

Elkhorn Fire Strategy

WFDS

The strategies for the Elk Horn Fire are point protection and confine/contain to protect values at private property, PS administrative sites and high value infrastructure along the Main Salmon River Corridor and in the Salmon River Basins.

Strategic Risk Analysis

SA\_1\_DIV A & DIV K: Overall strategy is confine/contain. Specific strategic actions include constructing indirect handline from Whitewater Ranch north to Dixie Fire. Extend from Dixie Fire north with mixed mechanical indirect line construction.

SA\_2\_DIV M: Overall strategy is point protection. Specific strategic actions include prepping identified values along the Magruder Corridor as needed. MAPs addressed by strategic actions include 8, 10, 11, 12, and 13.

SA\_3\_DIV Q & DIV W: Overall strategy is point protection for values at risk along the Salmon River Corridor. Specific strategic actions include setting up necessary structure protection equipment to protect values at risk.

MAP 1 - China Rhett/Fivemile

Condition: Fire reaches MAP line with the potential to reach China/Lenhil, and Rhett Creek Bridge/Reho/Wolfe in the next 48-72 hours.

- Values at Risk: China Bar/Lenhil Bar, Rhett Creek Bridge/Reho/Wolfe Cabins, Fivemile Bar

- Actions: Consider actions based on current and forecasted fire weather and behavior, the time of season and probability of a season-ending event. 1. Consider expanding the area closure and planning area. 2. IC to notify AA of structure protection implementation.

Note: As river levels decrease over the season, jet boats used for transport will be of smaller size. Ingress/egress transport of personnel and equipment will take more time and more trips.

See China Bar, Rhett, and Fivemile Bar Value at Risk Assessment documents located in the Elkhorn Incident Microsoft Teams folder: 2023\_IDPAF\_ElkHorn>Documents>Situation\_Channel>Structure Protection Plans.

Resources: AA IC China/Lenhil/Rhett - 1 IHC or T2/A Fivemile Bar - 1 WFM

MAP 3 - Sheepcater

Condition: Fire reaches MAP3 line with potential to reach Sheepcater Lookout in the next 3 to 4 days.

- Values at Risk: Sheepcater Lookout, Outhouse

- Actions: Consider actions based on current and forecasted fire weather and behavior, the time of season and probability of a season-ending event. 1. Consider expanding area closure. 2. Inform Agency Administrator of evacuation and protection action.

See Sheepcater structure protection plan documents located in Elkhorn Incident Microsoft Teams folder: 2023\_IDPAF\_ElkHorn>Documents>Situation\_Channel>Structure Protection Plans

Resources: AA IC T2 or T3 Helicopter/HEMG 2 PFTT or PFT2

MAP 4 - Chamberlain GS/Stonebreaker Ranch

Condition: Fire crosses MAP line with the potential to reach Chamberlain Guard Station/Stonebreaker Ranch (belongs to Idaho Fish and Game) in the next 5-6 days.

- Values: Chamberlain Guard Station, Stonebreaker Ranch

- Actions: Consider actions based on current and forecasted fire weather and behavior, the time of season and probability of a season-ending event. 1. Consider expanding the area closure. 2. Notify Agency Administrator.

See Chamberlain Guard Station and Stonebreaker structure protection plans located in Elkhorn Incident Microsoft Teams folder: 2023\_IDPAF\_ElkHorn>Documents>Situation\_Channel>Structure Protection Plans.

Resources: AA IC PIO Fixed Wing Aircraft for evacuations Chamberlain - 10 fire personnel & Stonebreaker - 10 fire personnel, 3 days

MAP 7 - Mallard-Cook

Condition: When the fire crosses the MAP and is expected to reach the ranches within 72 hours.

- Values: Mallard Creek Ranch, Cook Ranch

- Actions: Consider actions based on current and forecasted fire weather and behavior, as well as the time of season and current probability of a season-ending event. 1. Consider expanding the area closure.

See Mallard and Cook Ranch structure protection plans located in Elkhorn Incident Microsoft Teams folder: 2023\_IDPAF\_ElkHorn>Documents>Situation\_Channel>Structure Protection Plans.

Resources: AA IC PIO LOPR READ TFL2 - 1HC 2-T2/AHC 4-T4/3/ENG 1-T1 or T2 Helicopter

MAP 8 - Magruder

Condition: The fire crosses the M.A.P. and is expected to reach the ranches within 72 hours.

- Values: Magruder Corridor Infrastructure: Campgrounds, Road Signs, Upper Barganin Creek Bridge (adjacent to Post Creek CG), Burnt Knob Lookout

- Actions: Consider actions based on current and forecasted fire weather and behavior, the time of season and probability of a season-ending event. IC to provide notification to Nez Perce/Bitterroot AA and Recreation Staff of potential need for closure of the Magruder Road (FR468).

MAP 9 - Dixie-Comstock

Condition: When the fire crosses the M.A.P. and is expected to reach the fire within 7-9 days.

