



**NORTHERN ROCKIES
INCIDENT MANAGEMENT
TEAM 5**

Joe Sampson,
Incident Commander

DIXIE FIRE:

Location: Just north of Dixie and Comstock, Idaho

Start date: July 5, 2021

Size: 43,210 acres (IR mapping)

Percent Completed: 59%

Cause: Lightning

Resources Assigned:

- Total personnel: 244
- Engines: 13
- Helicopters: 2
- Hand crews: 2

JUMBO FIRE:

Location: West of Dixie Fire

Start date: July 6, 2021

Size: 2,680 acres (IR mapping)

Percent Completed: 45%

Cause: Lightning

Resources Assigned:

- Total personnel: 0

EVACUATIONS:

Evacuation orders are in place in the communities around the fire perimeter, including Dixie, Comstock, Mallard, and Whitewater Ranch. For evacuation information and updates, please call Idaho County Sheriff's Office at 208-983-1100.

FIRE RESTRICTIONS:

The Nez Perce-Clearwater NF has implemented Stage 2 Fire Restrictions.

The Payette NF has implemented Stage 1 Fire Restrictions.

DIXIE-JUMBO FIRES

August 8, 2021 - 8:30 a.m.

DIXIE FIRE:

On the northwest section, crews and heavy equipment continue to contain the fire west of Road 1190, working as close to the fire's edge as possible to minimize the fire footprint. Crews are also continuing to bolster and widen contingency fuel breaks in the Comstock and Dixie areas, working south towards Dixie Guard Station and the airstrip. On the east flank, crews are working to contain areas of residual heat near Noble Creek and Vista Point, installing pumps, hose and sprinklers. Crews continued to observe no fire activity on the Salmon River along the southern perimeter; water-handling equipment in this area will be backhauled or staged for future use if necessary.

Infrared mapping highlighted an area of isolated heat (5 acres of growth), where the fire is slowly creeping along the ridge in the Noble Creek area. The IR showed scattered heat elsewhere, interior to the perimeter.

JUMBO FIRE:

Percent completion increased to 45% yesterday, as crews implemented structure protection measures by installing water-handling equipment (pumps, hoses, and sprinkler kits) in the Concord and Oregon Butte Lookout areas. All equipment has been prepped for the predicted cold weather, and the two on-site personnel returned to the Incident Command Post. Fire managers will continue to monitor the fire's status and progression through aerial reconnaissance. The fire remains within the wilderness, with no active fire or smoke visible for several days. The infrared flight showed no growth or heat signatures.

Helicopters from the Dixie helibase assisted with retrieval of the smokejumpers and their gear from the Rattlesnake Fire.

WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR:

A cold front is expected to move into the fire area today, resulting in widespread cloud cover, wind gusts up to 35 mph, and a 50% chance of wetting rain. Associated thunderstorms could produce erratic, gusty winds. Temperatures on Monday morning will be quite chilly, followed by much warmer temperatures in the 90s by mid-week.

Recent weather conditions, with associated precipitation, have continued to result in minimal fire behavior. Fuels, with subsequent higher moisture content, will need a period of drying out before becoming available to burn again. This drying will progress, as temperatures return to seasonal averages. Fire behavior analysts will be conducting wind modeling that will pinpoint sheltered areas and those most affected by the winds.

CLOSURES:

The Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest and Payette National Forest have issued closure orders for areas effected by the Dixie and Jumbo Fires. The Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest's closure orders can be found on their website, under "Fire Closure Orders."

The Payette National Forest closure is for south of the Dixie fire and includes multiple trails on the Krassel Ranger District, including a portion of the Idaho Centennial Trail. Official closure information can be found on the Forest website.

COOPERATING AGENCIES:



Fire Information Line: 208-207-7417 (8 am to 8 pm)

Inciweb: inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7608

Email: 2021.dixie@firenet.gov

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