



Middle Fork Complex Fire Update

September 29, 2024



Middle Fork Fire Information: 208-992-3045 (8 a.m. – 8 p.m.) | **Email:** 2024.middleforkcomplex@firenet.gov

Middle Fork Complex: 61,484 acres, 90% completion, 414 Personnel

Snag Fire: 33,436 acres, 90% completion, 54 Personnel

Goat Fire: 26,659 acres, 46% completion, 61 personnel

A cold front is going to push thru the area Sunday night into Monday morning, relative humidity values are going to be in the low to mid-teens, and we could see some lows in the mid 30's Monday morning. As this drying trend continues, we can expect a slight increase in smoke interior as more fuels become receptive in the fire area.

Middle Fork Complex – Heavy equipment continues suppression repair in the Deadwood Reservoir area. Crews will continue to strengthen and check containment lines while continuing repair missions in the north end of the Nellie.

Goat – Crews have completed lines on the ridgeline down around the private lands back to Clear Creek Road securing the fires edge. The fire is creeping in the Northeast Corner and Southwest Corner and crews are in position. In the Northeast Corner, trees from the 2007 Cascade Complex fire have been observed falling and present a risk to fire fighters. The fire is moving slowly in this area, cleaning up the debris from the previous fire and leaving a clean forest floor. In the Southwest Corner it is moving slowly in the steep county and down in the Middle Fork Payette drainage. More smoke will be visible because of higher temperatures and the drying trend making more fuels available.

Snag – Suppression repair work continues on the north end of the fire focusing on repairing the direct and indirect hand and dozer lines in the area. Crews and engines will continue to check containment lines as suppression repair on the western edge of the fire continues.

Middle Fork Complex - Suppression Repair= 28 miles of handline completed. 11 miles of dozer line completed.

Goat and Snag Fires - Suppression Repair = 15.5 miles of handline completed. 6.3 miles of dozer line completed.

Firefighters continue work both fire suppression and suppression repair as needed so heavy firefighting equipment is moving from site to site. Please use extreme caution while traveling, especially when approaching vehicles, and at intersections.

Closure Orders: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/boise/alerts-notice>

Hunters are not allowed access to closed areas. We ask the public to adhere to the closures as they currently exist; in particular, Trail Creek Hot Springs is currently within the closure area for the West Mountain Complex and is closed.

Fire Restrictions: Stage 1 Fire Restrictions have been rescinded for the Boise National Forest. For more information on the restrictions visit <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/boise/alerts-notice>.