- Values: Dixie/Dixie Work Center, Comstock

- Actions: Consider actions based on current and forecasted fire weather and behavior, time of season and probability of a season-ending event. 1. Assess and implement structure protection or fuels mitigation options for identified values in the town of Dixie, the Comstock area, Mammoth Mine, Dixie Work Center.

See Comstock structure protection plans located in Elkhorn Incident Microsoft Teams folder: 2023\_IDPAF\_ElkHorn>Documents>Situation\_Channel>Structure Protection Plans.

Resources: AA IC PIO LOPR LEO SOP Operations - see structure plan for details

MAP 10 - Arctic Lodge/River of No Return Lodge/Blackie Foster Cabin/Lantz Bar

Condition: Fire reaches the MAP with potential to reach Arctic Lodge and River of No Return Ranch in the next 4 days.

- Values at Risk: Arctic Lodge, River of No Return Ranch/Blackie Foster Cabin

- Actions: Consider actions based on current and forecasted fire weather and behavior, time of season and probability of a season-ending event. 1. Arctic Lodge/River of No Return Ranch: Structure preparation is complete. Implement structure protection operations, which will require the insertion of personnel via jetboat.

See structure protection plans for these sites located in Elkhorn Incident Microsoft Teams folder: 2023\_IDPAF\_ElkHorn>Documents>Situation\_Channel>Structure Protection Plans.

Resources: AA/IC Lantz Bar 9 personnel, 1 day to gulfend orchard and cabin Arctic Lodge/River of No Return Ranch: jet boat with operator, CRWB, 2 PFTTs.

MAP 11 - Lantz Bar Planning Area

Condition: Fire crosses MAP with the potential to reach Lantz Bar in the next 4 days.

- Values: Lantz Bar cabin, Orchard

- Actions: Consider current and forecasted fire weather and behavior, as well as the time of season and the current probability of a season-ending event. 1. Consider expanding the planning area to include the Salmon Challin NF.

See Lantz Bar structure protection plan located in Elkhorn Incident Microsoft Teams folder: 2023\_IDPAF\_ElkHorn>Documents>Situation\_Channel>Structure Protection Plans.

Resources: AA IC 10 person WFM Jet Boat/Operator

MAP 12 - Sweet Lake Cabin

Condition: If fire appears likely to cross the MAP and is expected to impact Sweet Lake Cabin within the next 3 to 4 days.

Resources: 1 - 5 person module Structure wrap 2 - Ladders and miscellaneous tools

Structure wrap kit (can be provided by the Bitterroot NP), contact Bert Lewis AFMO @ 406-396-0407

MAP 13 - Magruder East

Condition: Fire crosses MAP or is expected to impact Road 468 (Magruder/Elk City) corridor within the next 5 days.

- Values: Horse Heaven Cabin, Salmon Mtn Lookout, Magruder Corridor

- Actions: 1. IC to provide notification to Nez Perce/Bitterroot AA and Recreation Staff of potential need for closure of the Magruder Road (FR468).

Resources: Magruder Corridor Road (FR468) - AA, IC, LOPR PIO Road Guards Barricades/Closure Signs, Structure Wrap 1 - 1A Module with 3 personnel

Salmon Mtn Lookout - 1 Regional Structure Wrap Module, other through CBCC or contact John Wallace, Program Manager, @208-781-2996, john.wallace@ndcg.gov

Structure wrap Structure wrap kit (Can be provided by the Bitterroot NP), Contact Bert Lewis AFMO @ 406-396-0407

2 Ladders and miscellaneous tools Fall protection equipment

MAP 14 - Chamberlain Bridge

Condition: Fire reaches MAP and has the potential to reach Chamberlain Bridge in 5 days.

- Values: Chamberlain Bridge

- Actions: 1. Consider expanding fire area closure. 2. Consider expanding WFDS planning area.

See bridge description document located in Elkhorn Incident Microsoft Teams folder: 2023\_IDPAF\_ElkHorn>Documents>Situation\_Channel>Structure Protection Plans.

Resources: AA fire closure, WFDS planning area, change.

