

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, two miles south of Orogrande, and four miles southwest of Red River, ID.

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

Cooperating Agencies: Idaho County Sheriff's Department

Incident Command Post: (ICP) is located at the old Red River Ranger Station.

Current Size: 33,661 acres

Containment: 2%

Structures Threatened: 623

Yesterday's Activities: Fire carried by dry fuels ignited group tree torching. Many areas of active fire with short duration crown runs were observed. Firefighters continue to be challenged with short to mid-range spotting beyond the fire's perimeter. On the east flank, the northwest wind continued to push the fire east from Road 222 toward Jack's Mountain. Firefighters worked to contain numerous spot fires south of 1190. Fire continued to back down the East Fork of the Crooked River toward Orogrande. Helicopters dropped water to limit the fire's spread in this area. The southwest area of the fire was active on the Silver Spur Ridge and spread further into Gospel Hump Wilderness. Structure protection improvements continued in the communities of Orogrande, Dixie, Comstock and Red River. A pilot car convoyed residents into Dixie via Road 222 at 8:00 a.m. and convoyed residents out of Dixie at 9:00 a.m.

Evacuations: The Idaho County Sheriff's Office issued a Stage 3 Evacuation for Concord due to active fire impacting the Orogrande Road (#233). Stage 3 Evacuation Requests remain for the residents of Orogrande, Dixie/Comstock, and Mallard Creek/Cook Ranch. A Stage 2 Evacuation Warning remains for Red River. A Stage 1 Protection Alert is in place for Elk City. A Stage 1 Alert advises residents that active fire is in the area.

Road Closures: The 222 Road is closed to all access, including residents from Trapper Creek Road to the community of Dixie. Conditions permitting, a pilot car will escort residents into Dixie at 8:00 a. m. and from Dixie at 9:00 a.m. to the Trapper Creek Road junction daily. 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. Stage 1 Fire Restrictions are in effect on the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests.

Today's Activities: Firefighters will be working to suppress the fire in Crooked Creek just north of Dixie and near Jacks Mountain. They will also be taking action to control spot fires along the 222 Road and 1190 Road. Crews will also continue to work on containment lines on the south end of the fire. Structure protection continues in the communities of Orogrande, Dixie, Comstock and Red River.

Current Resources: **Ten** 20-person crews, **fifty-one** engines, **four** dozers, **thirteen** water tenders, and **seven** helicopters. Total personnel: **611**

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