



Camp House and Jenkins Creek Fires Update

Saturday, May 17, 2025

Eastern Area Complex Incident Mgt. Team Incident Commander: Brian Jenkins (effective 05/14/2025)

Fire Information: 218-206-6805 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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

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Camp House Fire Quick Facts

Size: 14,805 acres

Start Date: 05/11/2025

Location: Brimson, MN

Containment: 0%

Personnel: 278

Cause: Under investigation

Camp House Fire: Dozer crews advanced containment lines on the south end and west side of the fire and will implement direct attacks on those areas as conditions permit. A concerted effort has been made to protect the communications tower east of Bassett Lake. Dead and distressed balsam and aspen and downed power lines pose significant hazards for firefighters. Hot Shot crews are targeting areas that are still smoldering. This fire has not grown in the past three days. The smaller reported acreage is the result of improved mapping. Additional aircraft will be supporting operations today if weather conditions remain favorable for flight.

Jenkins Creek Fire Quick Facts

Size: 16,281 acres

Start Date: 05/12/2025

Location: T57N R13W Section 3

Containment: 0%

Personnel: 90

Cause: Under investigation

Jenkins Creek Fire: Recent rains brought a reprieve from much of the active fire. Hot Shot crews are targeting smoldering areas. Protection of the Skibo and Hoyt Lakes communities remains a priority operational objective. Firefighters and dozer operators are extending fire containment lines along the northwest edge and southern anchor point of the fire, and prepping protection measures for values-at-risk in anticipation of warmer, drier air and windy conditions arriving mid-week. There was no reported fire spread yesterday; the acreage listed above reflects more accurate mapping of the fire perimeter.

Evacuation, Road Closure, and Homeowner Access information for St. Louis County:

<https://tinyurl.com/StLouisCoSituationMap>. For Lake County: <https://tinyurl.com/LakeCoMnEvacuationMap>.

Homeowners and property owners will have access to their properties from 10:00 a.m. until noon Saturday and Sunday. Check in with sheriffs' deputies at Hugo's or the intersection of CR 16 and Forest Hwy 11. (Bring proof of ownership.) Hoyt Lake residents remain at the "Set" level of preparedness for now.

National Weather Service Forecast: Showers are expected to continue off and on until mid-week. There is also a chance of non-accumulating snow tonight and wide-spread frost tomorrow night. Winds today will be out of the northwest at 6-12 mph, gusting to 24 mph. Winds should diminish slightly after midnight, but occasional gusts may reach 20 mph. Temperatures are running below seasonal averages. Today: high of 51F, and overnight low near 32F.

Portions of the Laurentian Ranger District are closed. Emergency Forest Order 09-09-25-05 prohibits visitor entry to some camp sites and recreational areas. See Forest Order Exhibit A for a list of closure areas and Exhibit B for a map of the area. The closure may be modified or extended as conditions allow.

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/r09/superior/alerts/forest-order-09-09-25-05-brimson-complex-emergency-closure>

Current Burning Restrictions: https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/forestry/fire/firerating_restrictions.html

The generosity of the community, though greatly appreciated, has exceeded our capacity to accept donations at Incident Command. Going forward, we ask that donations be directed to one of these agencies:

American Red Cross: <https://www.redcross.org/donations/ways-to-donate.html>

United Way: <https://www.unitedwaynemn.org/give>

Wildland Firefighter Foundation: <https://wffoundation.org/>