

STATE OF MINNESOTA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
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P R O C L A M A T I O N.

Extraordinary care is necessary to prevent disastrous forest fires in northern Minnesota this fall. The precipitation for the past three years is much below normal.

Recent rains, while favorable, should not lull us into a sense of security. When the autumn leaves have fallen and the grass is dried, the danger will be greatest. Peat fires will burn through weeks of rain and be ready to flare up after a day or two of sunshine and wind.

The Moose Lake and Cloquet fires of 1918 were most serious on October 12th, and the fires of 1910, when Baudette and Spooner burned, occurred October 7th.

For these reasons, I, J. A. O. Preus, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby call upon all public officials and private citizens to take all possible steps to prevent forest fires.

It is one of the most important duties of road overseers, town officers and county commissioners to extinguish fires in roads and post grades, since such fires may, in case of wind, become dangerous running fires and cause great damage.

Strict compliance with forest laws must be observed. Permits are required for starting fires in the open, except for domestic purposes. These permits may be obtained from any forest ranger, or from town officers deputized by them. It is the duty of all residents and of travelers in the wooded portions of this state, to take the utmost precautions against setting fires, to see that incipient fires are extinguished, and to report to the forest rangers or the state forester, all fires which cannot be controlled.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed hereto this 20th day of September, 1921.

Wm. H. ...

Secretary of State

J. A. O. Preus
Governor.

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