



Cracker Jack Complex

Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests

Fire Information 208-935-6134

<https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/idncf-cracker-jack-complex>

August 17, 2024

NCF Type 3 Incident Management Team

TC Peterson, Incident Commander

Kane Steinbruecker, Incident Commander Trainee

Location: All four fires are located within half a mile of each other: two and a half miles east of Concord, ID, less than one tenth of a mile east from Square Lake and less than a quarter mile southwest from Fish Lake.

Start Date: Square Lake Fire-8/10/2024

Whistling Pig Fire- 8/10/2024

Fish Fire- 8/10/2024

Fish 2 Fire- 8/11/2024

Cause: Lightning

Size: 265 acres *increase to do more accurate mapping

Completion/Containment: 0%

Total Personnel: 65

8 Masticators

2 Feller Bunchers

1 Suppression Module

KEY MESSAGE:

All four fires are burning in the Gospel-Hump Wilderness. Management actions are limited, based off the steep terrain of the Gospel-Hump Wilderness and the threat of snags in the area from previous large fire scars that surround the Cracker Jack Complex.

CURRENT STATUS:

On August 10, 2024, a small lightning storm passed through portions of the Red River Ranger District, starting the Square Lake Fire, Whistling Pig Fire, Fish Fire, and the Fish 2 Fire. All four fires are located within half a mile of each other: two and a half miles east of Concord, ID, less than one tenth of a mile east from Square Lake and less than a quarter mile west from Fish Lake.

Firefighters continue structure protection around the Concord-Calendar, Humptown, and Frogtown areas.

Firefighters continue prepping the National Forest Service Road #311 to hold the fire from moving east towards values at risk. Fire activity and behavior remain minimal at this time; however, conditions could change as weather becomes warmer and drier.

WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR

A high-pressure system will build over the region today, resulting in warmer and drier conditions. Tonight, chances for monsoonal moisture increase, with potential for scattered showers and thunderstorms increases later in the day on Sunday, August 18. From today through Monday, August 19, temperatures will range between mid-90s to low 100s.

CLOSURES AND SPECIAL MESSAGES

At this time there are no closures, but if fire activity increases more, closures will likely take place.

The public is highly encouraged to avoid the National Forest Service Road #311, due to firefighter resource and heavy equipment traffic going in and out of the area.

