

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: Two miles west of Dixie, three miles south of Orogrande, and 5 miles southwest of Red River, ID.
Agency Jurisdiction: USDA Forest Service, Nez Perce–Clearwater National Forests
Cooperating Agencies: Idaho County Sheriff's Department
Incident Commander: The Incident Command Post (ICP) is located at the old Red River Ranger Station.

Current Size: Complex is 30,575 acres

Containment: 2%

Structures Threatened: 623

Status: The McGuire fire is 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 monitored daily.

Evacuations: The Idaho County Sheriff's Office issued Stage 3 Evacuation for the Mallard Creek/Cook Ranch areas yesterday as the fire jumped to the east side of Road 222 and became well established. Stage 3 Evacuation Requests remain for the residents of Orogrande and Dixie/Comstock. A Stage 2 Evacuation Warning remains for Red River. A Stage 1 Protection Alert remains in place for Elk City and Concord.

Road Closures: The 222 Road is closed to all access, including residents from Trapper Creek Road to the community of Dixie. Forest Service Road 1190 from Trapper Creek to Dixie Summit is closed to all access including residents. Forest Service Road 1190 from Trapper Creek and Road 421 from Red Mail Box to the Whitewater area is closed to all non-residents.

Area Closures: An Area Closure around the fire area is in effect for public safety and to ensure unimpeded access for firefighters and equipment. An updated Area Closure will be posted on Inciweb later today. Stage 1 Fire Restrictions are in effect on the Nez Perce–Clearwater National Forests.

Yesterday's Activities: Red Flag weather generated extreme fire behavior yesterday. Group torching, short crown runs, and spotting occurred particularly along Road 222 along the east flank above Dixie and the fire crossed 222 in several places. The fire established itself in the East Fork of the Crooked River on both sides of the drainage and is approximately 3 miles south of Orogrande. On the northeast flank, the fire spotted to the southern ridge above Moose Butte Creek and is approximately 5 miles southwest of Red River.

Current Resources: **Nine** 20-person crews, **twenty-seven** engines, **four** dozers, **eleven** water tenders, and **seven** helicopters. Total personnel: **429**

Today's Activities: Structure protection plans are being implemented for the Mallard Ranch, Cook Ranch and other residential areas around the fire. Firefighters will continue to secure the fire in Crooked Creek, north of Dixie and work the fire on the east side of the 222/Dixie Road. Firefighters will also continue to provide structure protection in Dixie, Comstock, Orogrande, and Red River. Mallard and Cook Ranches have been elevated to a Stage 3 Evacuation.

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