



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.
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 closures. Int'l coordination. Slow south spread, protect structures in Big Lake and surrounding properties.
6	Camp	SUF	CIMT EA1	Complex terrain and logistics. BWCA, road, and trail closures. Significant economic impacts. Limit spread toward Winton and Ely.
7	Chub	SUF	CIMT EA1	No growth and backhaul decision likely in next 12 to 24 hours.
8	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](#).