



Forest Service News Release

Boise National Forest

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Boise National Forest reduces fire closure areas

BOISE, Idaho, Oct. 1, 2024 – The Boise National Forest has reduced several wildfire closure areas surrounding the Lava, Snag, Goat, and Middle Fork Complex fires. These closure adjustments have been made due to progress by firefighters and reduced fire activity.

Lava Fire: The southern boundary of this closure area has been moved north and west allowing access to Sage Hen Reservoir and Tripod Meadows via roads 644 and 626 west of Smiths Ferry. No adjustments have been made along the Lake Cascade portion of the closure area as Snowbank Road (446) and road 435 remain closed.

Middle Fork Complex: The updated closure area is primarily the footprint of the Bulldog and Nellie fires' themselves and the area between these two fires. Roads 698 and 671 north of Crouch are now open, allowing access to the Silver Creek Plunge area. However, road 678 and Boiling Springs Campground remain closed due to proximity to the Goat Fire. Road 555 from Highway 21 to Deadwood Reservoir remains closed.

Snag and Goat fires: The closure area's new northern boundary is the Warm Lake Highway (which remains open), and that portion of the Snag Fire that burned north of the highway. The east side of the closure has moved west, opening the Deadwood River drainage north of Deadwood Reservoir.

Wapiti Fire: We expect reductions to the Wapiti Fire closure area to be announced later this week.

Please refer to the maps and closure orders on the Boise National Forest's [Alerts and Notices webpage](#) and [Interactive Forest Closure Map](#) for specific details.

These closure areas are for public and firefighter safety. While some roads are opened back up, please watch for firefighting traffic.

Attached:

Updated Map and Closure Order for Lava Fire

Updated Maps and Closure Order for Middle Fork Complex, Snag and Goat fires

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