

Middle Fork Complex Fire Update



October 5, 2024

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

Middle Fork Complex: 61,490 acres, 90% completion, 199 Personnel

Snag Fire: 33,435 acres, 90% completion, 63 Personnel **Goat Fire:** 28,557 acres, 41% completion, 111 personnel

Firefighters worked late into the night managing the Goat Fire, which made a significant advance in the northeast corner of Valley County, south of Stolle Valley due to strong, gusty winds during the day. The edge of the fire moved over a mile to the northeast and is now near the Yellow Jacket Creek Trail Bridge.

Firefighters in the area are continuing to focus on protecting bridges and other important structures from the fire which is being fueled by dry grass, brush, and downed trees in an area that burned in 2007. Conditions are expected to improve as the dry cold front moves into the area bringing a wind shift that could help push the fire back on itself. They are also working on contingency and control lines to keep the fire from further impacting the residents in the Warm Lake area.

Fire activity in the rest of the Snag and Middle Fork Complex areas is still mostly smoldering and creeping, and suppression repair work continues in these areas.

The Valley County Sheriff's Office has issued a "Ready Evacuation" notice for the Warm Lake area due to the Goat Fire's movement. The fire has worked its way around the Silver Creek Lookout, but so far, there are no reports of damage to any structures there.

Valley County residents are encouraged to sign up for Code Red Emergency Alerts to stay informed. For any questions or updates on evacuation readiness, please contact the Valley County dispatch center at 208-382-5160. Currently, the Warm Lake Road remains open for travel without restrictions.

Boise National Forest closures remain in effect and the road closure on the Middle Fork Road remains in place. Visit the Middle Fork Complex Fire Facebook page for a detailed description of where that road closure is. Additional closure information is available at this link: https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/boise/alerts-notices.

Air support was limited yesterday due to a new fire near Boise that immediately threatened homes, along with a smaller fire in Valley County called the Bummer Fire.

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Goat Fire https://bit.ly/3XCbtsC



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