



**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: 43,213 acres (IR mapping)

Percent Completed: 59%

Cause: Lightning

Resources Assigned:

- Total personnel: 229
- Engines: 12
- Helicopters: 2
- Hand crews: 2

JUMBO FIRE:

Location: West of Dixie Fire

Start date: July 6, 2021

Size: 2,680 acres

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 9, 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 improve contingency fuel breaks, maintain pumps and hoses, and remove felled logs in the Comstock and Dixie areas. On the east flank, higher winds resulted in some smoke production near Noble Creek, but fire spread remained limited (around an acre of growth). Crews are working to contain areas of residual heat in this area, 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 was backhauled or staged for future use if necessary. Several firefighters from this area will reposition and assist with operations on the north flank.

JUMBO FIRE:

Percent completion remains at 45%. Structure protection measures in the form of water-handling equipment (pumps, hose, and sprinkler kits) remain in the Concord and Oregon Butte Lookout areas. All equipment has been prepped for the predicted cold weather, and the two personnel previously on-site 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.

WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR:

Following the chilly weather overnight, temperatures are expected to reach the upper 70s to low 80s this afternoon, with winds around 15 mph. Limited fire activity is expected again today. The warming trend will likely continue through much of the coming week, with record-setting temperatures in the 90s and lower relative humidity down to the 20s.

Fuel moisture remains higher due to the effects of recent weather conditions; fuels will need a period of drying before becoming available to burn again. As the weather gets warmer and drier, this drying will progress.

Utilizing existing areas of heat and expected fuel and weather conditions, fire behavior analysts are modeling possible areas of increased fire behavior. Results show some potential for increased fire activity near Comstock Creek/Mammoth Mountain and in the Noble Creek area. Models also suggest that suppression activities are expected to hold, with no impacts to structures and other values to be protected.

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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