



## GREENWOOD FIRE DAILY UPDATE - Friday, September 10, 2021

Greenwood Fire information on InciWeb: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7805/>

Public Information Line: 218-499-9441 - Email: [2021.greenwood@firenet.gov](mailto:2021.greenwood@firenet.gov) - Media inquiries: 614-205-9333

For all other fires on the Superior National Forest: 218-214-7844 - Facebook: Superior National Forest

**GREENWOOD FIRE QUICK FACTS:ACRES:** 26,797

**CONTAINMENT:** 54%

**PERSONNEL:** 367

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** The Lake County Sheriff's Office has opened Highway 2 between Highway 11 and Highway 1 to all traffic. Be alert for firefighters and fire equipment in the area and observe posted speed limits.

**SUMMARY:** Started by lightning, the Greenwood Fire was detected on August 15, 2021, about 3:00 p.m. on the Laurentian Ranger District. The fire started approximately ten miles southwest of Isabella. 14 primary structures and 57 outbuildings were destroyed on August 23. The objective of fire management for the Greenwood Fire is full suppression using all available resources. The increase in acreage is due to more accurate mapping.

**YESTERDAY:** Firefighters scouted along the Highway 2 corridor to extinguish any remaining pockets of heat. They further secured the southwest fire perimeter west of Greenwood Lake. Fire crews worked with the assistance of the J-5 tracked vehicle, which delivered water to support their mop up efforts on the southern portion of the fire. Firefighters used cold-trailing techniques to ensure that the central eastern hand line was cold and secure. Dozers were used to strengthen the northeastern fire corner near the Stony River grade. Along the Highway 1 corridor, fire crews cleaned up the debris from previous fuel break operations.

**TODAY:** Along the Highway 2 corridor, firefighters will continue their scouting mission for hot spots. On the southern and eastern fire perimeters, crews will patrol, mop up and further secure the fire edge with handline and heavy equipment as needed. The Highway 1 corridor will see crews using heavy equipment, including an excavator and a chipper. Property owners who travel along Highway 1 today will need to be alert for work crews on the roadway.

**WEATHER/FIRE BEHAVIOR:** High pressure building into the region will bring a warmer and drier air mass over the fire area with fairly light winds. Afternoon temperatures will be in the mid-70s with minimum relative humidity of 45%. A fast-moving cold front will move through the region on Friday night and early Saturday, bringing with it a chance for isolated rain showers. The fire will continue to creep and smolder with some increased smoke from fire burning deep in the peat layer. No fire movement is anticipated.

**SAFETY & EVACUATIONS:** Evacuation orders have been lifted for homeowners except in the McDougal Lake area. For information about getting a checkpoint pass to access your property, call Lake County Dispatch, 218-510-0640.

### CLOSURES:

- Highway 1 is closed from New Tomahawk Road to Lankinen Road and only property owners with passes issued by the Sheriff's Office may travel along the highway. Highway 2 is open to all traffic.
- A Forest Service closure order is in place to protect public health and safety due to the Greenwood Fire. It extends across the Kawishiwi, Laurentian, and Tofte Ranger Districts. On September 1 the closure order was updated to allow use of Stony Spur Trail and a portion of Prospector Loop Trail which allows ATVs to travel safely from Babbitt to Ely. To see the full Forest order and other Forest closures, visit: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/superior>.
- The Temporary Flight Restriction for aircraft was removed today.

**AIR QUALITY:** Minnesota smoke outlook: <https://fires.airfire.org/outlooks/Minnesota>. Additional information for the rest of the state can be found at <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/air/current-air-quality>.

**FIRE RESTRICTIONS:** Fire restrictions are being evaluated daily and are currently in place for the Superior National Forest and Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for areas within state jurisdiction Cook and Lake Counties and northern St. Louis County. Superior National Forest: [Fire Restrictions Order](#) for more information. Minnesota Department of Natural Resources: [MN DNR Wildland Fire Information](#).