MAP 17 - Whitewater

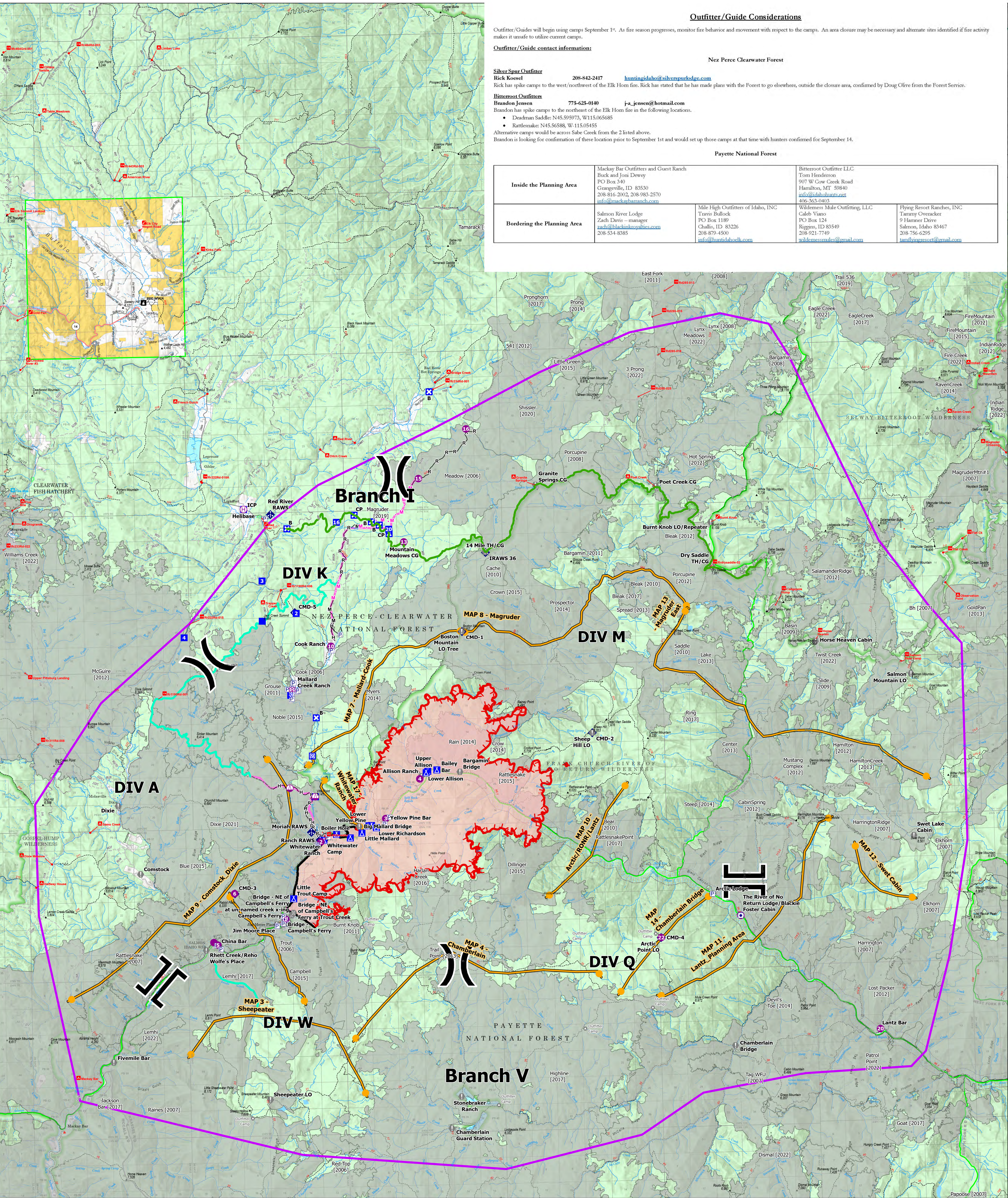
Condition: The fire crosses the MAP or threatens access to Whitewater Ranch on the 421 Big Mallard Creek Road.

- Values: Whitewater Wilderness Ranch, 421 Road containment line

- Actions: Consider actions based on current and forecasted fire weather and behavior, time of season and probability of a season-ending event. Structure preparation is complete.

See structure protection plans for Whitewater Wilderness Ranch located in Elkhorn Incident Microsoft Teams folder: 2023\_IDPAF\_ElkHorn>Documents>Situation\_Channel>Structure Protection Plans.

Resources: Structure Protection: WFM1 or T2/AHC Firing Operation: 4 IHC or 4 T2/AHC



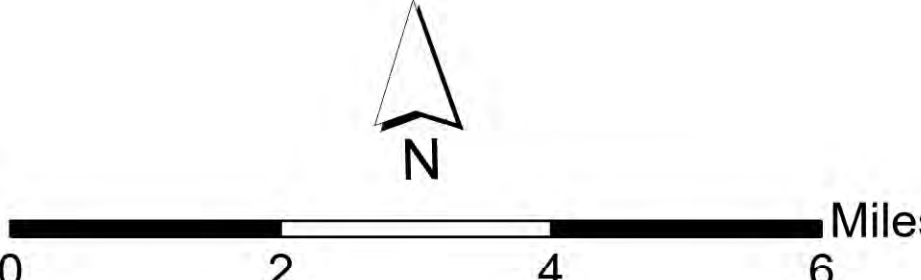
Outfitter/Guide Considerations

Outfitter/Guides will begin using camps September 1st. As fire season progresses, monitor fire behavior and movement with respect to the camps. An area closure may be necessary and alternate sites identified if fire activity makes it unsafe to utilize current camps.

Table listing Outfitter/Guide contact information and Payette National Forest details.

Legend for the map, including symbols for roads, structures, and fire perimeters, and a scale bar.

Strategy & M.A.P.s



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Elkhorn
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