

Incident Name: Dixie-Jumbo Fires Exertional Heatstroke (2021)

State: Idaho

Date: 7/31/21

Incident Type: Medical or Exertion or Heat

Description of the Incident:

This incident occurred on the Dixie Fire on the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest. A Bureau of Land Management engine crewmember was constructing indirect fireline during a high heat watch day.

The firefighter displayed symptoms of heat illness and crewmembers requested a Line Medic. This heat illness progressed quickly and the firefighter became unresponsive to verbal stimuli. Responders initiated a "RED" medevac.

The firefighter was transported via agency helicopter from the incident to a hospital in Missoula, Montana. The firefighter was diagnosed with exertional heatstroke. The firefighter was released from the hospital three days later, traveled home, and continues to rest/recover per medical instruction.

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