

FACT SHEET

Porcupine Fire Complex

Red River Ranger District

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Incident: The Porcupine Complex was started by lightning on 8/9.
Location: The Porcupine Complex is 25 miles east of Elk City, ID.
Agency Jurisdiction: USDA Forest Service, Nez Perce–Clearwater National Forests
Cooperating Agencies: Idaho County Sheriff's Department
Incident Command Post: (ICP) is located at the old Red River Ranger Station.

Current Size: 30,993 acres

Containment: 0%

Structures Threatened: 5

Yesterday: Widespread smoke and cloudy conditions provided shade over the fire for most of the day. These factors combined with higher humidity, lower temperature, and light, intermittent rain kept fire activity low. The Mustang Fire is estimated to be 1/2 mile south from the Porcupine Fire, in the area of Base Camp Campground. Due to scanner issues on incident aircraft, infrared imaging was unable to be used. Firefighters continued mop up of the spot fires that had occurred along the 285 Road.

Today: A low pressure system over the fire area will result in lower temperature and higher relative humidity, with light northwest winds. These conditions will foster limited spread potential for the majority of the fire. Protection efforts will continue for recreational sites and administrative facilities. Crews will patrol for and remove hazardous trees near roads, monitor fire activity and provide point protection for values at risk.

Road Closures: The Magruder Corridor Road (Forest Road 468) is closed from its junction with the Green Mountain Road (Forest Road 285) to Observation Point for public safety due to fire activity. Through traffic to and from Montana to Idaho is closed!

Area Closures: Special Area Closures are in effect for the 581 and 575 trails. The spur road going up to Burnt Knob lookout has also been closed. On the Nez Perce National Forest, Forest Road 285 is open with possible delays; Forest Road 357 is open; Forest Road 468 is open from its junction with Forest Road 222 to its junction with Forest Road 285. The remainder of Forest Road 468 is closed; Forest Trail 501 is open from 14-Mile Trailhead to Bargamin Creek; the 14-Mile Trailhead and Granite Springs Campgrounds are open. On the Bitterroot National Forest, Forest Road 468 is open from the West Fork Guard Station to Observation point, but is closed from Observation Point for the remainder of the Magruder corridor.

Special Notice: For Porcupine Fire photos visit: <http://www.photobucket.com/porcupinefire>

For further information, including specific details regarding the Area Closure, visit the InciWeb website: <http://inciweb.org/incident/3171/>