

Middle Fork Complex Fire Update

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

Middle Fork Complex: 61,495 acres, 90% completed, 135 personnel Snag Fire: 33,437 acres, 90% completed, 22 personnel Goat Fire: 34,920 acres, 20% completion, 204 personnel

Weather: A ridge of high pressure starts to build up again today. However, the air mass over the region will remain moist enough that humidity will only drop down into the low 20s in the afternoon and good recoveries are expected overnight. Temperatures will remain in the upper 60s and low 70s. Winds will mainly be terrain driven as the smoke conditions improve around the fire. Wednesday and Thursday a major pattern change is coming which will bring much cooler, wet weather. By Wednesday, there is a 75% chance of a wetting rain and by Thursday, there is an 80% chance of some snow on the fire area.

Goat Fire: The northern flank of the Goat Fire is in monitor status, where there is still a little bit of smoke on the northern side of the fire area, well within the interior in areas that is inaccessible to firefighters. South of Warm Lake, crews will continue to prep the contingency line along the Bear Creek Road. They will also continue repairs on culverts at Rice Creek. Crews and equipment remain in the Yellow Jacket Trail area keeping an eye on hot spots, ready to take suppression action where needed.

Firefighters and engines will be on the 678 and 671 Roads today to continue to mop up and will cut hazard trees along the road in order to get these roads back to a safe travel condition. Crews will also be monitoring the fires edge that is continuing to back down towards the Middle Fork in the area where it hasn't completely reached the river, helping it along as necessary.

Snag Fire: The Snag Fire continues to see little fire activity. Crews are continuing to patrol and monitor the area looking for hot spots, keeping an eye on the Middle Fork on the west side, and will utilize aviation support as needed if there is any increase in fire activity. Repair work continues on the southern tip of the Snag Fire working to complete that today.

Middle Fork Complex: Fire behavior on the Nellie and Bulldog continues to show little activity and no growth is expected, remaining in patrol status. Firefighters are also assessing the 555 Road for repair work needed. Repairs will commence as resources are freed up after completing work in other areas.

Notice: Please be aware there will be increased fire traffic in the Warm Lake area from firefighters and equipment traveling to the Logan Fire that is burning near Edwardsburg. General deer hunting season started this week, and hunters should be aware of additional fire traffic in the area.

Closures: The Boise National Forest has issued a revised Area, Road, and Trail Closure Order for the Middle Fork Complex, and Snag and Goat fires. The revised closure order and map can be found at the following link: https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/boise/alerts-notices.

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