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## **Baraga Bump Fire**

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**4:30 p.m. Update**

**For Immediate Release**

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### **Summary:**

Monday April 30<sup>th</sup> continues to be a busy day for Upper Peninsula Firefighters. Fire suppression activities continue on the "Baraga Bump" fire as crews continue to work to contain the fire. One-hundred two firefighters and support personnel are working on the fire today. More firefighter resources are currently in route. The fire is estimated at 1,332 acres in size. Weather conditions, dry fuels, and rough terrain are making containment of the fire extremely difficult.

No structures have been damaged from the fire. No civilian or firefighter injuries have been sustained.

**Residents and the general public are requested to avoid the area of the fire to allow firefighters and their equipment to accomplish their fire suppression tasks.**

### **Personnel:**

Agencies involved in the fire include US Forest Service, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Covington Fire Department, L'Anse Fire Department, Covington Ambulance, Baraga County Emergency Management, Baraga County Sheriff, Michigan State Police, and Michigan DNR Conservation officers. A fire overhead team has been brought in to run the fire, led by Michigan Department of Natural Resources incident commander Paul Gaberdiel.

The American Red Cross volunteers have been on site supporting firefighter efforts

**Public Notice:**

Residents are reminded that the fire danger remains high. Fire permits are required for any outdoor burning. Even with issued burning permits, residents are reminded to use extreme caution with any outdoor burning. Residents are also reminded that there are a number of activities that they can accomplish around their properties to protect their dwellings. Firewise activities and concepts can be adopted by residents that can increase their personal safety and the safety of their homes and buildings. More Firewise information can be obtained from Michigan State University Extension Offices and from the Firewise website at [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org).

See Briefing # 1 for further specifics or contact Ann Wilson, MDNR, 906-228-6561 to obtain a copy.

**Further updates will be provided on Tuesday, May 1.**