



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	Thumb	SUF	CIMT EA1	Int'l coordination. Complex terrain and logistics slowing response times. BWCA, road, and trail closures. Crew completing work on N. flank to secure Canada spread.
3	Wolfpack	SUF	CIMT EA1	Evacuations and repopulation in effect. BWCA, road, and trail closures. Keep south edge of fire N of Echo Tr. Wind shifts from North present future threat. Some fire spread to the north toward MAPs and values at risk from Wolfpack and Thumb fires.
4	Sioux	SUF	CIMT EA1	Evacuations and repopulation in effect. BWCA, road, and trail closures. Keep south edge of fire N of Echo Tr. Wind shifts from North present future threat.
5	Bear Trap	SUF	CIMT EA1	Most evacuations lifted. Currently about 5 residents evacuated. Complex terrain and logistics. Difficult access. BWCA, road, and trail closures. Int'l coordination. Slow south spread, protect structures in Big Lake and surrounding properties. The July Lightning Incident exhibited moderate fire behavior today, breezes and sunshine have caused hold over hot spots to become more visible.
6	Camp	SUF	CIMT EA1	Complex terrain and logistics. BWCA, road, and trail closures. Significant economic impacts. Limit spread toward Winton and Ely.
7	Little Knife	SUF	NIMO Team 1	Int'l coordination. Complex terrain and logistics. BWCA and trail closures remain. Obj: protect dispersed historic structures and wilderness values. Fire behavior is expected to remain minimal. Back haul and crew removal will complete 8/3 with transfer from NIMO back to local unit on 8/4 at 2000.

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