

Double Creek, Sturgill, Nebo, Goat Mountain Two Fires

September 10, 2022

Daily Update – 8:00 AM



Highlights: The cooler weather has moderated fire behavior somewhat in the timber, but the fire is still actively spreading in the grass. Structure protection preparations are complete along Lostine Road. Oregon State Fire Marshal (OSFM) task forces continue to assist with operations on the south side of Double Creek.

Double Creek Fire: 147,582 acres | 15% contained | 796 personnel assigned

The west side of the fire has been secured and Upper Imnaha Road from Imnaha to Freezeout Road is in patrol status. The fire continues to actively spread in the dry grass on the north, east, and south side of the fire. Firefighters are working in Horse Creek drainage on the north side of the fire to secure structures and look for opportunities to build control line to the east. River boats are being used to patrol and assess structure protection needs along the Snake River. Firefighters continue to protect structures along Upper Imnaha Road on the south side of the fire and to scout for potential control lines to tie the road to the Snake River to the east. The OSFM task forces are engaged in structure protection preparations in Imnaha River Woods four miles south of the fires edge.

Eagle Cap Wilderness Fires

There are three lightning caused fires within the Eagle Cap Wilderness. The Nebo, Sturgill, and Goat Mountain 2 Fires are active and being managed to protect public and private infrastructure, while playing a natural role within designated Wilderness.

Nebo Fire: 11,882 acres | 0% contained | 155 personnel assigned

The cooler weather continues to moderate fire behavior with little acreage increase. Firefighters are nearly complete with control line preparations along Forest Service Road 39. Hand crews and dozers are constructing a control line to the north of the fire area from the wilderness boundary to the 39 Road.

Sturgill Fire: 19,173 acres | 0% contained | 58 personnel assigned

The fire remains on the east side of the Minam River between the North Minam River and Chaparral Creek. It continues to slowly back toward the river on the southwest side of the fire and to back toward Bear Creek on the northeast side of the fire. Structure protection preparations are complete along Lostine Road. Work to construct a shaded fuel break between Bear Creek and Lostine continues.

Goat Mountain 2 Fire: 490 acres | 0% contained | 0 personnel assigned

There was little growth on the fire yesterday as it continues creeping and backing in McCubbin Drainage. Helicopter bucket drops were used yesterday to cool hot spots on the ridge above Lostine drainage.

Weather: Elevated fire weather conditions occurred yesterday with wind out of the northeast and very dry conditions. Similarly sunny and dry conditions are expected again today, but with a wind coming from the south. It is important to note that we will not be experiencing the conditions that are the cause for the Fire Weather Watch on the west side of the Cascades.

Smoke: The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has issued an Air Quality Advisory that is in effect until 2:00 p.m. Saturday for Wallowa, Union, Deschutes, and Umatilla Counties. For additional information, visit the [DEQ website](#). A smoke outlook for northeast Oregon is available from the [wildland fire air quality response program](#). Additional information can be found at [PurpleAir website](#).

Evacuations:

Level 3 “Go Now” is in effect for the Town of Imnaha north to the Snake River at Dug Bar and south to Highway 39. **Level 2 “Get Set”** is in effect for Lostine River Road from Fir Road south to Two Pan (including all campgrounds and trailheads). **Level 1 “Be Ready”** is in effect for Lostine River Road from Highway 82 to Fir Road.

Wallowa Whitman National Forest Temporary Area Closures:

The Wallowa Whitman National Forest issued **Temporary Area Closures** for the [Double Creek Fire](#), [Nebo Fire](#), and [Sturgill Fire](#) (includes Goat Mountain 2 Fire) on Monday. Closure Orders and Maps are available on the [Wallowa Whitman National Forest Fire Incident Updates](#) page.

Wallowa County Road Closures:

Lostine River Road from Moffitt’s south is closed. Lower Imnaha Road and Dug Bar Road are closed. Upper Imnaha Road is closed. Hat Point Road is closed. FS 39 Road is closed from Target Springs Junction to Ollokot Campground [including the Canal Rd (3920) and Lick Creek Road (3925)].

Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Closures:

Highway 350 (Little Sheep Creek Highway) in Wallowa County is closed between milepost 6 and milepost 29, where the highway ends. Local traffic will be allowed. <https://www.tripcheck.com/>

Airspace: Airspace restrictions have been issued for the Double Creek, Nebo, Sturgill, and Goat Mountain 2 Fires. Temporary Flight Restrictions were updated for the **Double Creek Fire (TFR 2/4975)** and the **Sturgill Fire (TFR 2/3189)** to provide a safe environment for firefighting aircraft operations over the fires. Notice to Air Missions (NOTAM) 08/234 and NOTAM 08/235 were issued to provide safe airspace for the **Nebo** and **Goat Mountain 2 Fires**. Flight restrictions also apply to drones. Drones flying in areas of wildfire activity will cause firefighting aircraft to be grounded.

Restrictions: [Forest Order #06-16-00-22-04](#) covers Phase B Fire Restrictions for all National Forest System Lands within the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, except for the area within a ¼ mile of the Snake River between Hells Canyon Dam, River Mile 247.5, downstream to the Oregon-Washington border at Snake River Mile 176.0, which is regulated by Forest Order #06-16-04-22-01.

Fire Information

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Double Creek Fire

- InciWeb: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8366/>
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/doublecreekfire2022
- YouTube: <https://tinyurl.com/Double-Creek-Fire>

Eagle Cap Wilderness Fires

- Sturgill Fire InciWeb: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8364/>
- Nebo Fire InciWeb: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8363/>
- Goat Mountain 2 Fire InciWeb: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8380/>
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/SturgillNemoGoatMountain2Fires
- YouTube: <https://tinyurl.com/Eagle-Cap-Wilderness-Fires>

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