

FACT SHEET

McGuire Fire Complex

Red River Ranger District

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Incident: The fire complex consists of the McGuire (contains the former Bagely Fire) and Herman wildland fires which were all started by lightning on 8/27.

Location: Five miles west of Dixie, ID.

Agency Jurisdiction: USDA Forest Service, Nez Perce–Clearwater National Forests

Cooperating Agencies: Idaho County Sheriff's Department

Incident Commander: Shawn Pearson, Northern Rockies Type II Incident Management Team (IMT). The Incident Command Post (ICP) is located at the old Red River Ranger Station, with fire camp located in the York field at Red River.

Current Size: Complex is 17,202 acres (McGuire 17,200 and Herman 2)

Containment: 5% **Structures Threatened:** 316 (Orogrande and Dixie/Comstock)

Status: The fires are burning in stands of sub alpine fir & lodgepole pine with a large component of dead and down beetle-killed trees. There is very poor access to the fire areas with limited safety zones for firefighters. The Herman Fire is located in the Gospel Hump Wilderness with smoldering fire activity. The Idaho County Sheriff's Office issued Evacuation Requests for the residents of Orogrande on 8/28 and Dixie/Comstock on 9/03.

Yesterday's Activities: Cloud cover and higher relative humidity reduced fire activity. This enabled firefighters to make good progress in holding the fire along the 1188 road on the south flank and containing a 20 acre slop-over on the road. Crews completed the dozer line from the 1188 Road to the 311 Road. Two Skycrane heli-tankers provided support, dropping water on this area of the fire. Protection work continued along the 1188 Road. Structure protection (setting up sprinklers, hoses & pumps) progressed in the Orogrande and Dixie/Comstock areas, along with assessments and fuel treatments in the Red River area and Mallard Ranch.

Current Resources: **Thirteen** 20-person crews, **twenty-six** engines, **one** skidgine, **four** dozers, **eleven** water tenders, and **four** helicopters. Total personnel: **445**.

Today's Activities: Warmer temperatures and lower relative humidities are expected to produce more active fire behavior, particularly along the southeast flank of the fire. Crews will concentrate on holding the fire along the 1188 Road. If conditions are favorable, a burnout operation will be conducted to reinforce the line in this area. Dozers are building and improving contingency lines around Dixie and Comstock. Structure protection preparation and improvement will continue in Dixie, Comstock, Orogrande, and Red River.

Restrictions/Closures: An Area Closure around the fire has been expanded by the Red River Ranger District for public safety and now includes a closure of Road 222 except for local residents. A temporary flight restriction (TFR) is in effect surrounding the McGuire Complex fire area. Stage 1 Fire Restrictions are in effect on the Nez Perce–Clearwater National Forests.

For further information, including specific details regarding the Area Closure, visit:
www.inciweb.org; Select "McGuire Complex"