August 15th 2014

The fire crew was split into three squads.  Squad A looked for access to Spirit Lake, our key water source supporting the fire.  Squad B completed reconnaissance on an existing skid road to assist getting crew and supplies to the fire.  Squad C configured a water pump and necessary hose lays. The crew dug a handline on the north end of the fire, ensuring the fire would not crest the ridge and move into the basin to the north. Hose was laid from the access road to the top of the ridge. Mop-up work began on the north end of the fire from one squad, while the remaining crew members dug a handline down the west side of the fire.

August 16th 2014

The east handline was dug from top of the ridge to the bottom access road and support hoses were put down.

August 17th 2014

Preparation for the burnout operation began. The burnout was required to tie in the main fire to the bottom access road.  The DNR crew was split, with crew members on the east side and west side, holding a control line while the ignition crew instigated the burnout operation.

August 18th 2014 through August 25th 2014

The fire area was gridded for mop-up and putting out hot spots. Due to extreme terrain, numerous snags, and rolling material it was a very time consuming job to complete safely.

On the evening of August 25th, the crew was called to another lightning strike fire in an old growth timber area. With night fall, all resources were pulled out of the fire for safety reasons.

August 26th 2014

Michigan DNR Fire Crew was demobilized and began preparation for a return trip home.