



Jenkins Creek & Horse River Fire Update

May 29, 2025



The National Incident Management Organization (NIMO) team is in command of the Jenkins Creek and Horse River fires, coordinating resources and directing fire suppression efforts. Both fires are managed under a full suppression strategy, with fire managers assessing values at risk and weather forecasts to develop effective, site-specific plans for each incident. Changing weather conditions may increase fire activity within both fire perimeters in the coming days, leading to more visible smoke. In addition, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency has issued an Air Quality Alert due to smoke entering the area from fires in Canada. While this is expected, it's important not to become complacent; shifting conditions can cause rapid changes in fire behavior, so continued vigilance is essential. Firefighting and public safety remain the top priorities.

Jenkins Creek Fire

Size: 16,089 acres

Containment: 95%

Personnel: 265

Patrol and monitoring efforts continue around the fire perimeter to detect any remaining hotspots, flare-ups, or new fire activity. Yesterday, Unmanned Aerial System (UAS/drone) flights surveyed the southern and eastern edges of the fire perimeter, detecting no signs of heat or active burning; however, a late evening patrol detected some fire activity east/northeast of Skibo. Aerial monitoring in the area will be used to identify the location of fire activity and enable crews to locate the fire on the ground. In addition, chipping and grading operations are actively underway along the 113 Road within the perimeter of the fire. These activities are expected to continue throughout the weekend.

Horse River Fire Quick Facts

Size: 12 acres

Containment: 0%

Personnel: 19

A crew of rappellers, who spent several days in the field assessing fire conditions within the remote Horse River Fire area of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW), have completed their on-the-ground assessment. While in the field, they gathered critical information and reassessed the fire size. Two Wildland Fire Modules will be transported to the area today to evaluate suppression options and develop appropriate tactics. Two Wilderness Rangers are stationed in the vicinity of the fire to ensure public safety. Fire managers and agency administrators met yesterday to discuss values at risk in the Horse River Fire area, including wilderness, recreational, and cultural resources. They will continue to work together today to ensure a coordinated and effective fire suppression strategy.

Fire Weather & Behavior: Today, isolated showers brought brief moisture to the fire area. A high-pressure system moving in from Canada today and tomorrow will carry smoke from northern fires and bring warmer, drier weather. Highs will reach the low 80s, with lower relative humidity, lowered fuel moisture, and only a slight chance of rain. This warming and drying trend over the next five days is expected to increase fire activity. Lower humidity dries out grasses, leaves, and branches more quickly, allowing them to burn more readily, increasing the potential for fire spread. Despite this, no significant fire behavior is anticipated tomorrow; however, with the continued warming trend, there is a real potential for increased fire behavior.

Breathe Easy: Protect Yourself from Wildfire Smoke: Wildfire smoke can pose serious health risks, especially for children, older adults, and those with respiratory conditions. If you're in a smoky area, limit outdoor activities, keep windows and doors closed, and use an air purifier if available. If you experience difficulty breathing, coughing, or eye irritation, seek medical attention. Stay informed by visiting the [Minnesota Pollution Control Agency](https://www.mn.gov/air-quality).

Fire Information: 218-206-6805, 9 a.m.–8 p.m.

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For further fire information, go to this QR code or visit the incident LinkTree mentioned on the right.

