



Minnesota Incident Priorities

Approved by MNICS MAC

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Preparedness Levels

Minnesota = 3	Eastern Area = 2	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 SA1	Precipitation on 8/15 decreased fire activity to smoldering. Dry today, but scattered showers and thunderstorms expected in the evening. Direct extinguishment is being used along portions of the northern flanks of the fire, indirect confinement with firing were used to remove fuel between the fire and lake edges and cleared portages to eliminate potential of fire making a run to the west or north. South flank will be allowed to burn towards the Sioux.
3	Sioux	SUF	CIMT SA1	Resources on fire listed under Bear Trap Incident. Precipitation from 8/15 decreased fire activity to smoldering. Dry today, however scattered rain and thunderstorms expected this evening. Resources will be mopping up heat on the southwest corner and the east side of the fire west of Ramshead lake as weather allows. Northern flank is unstaffed due to safety risk, this flank will be allowed to burn towards Thumb fire.
4	Bear Trap	SUF	CIMT SA1	Precipitation from 8/15 decreased fire activity to smoldering. Dry conditions today, but scattered showers and thunderstorms expected this afternoon. Resources will hold areas fired out over the previous days. Crews will continue to open portages to improve access to the fire and check for heat and mop up where needed along the eastern flank of the fire. Creation of a shaded fuel break along Echo Trail is expected to be completed within 9 days.
5	Camp	SUF	CIMT SA1	Precipitation from 8/15 decreased fire activity to smoldering. Dry today, but scattered showers and thunderstorms are expected in the evening. One area of heat is still showing on the southeast corner of the fire, crews will search for and extinguish what they can find. Construction of a shaded fuel break along Cloquet line Rd and forest roads off Echo Trail will help ensure protection of communities south of the fire.

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