



Moore Square Complex

Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest

NCF Fire Information 208-935-6134

<https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idncf-moore-square-complex>

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Northern Rockies Team 9, Incident Commander Shane Martin

Location: Gospel-Hump Wilderness near Square Mountain

Start Date: 7/24/2024

Cause: Lightning

Size: Ace Butte Fire: 1,862 acres, Anchor Fire: 1,811 acres, Total: 3,673 acres

Completion*: 49%

*Completion percentage refers to the work that must be completed to appropriately manage the fire.

KEY MESSAGE

Crews have completed indirect line construction and continue Point Protection for the values at risk. Favorable weather and wetting rain are expected over the entire perimeter of the fire in the coming days and fire activity is expected to moderate with the changing weather conditions. The closure order remains in place as we continue to experience fire activity around the entire perimeter of the fire at this time.

CURRENT STATUS

Heavy equipment is nearing completion of road prep for an internal containment feature to help slow the spread of fire if firing operations were to be implemented. Crews continue to focus on the identified values at risk. Point Protection is in place around these values at risk and values that have not been impacted by fire are likely to see minimal impacts from the fire in the coming days. Heavy rain and cooler temperatures are forecasted over the fire area through the weekend. Cooler weather does not mean the threat of fire has lessened, fire fighters are still seeing growth on all sides of the fire and the potential for movement remains.

CLOSURES

The closure area around the fire remains in place. Access to the area around the fire is closed to the public until the order is rescinded. As hunting units within the fire area become open for the season we urge hunters to honor the closure area, not only for their safety but for the safety of fire fighters working on the Moore Square Complex.

Specific closure information and maps can be found on Inciweb at <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idncf-moore-square-complex> and https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/nezperceclearwater/home/?cid=fsm91_055753 as they are implemented.

****Future updates for the Moore Square Complex will continue as fire activity and events warrant it.****

