

FIRE UPDATE



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CURRENT SIZE: 43,040 acres

CONTAINMENT: 25%

PERSONNEL & RESOURCES: 616 personnel, including 10 crews; 34 engines; 3 dozers; 13 water tenders; and 4 helicopters.

SITUATION: Yesterday afternoon there was increased fire activity within the established firelines. The southeast part of the fire saw the most activity, where 522 acres burned, but still well away from the existing fireline. Today there will be winds, but not as high as yesterday, and air temperatures will be much lower than the past several days. The change in weather, along with shorter daylight hours, should result in overall lower fire behavior, and spread should be relatively low. Crews continue to build and improve firelines and engines will continue to patrol and mop up as needed.



Helicopters will continue using the heliwell at the Dixie airstrip, and a new heliwell was set up yesterday at Mallard Ranch. Hose, pumps, and sprinklers are now removed from Mallard Ranch, The Whitewater Area, and removal is well along at Orogrande. The last area scheduled to have fire resources removed is Dixie. These resources are being returned to the base camp for cleaning and packaging in preparation for next season's use. In other parts of the fire, the fireline is now being rehabilitated by hand crews and equipment such as the trackhoe/excavator as displayed above.

Dixie residents can use the Dixie Road (Co. 222) to access their property at any time and U.S. Postal Service mail delivery has resumed. Forest Road 421 to Mallard and Whitewater Ranches is open to residents only.

ATTENTION HUNTERS: For current fire closure perimeters and units, see Idaho Department of Fish and Game website: <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/content/article/do-fire-closures-leave-you-hunting-spot-hunt>.

EVACUATIONS: Concord, Dixie, and Comstock remain under a Stage 3 evacuation. Mallard Creek Ranch and Cook Ranch have dropped to Stage 2 evacuation warning and now join Orogrande, Red River, and Red River Hot Springs at Stage 2. Elk City remains under a Stage 1 evacuation alert.

CLOSURES: For detailed road and area closure information, see www.inciweb.org/incident/3219 or call the fire information number.