



Middle Fork Complex Fire Update

Sunday, September 8, 2024

Stronger Winds Expected to Increase Fire Activity

The Middle Fork Complex is 58,745 acres with 30% completion. There are currently 816 personnel assigned to these fires, including 23 hand crews, 34 engines, and 4 helicopters. There is a 20% chance of isolated showers and thunderstorms are expected in the morning and early afternoon. Erratic, gusty winds up to 50 mph are expected, with an increased chance of lightning and little to no rainfall. The inversion is expected to lift around noon, bringing higher temperatures earlier in the day. These factors may increase fire activity throughout the afternoon.

Crews continue to improve indirect fireline on the northwest side of the Bulldog Fire, from Rattlesnake Trail to Lodgepole Campground. Crews are holding and patrolling the fireline along the 698 Road corridor and continue to do fuels mitigation around structures in the Silver Creek Lodge area. Crews completed the indirect fireline from the Nellie Fire to the southwest corner of the Bulldog Fire yesterday.

Crews completed mop up on the southwest side of the Nellie Fire yesterday and will continue patrolling today. Crews continue to patrol the Highway 17 corridor and mop up is continuing in that area. The fire continues to make minimal progress on the east side of the fire where it abuts against the old Pioneer Fire burn.

Below Whitehawk Mountain, crews and equipment continue mop up and monitoring along Road 510. 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.

Yesterday, dozers completed the line on the western side of the fire, south of Deadwood Reservoir, helping secure the fire edge into the Rattlesnake burn. Mop up continues in the Deadwood Reservoir area and crews are using heavy equipment to strengthen contingency fireline on the 555 Road, north of the Reservoir.

There will be a community meeting tomorrow at 6 p.m. at the White Barn Building, near 85 Severance Road, Garden Valley, Idaho. It will be recorded and posted to 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>

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