

FACT SHEET

Blue Fire Red River Ranger District July 3, 2015 9:00 a.m.



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Office hours: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Incident: The wildland fire was started by lightning on 6/27.

Location: Four miles southeast 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 Dixie Guard Station and adjacent air strip. The IMT is implementing a full suppression strategy on the fire.

Current Size: 300 acres

Containment: 15% **Structures threatened:** 50 residences and 100 outbuildings

Status: The fire is burning in stands of sub alpine fir & lodgepole pine with a large component of dead and down beetle-killed trees. Crews are reporting that the fire area has a lot of snags and there are safety concerns with falling trees. With limited access to the fire, crews have sawed access trails into the fire, and have established a spike camp, helispot and a safety zone near the fire. Crews have deployed hose lay and sprinklers near structures in the Comstock communities for fire protection. Crews and engines have been identified to assist the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests with initial attack for any new fire starts.

Yesterday's Activities: Six crews were spiked near the fire and they will remain out for the next 24-48 hours. Helicopters supported these crews with water bucket drops on hot spots. Firefighters completed a mile of fuel break on the east side of the North Comstock subdivision.

Current Resources: **nine** 20-person crews, **four** engines, **six** water tenders, and **four** helicopters. Total personnel: **286**

Today's Activities: One additional crew will be flown into the spike camp for a total of seven crews spiking out on the fire. These crews continue to build line around the fire. Additional crews and equipment continue constructing the fuel break on the east side of the Comstock subdivision. Helicopters will continue to support crews on the ground with water drops on hot spots flaring up near the perimeter of the fire.

Restrictions/Closures:

- An Area Closure is still in effect around the Blue Fire area on the Red River Ranger District for public safety. The Dixie Comstock areas are in the Stage 1 'Ready' Protection alert notice that a fire is in the area. A temporary flight restriction (TFR) is still in effect surrounding the Blue Fire area. Contact the Red River Ranger District at 208-842-2245 for further information on the area closure.

For further information, including specific details regarding the Area Closure, visit: <http://inciweb.nwccg.gov> and select "Blue Fire".