



Middle Fork Complex Update



Wednesday, September 4, 2024

Fire Size:

57,466 Acres

Completion:

23%

Resources:

Helicopters: 4

Engines: 36

Hand crews: 22

Total Personnel: 911

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:

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<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 today September 4th, at 6 p.m. at the White Barn Building, near 85 Severance Road, Garden Valley, Idaho. Great Basin Complex Incident Management Team (CIMT) 3 will introduce the incoming Great Basin CIMT 5 to the community, provide the latest fire updates, and address any questions.

Weather and Fire Behavior: A high-pressure system will return to the region, resulting in warmer temperatures and light winds in the valleys throughout the day. In the afternoon, ridgetop winds will come from the Northwest. An inversion will be present in the area for much of the morning but is expected to gradually lift in the afternoon. As a result, surrounding communities will experience smoky conditions in the morning. The inversion will help moderate fire conditions, and fire behavior analysts predict minimal fire activity today, with low rates of spread.

Operations: Containment refers to the amount of fire perimeter that is surrounded by a control line that fire managers are confident the fire will not cross. Crews have successfully added containment to several areas on both the Bulldog and Nellie fires. The moderate fire conditions over the past few days have allowed crews to prioritize improving and constructing direct and indirect lines.

The west side of the Bulldog Fire along the Middle Fork Road remains secure. Crews continue to focus their efforts on structure preparation in the Silver Creek area and are assessing fire movement in the Lightning Creek drainage.

Mop-up, the process of thoroughly extinguishing or cooling down remaining hotspots within a specified distance of the fire line, continues on the west side of the Nellie Fire. Crews are detecting less heat each day in this area and are working their way northwest towards the Bulldog Fire to complete the fire line aimed at keeping both fires north of the 668 Road. Fire lines near the Deadwood Reservoir are holding steady. A major focus near Deadwood is constructing lines to direct the fire into previously burned areas. The decreased fuel availability in these burn scars significantly reduces the fire's intensity as it moves through them. Some unburned fuel remains in some areas of these old burn scars. As the fire encounters these areas, it may continue to burn through them, but slowly and at a low intensity.

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. 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.