



# Middle Fork Complex Fire Update

Monday, September 9, 2024

## Middle Fork Complex Fires Remain Within the Primary Holding Lines

**The Middle Fork Complex is 58,770 acres with 30% completion.** There are currently 812 personnel assigned to these fires, including 23 hand crews, 29 engines, and 4 helicopters. Dry conditions continue today with winds from the west to southwest, gusting up to 17 mph on the ridgetops and 10 mph in the valleys. Smoke should lift during the early afternoon and temperatures will rise to the 90s.

Yesterday, there was minimal growth on the northeastern edge of the Bulldog Fire due to increased heat and fire activity in the area. Crews continue holding and patrolling the fireline along the 698 Road corridor and patrolling around structures in the Silver Creek Lodge area. Crews will use heavy equipment to strengthen contingency fireline on the northwest side of the Bulldog Fire.

Last night, some crews stationed at the Silver Creek spike camp relocated to camp at the Incident Command Post for safety during increased activity from the Goat Fire. Today, crews continue fuel mitigation around Boiling Springs and the Silver Creek Lookout in anticipation of Goat Fire movement south.

Yesterday, air resources assisted crews with patrolling the indirect fireline from the Nellie Fire to the southwest corner of the Bulldog Fire, and the fires made no progress in that area. Crews continue to patrol the southwest side of the Nellie Fire and the Highway 17 corridor, and Highway 17 road repair work continues. The fire continues to make minimal progress on the east side of the Nellie Fire where it abuts against the old Pioneer Fire burn.

The hand crews continue direct fireline construction on the north end of the Nellie Fire, using Road 591 to tie into the 2016 Pioneer burn. Mop up and patrolling continues in the Deadwood Reservoir and along Road 510.

**There will be a community meeting today 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 be there to provide updates on the fire and answer any questions. A link to the recording will be posted on InciWeb, YouTube, and Facebook.

**Boise National Forest Closure Order Number 0402-06-60 remains in effect.** An interactive forest closure map is available on the Boise National Forest Alerts & Closures website, <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/boise/alerts-notice>

**Highway 21 is closed from the Sourdough Lodge in Lowman to Stanley (MP 84 to 130) due to nearby wildfire activity.** Only local traffic is allowed between the Sourdough Lodge and Warm Springs Airstrip. For more information, visit the Idaho Department of Transportation website, <https://511.idaho.gov/>

**Wildfires are a No Drone Zone. If you fly, we can't.** Every time a drone is spotted near the fire all aircraft are grounded until we can be sure the drone is clear of this area. Visit [Know Before You Fly](http://knowbeforeyoufly.org), <http://knowbeforeyoufly.org>. There is a Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) in effect in the fire area.

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**InciWeb:** <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idbof-middle-fork-complex-fire-bulldog-and-nellie>

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

**YouTube:** <https://www.youtube.com/@2024.middleforkcomplex>