



Camp House Fire Update

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

MNICS Team C- Incident Commander Jeb Backe & Ryan Williams (trainee)

Fire Information: 218-432-0953 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Inciweb: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/mnmns-camp-house>

Email: 2025.camphouse@firenet.gov

Camp House Fire Quick Facts

Size: 11,778 acres

Containment: 0%

Location: Brimson, MN

Cause: Under investigation

Resources: 32 engines, 6 dozers,

10-person crew, 6 tracked vehicles

12 water tenders & air support

Start Date: 5/11/2025

Total Personnel: 80

NOTE- This will be the last shift for the MNICS Team C. Tomorrow morning a Complex Incident Management Team from the Eastern Region will transition to command of the Camp House Fire.

Current Status: Firefighters continue full suppression tactics on the fire while providing structure protection to threatened structures in the fire area. Fire activity was high yesterday, consisting of group torching, running and spotting. The fire has spotted over both natural features and area roads. Firefighting resources continue working on the fire at night providing structure protection. Additional resources have been ordered. Fire has been very active the last two days with the burning period going into the night. Aerial mapping of the fire has been done at night with infrared camera due to the active burning period during the day.

Planned Activities: Firefighting resources are preparing for another active fire day. In-state and out-of-state resources will continue building fire lines with heavy equipment and tracked equipment. Air resources continue water drops in support of fire, as available. If drones are detected near the fire, all air operations supporting the fire will stop.

National Weather Service Forecast: Today — The National Weather Service has issued a Red Flag Warning for much of western, central and southwestern Minnesota between 11 a.m. and 9 p.m. The NWS has also issued a Special Weather Statement for elevated fire weather conditions in portions of eastern and southeastern Minnesota. Partly sunny with a high of 83. South wind 5-10 mph, with gusts up to 20 mph. Tonight — Areas of smoke. Mostly cloudy during the early evening becoming clear. Low of 55. Southeast wind at 5 mph, with gusts up to 15 mph. Wednesday — Mostly sunny, high of 80. Light southwest wind increasing to 5-10 mph in the morning, and winds up to 20 mph.

Evacuations and Road Closures: St. Louis County Sheriff's Office Divisions of Emergency Management and 911 have [a website hub with evacuation and other fire information](#) and [Ready-Set-Go](#) map. St. Louis County has closed Highway 16 and County Hwy 44 blocking southbound traffic, Highway 16 and Brimson-Toimi Rd/6205 Rd blocking southbound, and the County Hwy 44 and County Highway 355 intersection blocking northward.

Overview: The Camp House Fire was reported on Sunday, May 11, 2025, north of Brimson. The fire is burning in mixed forest vegetation with a large quantity of spruce budworm infested forest stands. Aircraft resources, MN Department of Natural Resources, Superior National Forest and mutual aid from area fire departments responded. Nearby structures were threatened. The fire is currently under investigation.

Cooperating Agencies: MN Department of Natural Resources, Bureau of Indian Affairs, US Fish and Wildlife Service, USDA Forest Service, Two Harbors Fire Department, Finland Fire Department, Silver Bay Fire Department and Brimson Volunteer Fire Department, MN Department of Public Safety Fire Service Specialists, St. Louis County Emergency Management, St. Louis County Rescue Squad, and Lake County Sheriff's Office, and Lake County Emergency Management.

Burning Restrictions: For current burning restrictions, see https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/forestry/fire/firerating_restrictions.html