



STATE of MINNESOTA

Executive Department

Governor Tim Walz

Emergency Executive Order 25-05

Declaring a Peacetime Emergency and Continuing Assistance to Communities Impacted by Wildfires

I, Tim Walz, Governor of the State of Minnesota, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and applicable statutes, issue the following executive order:

Minnesota has experienced unusually dry, hot, and windy weather this spring. This has created explosive wildfire conditions throughout much of the state. First responders, including multiple fire departments, law enforcement, and state and federal wildland firefighting agencies, are working together to fight wildfires in northern Minnesota. On May 12, 2025, in response to active wildfires in northern Minnesota, I issued Emergency Executive Order 25-04, and directed the Adjutant General of the Minnesota National Guard to order to active duty the personnel, equipment, and facilities needed to respond to the Camp House and other wildfires throughout Minnesota.

Conditions have continued to shift over the past few days. The Camp House wildfire has spread to over 12,300 acres in St. Louis and Lake Counties, and is forty percent contained. The Munger Shaw Fire has spread to over 1,600 acres and is now approximately ninety-five percent contained. The Jenkins Creek fire has spread to over 16,600 acres and currently is six percent contained. These wildfires have led to evacuations, destroyed property, and damaged critical infrastructure. On May 19, 2025, St. Louis County declared a State of Emergency.

These fires continue to endanger life and property in Minnesota, and local resources are inadequate to address the threat. The Department of Public Safety's Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management ("HSEM") continues to work with local, state, and federal agencies to support the coordination and response to wildfires across Minnesota. Minnesota is committed to supporting the continued emergency response efforts to contain and control these fires.

For these reasons, I declare a peacetime emergency pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 12.31 and order as follows:

1. HSEM will continue to support the coordination of onsite resources and assistance to affected local governments and determine the need for supplemental emergency assistance.
2. All relevant state agencies, in cooperation with appropriate federal agencies, will provide the assistance necessary to help local units of government respond to and recover from this emergency.

This Executive Order and declaration of peacetime emergency are effective immediately under Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 4.035, subd. 2. The peacetime emergency declared in this Executive Order expires in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 12.31, subd. 2.

A determination that any provision of this Executive Order is invalid will not affect the enforceability of any other provision of this Executive Order. Rather, the invalid provision will be modified to the extent necessary so that it is enforceable.



Signed on May 20, 2025.

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Tim Walz, GOVERNOR

Filed According to Law:

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Steve Simon, SECRETARY OF STATE

May 20, 2025
Office of the Minnesota
Secretary of State
Steve Simon