



Middle Fork Complex Update

Tuesday, September 3, 2024



Fire Size:

56,806 Acres

Completion:

14%

Resources:

Helicopters: 4

Engines: 37

Hand crews: 25

Total Personnel: 919

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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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 tomorrow, September 4th, 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 the latest fire updates and address any questions.

Weather and Fire Behavior: There is a 20 - 30% chance of showers in the morning, with unstable conditions throughout the afternoon. A front will pass through around 6:00 p.m., causing winds to switch to the northwest. Temperatures will be cooler with increasing humidity. Fire behavior is expected to remain moderated, with a chance of increased fire behavior due to winds arriving with the cold front.

Operations: Crews continue to add black line along the western edge of the Bulldog Fire, and hope to have continuous containment on this side in the near future. Work continues on the indirect containment line that crews are building towards the Rattlesnake trail system. Firefighters will focus on road improvements and handline in the Silver Creek area today.

Mop up continues on the west side of the Nellie fire, while the Highway 17 corridor remains quiet, with patrols continuing throughout the day. Road improvements and the removal of dead trees, hazardous trees, also referred to as snags, are the focus on Forest Road 555.

Crews will focus on mop up operations on the southwest side of the Deadwood Reservoir. On the east side of the reservoir, firefighters are working to prevent the fire from moving further north. A direct line is being constructed from the reservoir to Wilson Creek. Firefighters will begin mop up operations today between the reservoir and the Bearskin fire scar. Military crews are removing brush and limbing trees along roads on the north side of the reservoir.

Today, firefighters will work to protect the White Hawk Mountain Lookout and Scott Mountain Lookout. They will start to make preparations to keep these lookouts safe.

Four helicopters remain on the fire with plans to start flight operations after 10:00 am this morning, if conditions allow.

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.