

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 24,002 acres (McGuire 24,000 and Herman 2)

Containment: 2%

Structures Threatened: 623

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: Winds were steady at 15-20 mph with gusts up to 35 mph and low relative humidity in the teens. Winds increased early in the day and significant fire activity was reported on the east, north, and west flanks of the fire. Crews had to disengage from the line and focus on community protection. Some resources (hotshot crew, engines and dozers) worked late into the night to take advantage of cooler temperatures and implement suppression actions to defend Dixie. Stage 2 Evacuation Warnings were issued for the Red River and Mallard Creek/Cook Ranch areas. In addition, several area roads were temporarily closed in the afternoon to all traffic, including local residents, due to increased fire activity. These roads were opened back up to local residents in the evening.

Current Resources: fourteen 20-person crews, twenty-nine engines, four dozers, ten water tenders, and four helicopters. Total personnel: 532.

Today's Activities: A Red Flag Warning will be in effect for the fire area due to 15-25 mph winds out of the southwest, changing to west, with gusts up to 40 mph. Based on weather predictions, fire activity is expected to be similar to yesterday with growth to the east. Crews will continue structure protection tactics in Dixie/Comstock and Orogrande based on fire activity. In the Red River and Mallard/Cook Ranch areas, structure protection preparation will continue.

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. 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"