

FACT SHEET

McGuire Fire Complex Red River Ranger District September 14, 2012 7:30 a.m.



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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: Two miles west of Dixie, ID.

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

Cooperating Agencies: Idaho County Sheriff's Department

Incident Commander: Carlton Joseph, California Interagency Incident Management Team 5. 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 26,502 acres (McGuire 26,500 and Herman 2)

Containment: 2%

Structures Threatened: 623

Red Flag Warning: The National Weather Service has issued a Red Flag Warning for today from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. for the fire area for gusty winds and low humidities.

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 and continues to smolder. 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 held and improved containment line on the south flank of the fire from Road 311 to the southeast flank along Road 1188 into upper Crooked Creek. Crew's patrolled along Road 222, locating several spot fires and initiating suppression. Helicopters dropped water on hot spots on the fire's perimeter. Night operations continued with two engines patrolling in the upper Crooked Creek area.

Current Resources: Twelve 20-person crews, twenty-four engines, four dozers, eleven water tenders, and five helicopters. Total personnel: 464.

Today's Activities: Firefighters will continue to continue to secure the fire in Crooked Creek just north of Dixie and mop up spots along the 222 road. Firefighters will also continue to provide structure protection in Dixie, Comstock, Orogrande, and Red River. Red Flag Weather is expected to generate very active fire behavior.

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"