures. Securing S. perimeter slopover. Keep fire N of Echo Trl
5	Chub	SUF	CIMT SA1	Reduced Evacuations. No growth on all fires. Long Lake Fire incorporated into Chub reporting totals. Chub is 95% contained. Long Lake 57% contained. All others are 100%. Continue to secure, mop-up and patrol. Chub, 344.6 ac, + others combined total 424 ac..
6	Little Knife	SUF	NIMO Team 1	"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. Fire behavior is expected to remain low with expected precip arriving today. Excellent overnight humidity recoveries are preventing fuels from drying enough to support active fire activity"
7	Thumb	SUF	CIMT SA1	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](#).

July Fires 2026

Control	Branch	Pri ority	Incident Name	US Acres	Canada Acres	Total Acres US/CAN	Contain ment %	Incident Number	Agen cy	Code	State Code	Staffed	Person nel	Struct. Threat ened	Struct. Destro yed	Status	Notes
-	-	1	Initial Attack & Emerging Incidents					-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Across fires, numerous evacuation reductions of category and scale over the last 24-48 hrs, many evacuation orders remain. EA1 assumed Command 7/31 0600.	-
CIMT EA1	Branch III (July Ltg Inc)	2	Camp	4,357	0	0	68%	2393	FS	P9ST8E 0909	13145	Yes	288	0	0	Complex terrain and logistics. Difficult access. Evacuations and repopulation in effect. BWCA closures. Significant economic impacts. Limit spread toward Winton and Ely.	Start 7/7. Cause: Lightning. Rapid growth in initial phase, rain-aided slowing mid-July.
CIMT EA1	Branch II (July Ltg Inc)	3	Bear Trap	29,752	8,107	37,859	38%	2394	FS	P9STCM 0909	13146	Yes	439	1,080	0	Most evacuations lifted. Currently about 5 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.	Start 7/7. Cause: Lightning. Origin US (into CAN). Rapid growth in initial phase, rain-aided slowing mid-July. (Bear Trap absorbed Dark 7/12). Bear Trap personnel total captures all IMT across July Fires.
CIMT EA1	Branch I (July Ltg Inc)	4	Sioux	12,584	0	0	42%	2411	FS	P9STFB 0909	13150	Yes	168	17	3	Dispersed structures and communications infrastructure. Difficult access. Evacuations and repopulation in effect. BWCA closures. Securing S. perimeter slopover. Keep fire N of Echo Tr.	Start 7/9. Cause: Lightning. Rapid growth in initial phase, rain-aided slowing mid-July. Wolfpack merged administratively (7/16, 2,234 ac) under Sioux. Still likely separate footprints. 3 minor structures destroyed.
CIMT EA1	Branch V (July Ltg Inc)	5	Chub	424	0	0	96%	2423	FS	PNSTK5 1542	13N99	Yes	92	1,569	0	Reduced Evacuations. No growth on all fires. Long Lake Fire incorporated into Chub reporting totals. Chub is 95% contained. Long Lake 57% contained. All others are 100%. Continue to secure, mop-up and patrol. Chub, 344.6 ac, + others combined total 424 ac.	Start 7/9. Cause: Lightning (attributed to group of fires as currently reported). Chub origin initially DNR, later refined/shifted to FS. CIMT SA1 took mgt of Chub, lrgst of 12 fires from MNICS T3 7/18.
NIMO Team 1	NA	6	Little Knife	4,958	70,765	75,593	75%	2510	FS	P9STYH 0909		Yes	130	3	0	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. Fire behavior is expected to remain low with expected precip arriving today. Excellent overnight humidity recoveries are preventing fuels from drying enough to support active fire activity	NIMO 3 took mgt of Little Knife 7/18. Origin CAN (FOR028 Otter Track) into US 7/15. Rapid growth in initial phase, rain-aided slowing mid-July. NIMO 1 Took CMD 7/27.
CIMT EA1	Branch IV (July Ltg Inc)	7	Thumb	16,912	346	17,251	57%	2396	FS	P9STDH 0909	13152	Yes	0	0	0	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.	Origin US (small portion into CAN). Prompted Canadian Lac la Croix Evacs. Start 7/7. Cause: Lightning. Rapid growth in initial phase, rain-aided slowing mid-July.
Total	-	-	-	68,987	79,218	130,703	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,117	2,669	3		

7/18 CIMT SA1 took mgt of 5 lg fires (Sioux, Camp, Bear Trap, Thumb) from NIMO Team 3 & Chub + multiple (12+) smaller NE MN incidents from MNICS T3, collectively called July Lightning Incident.

7/18 NIMO Team 3 took command of Little Knife, TOC to NIMO Team 1 7/27. Containment %'s include natural barriers (water).

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