



Middle Fork Complex Fire Update

Thursday, September 5, 2024

Great Basin Team 5 Assumes Command of the Middle Fork Complex

The Middle Fork Complex is 57,836 acres with 28% completion. There are currently 781 personnel assigned to the fire, including 16 hand crews, 36 engines, and 4 helicopters. This morning, Great Basin Team 5 assumed command of the Middle Fork Complex. The weather today will shift as a high pressure system moves in increasing the temperatures. Lingering smoke will reduce visibility and limit aircraft use until the temperature inversion lifts and smoke begins to clear in the afternoon. Relative humidities are expected to be lower in the coming days.

On the northwest side of the Bulldog Fire crews continue to construct indirect fireline from Rattlesnake Trail to Lodgepole Campground. Crews are holding and monitoring the fire along the 698 Road corridor. They continue to implement structure protection and install water pumps and hoses in the Silver Creek Lodge area. Crews continue to construct indirect fireline from the Nellie Fire to the Southwest corner of the Bulldog Fire.

On the southwest portion of the Nellie Fire crews continue to hold and mop-up dozer and handline from Anderson Creek to Highway 17. They are backhauling hose and pumps that are no longer needed and preparing to begin wildfire suppression repair. Crews continue to implement structure and infrastructure protection in the Deadwood Reservoir area. They are implementing direct and indirect line tactics and conducting firing operations as needed and as conditions allow.

Hand crews are constructing direct fireline to the east of the Nellie Fire using the 591 Road to tie into the 2016 Pioneer burn scar. Dozer line will be constructed on the western side of the fire, south of Deadwood Reservoir, to help secure fire edge into the Rattlesnake burn scar. They continue to hold and mop-up previous firing operations in the Deadwood Dam area. The fire is making little progress through the Pioneer burn scar on the east side of the Nellie Fire. On the south end of the Nellie fire crews are using direct and indirect tactics to keep the fire north of Highway 17. They are holding and mopping up dozer line along Highway 17 to Anderson Creek.

There will be a community meeting on Friday 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.

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 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>. A Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) is in effect in the fire area.

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

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

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