

# 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 18,502 acres (McGuire 18,500 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 located in the Gospel Hump Wilderness is monitored daily with smoldering fire activity. Structure protection has been established in the Dixie and Orogrande areas. 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:** Weather yesterday included temperatures in the mid 80s, relative humidity in the single digits and light, terrain-driven winds. Despite warm, dry weather conditions, crews were successful in holding the fire above the 1188 Road for another day. Burnout operations were continued above the 1188 Road moving up along the southeastern edge of the fire. On the southern edge, between the top of Olive Creek and the 311 Road, crews used hose lays to cool hot spots along the established dozer line. Helicopters continued to provide support to fire operations with water bucket drops.

**Current Resources:** **Fifteen** 20-person crews, **thirty** engines, **four** dozers, **one** skidgine, **nine** water tenders, and **four** helicopters. Total personnel: **512**.

**Today's Activities:** A local Red Flag Warning will be in effect for the fire area due to low relative humidity (teens), winds out of the southwest gusting up to 30 mph, and potential thunderstorms. Based on weather predictions, fire activity is expected to increase with fire spread to the northeast. Crews will continue to concentrate on holding the fire above the 1188 Road. If weather conditions don't develop as predicted, burnout operations will continue to reinforce the containment line in this area. Structure protection preparation and fuels work will continue in Comstock, Red River and Mallard/Cook Ranch areas.

**Restrictions/Closures:** An Area Closure around the fire area is in effect for public safety. The Area Closure includes closure of Road 222 except for local residents of Dixie/Comstock. 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](http://www.inciweb.org); Select "McGuire Complex"