



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

September 23, 2022

Daily Update – 8:00 AM

**Public Meeting – Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 PM at Joseph Community Event Center and streamed via Facebook Live – CANCELED**

**Highlights:** The public meeting scheduled for today at the Joseph Community and Event Center and on Facebook Live has been canceled. The Wallowa-Whitman National Forest and the Oregon Department of Forestry, in conjunction with the Southern Area Blue Team, decided the recent rains and subsequent reduction in fire behavior negated the need for the meeting. The Wallowa-Whitman National Forest updated their road, trail and area closures and their public use restrictions, the details of those updates can be found on the [Double Creek Fire Facebook page](#).

**Double Creek Fire: 157,698 acres | 71% contained | 603 personnel assigned**

The fire grew 378 acres in the last twenty-four hours. An infrared flight overnight resulted in the updated acres. Pockets of heat are still present along the northern edge of the fire. Most of those pockets are surrounded by burned area, reducing the potential for the fire to move. Crews and aircraft will continue to monitor the area. Large portions of the eastern and southern edges of the fire are now contained. The result is containment on the fire as a whole has increased from 58% to 71%.

### 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 progress on full suppression fires, which is expressed through containment.

**Nebo Fire: 12,600 acres | 50% of management objectives achieved | 12 personnel assigned**

There was no measurable growth of the fire in the last twenty-four hours. Fire suppression repair is the order of the day. Fire control lines are being covered with native vegetation and water bars are being installed where needed. These actions will prevent control lines from becoming erosion channels. Crews will continue to monitor for any hot spots and mop them up when discovered.

**Sturgill Fire: 20,192 acres | 53% of management objectives achieved | 68 personnel assigned**

There was no measurable growth of the fire in the last twenty-four hours. Log trucks continue hauling trees to staging areas where they will be sold and then processed into wood products. Excavators and masticators are chipping brush and debris along several roads outside of the wilderness. Those chips then play a vital role in recycling nutrients back into the soil. Pumps, hoses, and other equipment are being transported by trucks back to Joseph for rehab.

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

The Goat Mountain 2 Fire exhibited zero growth in the last twenty-four hours. Aircraft will continue to monitor the fire as smoke and weather permit.

**Weather:** Weather observation sites recorded between .03” and .25” of rain across the fire areas. Like previous rain patterns, the southern fire areas received the most rain, with precipitation amounts dropping as you move north. Today is expected to have clear skies with temperatures possible reaching the 80s in the valley and high 60s along the ridges. A warming trend is expected through Tuesday.

**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:** Forest Service Road (FSR) 8250 east to the junction with FSR 8250-040, FSR 3900-100, and FSR 3900-200 remain closed. All forest service roads within the new area closure boundaries are closed. Wallowa County Road 727 remains open.

**Restrictions:** Fire Restrictions are in place for all National Forest System Lands within the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest. Campfires should be in fire pits surrounded by dirt, rock, or commercial rings and in areas not conducive to rapid fire spread. All flammable material shall be cleared within a 3-foot radius from the edge of the pit and free of overhanging material. Use existing pits wherever possible. All fires need to be attended at all times and fully extinguished when not attended.

**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.

### **Fire Information**

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### **Double Creek Fire**

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

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