

Middle Fork Complex Fire Update



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

Middle Fork Complex: 61,495 acres, 90% completed, 140 personnel

Snag Fire: 33,437 acres, 90% completed, 12 personnel **Goat Fire**: 32,218 acres, 25% completion, 217 personnel

Yesterday, relative humidity in the fire areas remained low in the 19-23% range while temperatures stayed unseasonably warm with some areas reaching the low 70s. Today, temperatures will again be in the 65-70 range across most of the fire area with humidity values in the 20-25% range. Gusty southwest winds of 15-18mph are expected on ridges. This weather trend is expected to continue over the next couple of days. Fuels continue to dry out and are representative of typical late July conditions. This means fire behavior could become very active again before more typical fall weather arrives.

Goat Fire: On the Goat Fire, firefighters continue building multiple contingency lines on the northeast end of the fire perimeter toward the Warm Lake area. Fire behavior is mainly flanking and backing with single tree torching and short-range spotting. There are areas of intense heat along the southeast and northwest perimeters. Firefighters are assessing structure protection needs for values at risk in the Warm Lake area. On the southeast flank of the Goat fire, firefighters began strategic fuels reduction efforts to bolster the contingency lines near Silver and Bridge Creeks. Firefighters will continue working in this area over the next several days.

Snag Fire: The Snag Fire saw no significant activity in the past couple days, but crews continue to patrol and monitor the area. There are some areas of isolated heat on the far north flank of the Snag Fire near containment lines. A squad of firefighters will be flown into the area to assess fire spread potential.

Middle Fork Complex: The Middle Fork Complex still has some areas of fire activity in areas unreachable by fire crews. Fire behavior is mainly characterized by smoldering and creeping. However, there was a small patch of intense heat on the Nellie fire, southeast of Scott Mountain, that had two acres of growth. There is potential for some areas that still hold heat to become more active with surface fire and isolated torching. Firefighters assigned there are closely monitoring the area.

Night shift crews continue to patrol and monitor the fire areas, watching for any increases in fire activity.

Closures: The Boise National Forest today issued a revised area, road, and trail closure order for the Middle Fork Complex, and Snag and Goat fires. The newly revised closure order and map can be found at the following link: Idbot Middle Fork Complex Fire Bulldog And Nellie - | InciWeb (wildfire.gov)

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



Snag Fire https://bit.ly/4gI5f39

