



## Mustang Complex Wildfire

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Managers of the Mustang Complex Fire are completing plans this week to fight the Mustang and East Butte fires as conditions turn in firefighters' favor. The six fires that make up the complex have collectively burned 6,656 acres.

Fire behavior experts on the incident management team predict the Mustang Fire will continue backing into several drainages that feed into the Salmon River by Monday morning and will be established in those places by Monday evening. The fire's southern front is creeping down Broomtail Creek, Corn Creek, Swamp Creek, Ebenezer Creek and Colson Creek, and its northern front is moving into the Horse Creek drainage.

The neighboring East Butte Fire is likely to keep burning in the Owl Creek drainage toward the Blue Nose lookout and Sourdough Creek drainage.

Officials have notified residents living near those drainages, especially the residents of Colson Creek, to be prepared to evacuate so ground crews and helicopters can engage the fire before it meets the Salmon River corridor – without endangering the lives of residents or firefighters. That engagement is likely to include a burnout to eliminate fuels between the fire and the river.

The incident management team will manage traffic along the river. Visitors should stop at the North Fork Ranger Station for instructions about travel along the Salmon River Road. If a temporary closure order is implemented, a checkpoint will be established at Cove Creek.

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