



Middle Fork Complex Update

Thursday, August 29, 2024



Fire Size:
52,978 Acres

Completion:
5%

Resources:
Helicopters: 6
Engines: 40
Hand crews: 21
Total Personnel: 890

Location:
Approximately nine miles east of Garden Valley, ID

Started:
August 8, 2024

Cause:
Naturally Caused,
Lightning

Management:
Great Basin Complex
Incident Management
Team 3

Information line:
208-992-3045 (8am – 8pm)

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2024.middleforkcomplex@firenet.gov

Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/people/Middle-Fork-Complex-Fire-Boise-National-Forest/61565022204468>

Inciweb:
inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idbof-middle-fork-complex-fire-bulldog-nellie-anderson

A community meeting is scheduled for Friday August 30, at 6 p.m. at the White Barn Building, near 85 Severance Road, Garden Valley, Idaho. The Incident Commander, key team members, and Boise National Forest representatives will provide updates on the fire and answer any questions.

Weather and Fire Behavior:

Fire weather continues to impact the Middle Fork Complex area, leading to increased visible activity throughout the region. Low relative humidity during the day will decrease fuel moistures. Additionally, rising temperatures and strong winds have led to fire growth and spread, and this will likely continue. Cooler monsoonal moisture is expected later this weekend and into early next week.

Operations:

Firefighters continue to build indirect containment line toward the Rattlesnake trail system in the Silver Creek area on the Bulldog Fire. They have completed structure protection preparation for Silver Creek and Boiling Springs and have secured the Middle Fork corridor along the fire's western edge.

Crews in the Deadwood Reservoir area continued to work directly along the edge of the Nellie Fire as it approaches the Bearskin and Pioneer burn scars, which are slowing its growth. Fire activity east of the reservoir continued to be moderate yesterday, leading to heavy afternoon smoke, as the fire pushed toward previous fire scars with low fuel.

On the southwest side of the fire, from Highway 17 near the Danskin boat launch, a burnout operation was finished from Anderson Creek to the highway. Crews will continue working north along the fire's west edge and, if weather conditions remain favorable, will extend the burnout operation to strengthen containment lines.

Closures: The Boise National Forest has issued [Order Number 0402-06-60](#), effective August 23, 2024. Highway 21 is closed from the Sourdough Lodge in Lowman to Stanley (MP 84 to 130) due to wildfire activity. Only local traffic is permitted between the Sourdough Lodge and Warm Springs Airstrip. For additional information, visit <https://511.idaho.gov/>

Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFR): A TFR is in effect over the fire area. It is illegal for the public to fly drones over or near wildfires due to the risk of accidents and interference with firefighting efforts.