

# 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 25,002 acres (McGuire 25,000 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. Stage 2 Evacuation Warnings were issued for the Red River and Mallard Creek/Cook Ranch areas on 9/09. The Idaho County Sheriff's Office issued Stage 3 Evacuation Requests for the residents of Orogrande on 8/28 and Dixie/Comstock on 9/03. Structure protection has been established in these areas.

**Yesterday's Activities:** Crews were able to hold and improve containment line on the south flank of the fire from Road 311 to the southeast flank along Road 1188 into upper Crooked Creek. Containment line was progressed north into upper Crooked Creek toward Dixie Summit. Crew's gridded areas along Road 222 on the north side of Dixie Summit looking for spot fires from last Sunday's wind event. Helicopters dropped water on hot spots in all fire areas. Engines and firefighters were available for structure protection at Dixie, Comstock and Orogrande. Night operations continued with two engines patrolling in the upper Crooked Creek area.

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

**Today's Activities:** Fire activity is expected to be low with temperatures near 70 degrees and light wind. Firefighters will continue to hold and improve existing containment line on the south/southeast edge of the fire and progress toward Dixie Summit. Patrols for spots along Road 222 will continue. Crews will also monitor and take action with helicopter water bucket drops on the backing fire in the East Fork of the Crooked River south of Orogrande.

**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](http://www.inciweb.org); Select "McGuire Complex"