



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

September 25, 2022

Daily Update – 8:00 AM

**Highlights: Forest Service Road 39 is open to the public**, as are most other roads outside of the fire closure areas. Four roads of note that remain closed are the Upper and Lower Imnaha roads and Hat Point road and Dug Bar road. All roads and trails within the fire closure areas are closed. [FOREST ORDER NO. 06-16-04-22-13](#) details all of the road, area and trail closures related to the Double Creek, Sturgill and Nebo fires.

**Double Creek Fire: 157,717 acres | 81% contained | 518 personnel assigned**

The fire grew six acres in the last twenty-four hours. With today's higher temperature and lower humidity, smoke increased on the north edge of the fire. Contingency suppression plans are in place should the fire begin to move. Control lines are in place around the southern end of the fire. Repair of fire suppression impacts throughout the fire is ongoing.

### 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 | 6 personnel assigned**

There was no measurable growth of the fire in the last forty-eight hours. There has been no fire activity detected on the Nebo fire in two days. The suppression repair group has been working closely with resource advisors to alleviate the impacts caused by fire suppression while protecting natural and cultural resources.

**Sturgill Fire: 20,192 acres | 53% of management objectives achieved | 47 personnel assigned**

There was no measurable growth of the fire in the last forty-eight hours. Pockets of interior fuel have been consuming with warmer and dryer weather. Infrastructure is in place should any suppression action need to be taken. Air operations have begun assessing aircraft needs for hauling out equipment around Red's Horse Camp. Crews have begun preparing equipment near the Stanley Guard Station for removal to Joseph.

**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:** Temperatures should reach the 80s in the valleys and may hit 90 degrees on the north end of the Double Creek fire. Relative humidity will drop to the high teens and lower 20s today. Along the ridges, temperatures will be in the 70s with relative humidity at or below 30%.

**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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