

# FACT SHEET

## Blue Fire

Red River Ranger District  
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**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:** 310 acres

**Containment:** 20% **Structures threatened:** 50 residences and 100 outbuildings

**Status:** The fire is torching and spotting in sub alpine fir & lodgepole pine with a large component of dead and down beetle-killed trees carrying the fire. 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 sawed access trails into the fire and established a spike camp, helispot, and a safety zone near the fire. Firefighters have completed necessary structure protection measures in the Comstock communities, which are approximately 1.25 miles from the fire. 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:** Seven crews are staying in a remote spike camp near the fire. These firefighters completed a saw perimeter line around the west flank of the fire. Helicopters supported them with water bucket drops on hot spots. Firefighters completed a mile of fuel break on the east side of the North Comstock subdivision.

**Today's Activities:** Firefighters are making progress building a saw-line around the perimeter of the fire. Progress is hindered by heavy fuel loads, large amounts of snags, steep terrain and high temperatures. Additional crews and equipment continue constructing the fuel break near structures in the Dixie and Comstock areas. Helicopters will continue to support crews on the ground with water drops on hot spots flaring up near the perimeter of the fire.

**Current Resources:** **nine** 20-person crews, **five** engines, **six** water tenders, and **three** helicopters. Total personnel: **295**

### 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 and 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.nwcg.gov> and select "Blue Fire".