



## Double Creek, Sturgill, Nebo, Goat Mountain Two Fires

September 19, 2022

Daily Update – 8:00 AM

**Highlights:** While precipitation fell across all four fires today, precipitation amounts varied significantly. In general, rainfall was highest in the southwest and decreased as you move northeast. The Sturgill and Nebo fires received between one tenth and one quarter of an inch, while the north end of the Double Creek fire received around one hundredth of an inch. The potential for rain across the fire area returns Wednesday through Thursday with warmer and drier weather expected beginning on Friday and continuing through the following week.

**Double Creek Fire:** 157,264 acres | 27% contained | 706 personnel assigned

The lightning-caused Double Creek Fire is a full suppression fire, with the protection of lives and property the primary objectives. Crews worked on felling trees along Hat Point Road. This served a dual purpose of reducing fuel and removing hazards along the road. Firefighters established and improved control lines on the southern perimeter of the fire. Crews are continuing to monitor and mop up the west side of the fire.

### Eagle Cap Wilderness Fires

The Nebo, Sturgill, and Goat Mountain 2 Fires were lightning-caused and are being managed to protect public and private infrastructure while playing a natural role within designated Wilderness. Progress on managed fires is expressed through the accomplishment of ecological and fuel reduction objectives as opposed to full suppression fires, which is expressed through containment.

**Nebo Fire:** 12,597 acres | 50% of management objectives achieved | 84 personnel assigned

Crews will be cleaning up the trees and brush left over from prepping the 3295 road as a fire break today. Firefighters are rehabilitating control lines and collecting equipment so it can be refurbished and redeployed to future wildfires.

**Sturgill Fire:** 20,075 acres | 53% of management objectives achieved | 42 personnel assigned

As the work on the shaded fuel break from Lostine to Bear Creek Road is completed, log trucks will be hauling away downed trees so they can be salvaged and processed into wood products. Monitoring and point protection continue around Red's Horse Ranch.

**Goat Mountain 2 Fire:** 536 acres | 0 personnel assigned

Fire activity on the Goat Mountain 2 Fire is minimal. Aircraft will continue to monitor the fire as smoke and weather permit.

**Weather:** Warmer temperatures and lower humidity should return today and remain through tomorrow. Cooler temperatures with a chance of showers are expected to move into the area on Wednesday and Thursday.

**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 and Goat Mountain 2 Fires](#). Closure Orders and Maps are available on the [Wallowa-Whitman National Forest Fire Incident Updates](#) page.

**Road Closures:** Lostine River Road at the Forest Service boundary is closed. Highway 350 going to the town of Imnaha is open. Lower Imnaha Road and Dug Bar Road are closed, Upper Imnaha Road is closed, Hat Point Road is closed, and FS 39 Road is closed from Target Springs Junction to Ollokot Campground [including the Canal Rd (3920) and Lick Creek Road (3925)].

**Restrictions:** Fire Restrictions are in place for all National Forest System Lands within the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest. All fires are prohibited except when fueled by liquid petroleum, charcoal contained in a firepan, or contained in a woodstove with a chimney and spark arresting screen. All fires need to be attended at all times, fully extinguished when not attended, and located in an area free of vegetation within three feet of the fire.

**Airspace:** A Temporary Flight Restriction is in place for the Double Creek Fire to provide a safe environment for firefighting aircraft operations over the fire. Be aware that flight restrictions also apply to drones. Drones flying in areas of wildfire activity will cause firefighting aircraft to be grounded. Suspending air operations could decrease the effectiveness of wildfire suppression operations, allowing wildfires to grow larger and unduly threaten lives, property, and natural and cultural resources.

### **Fire Information**

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### **Double Creek Fire**

- InciWeb: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8366/>
- Facebook: [www.facebook.com/doublecreekfire2022](https://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](https://www.facebook.com/SturgillNemoGoatMountain2Fires)
- YouTube: <https://tinyurl.com/Eagle-Cap-Wilderness-Fires>

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